



# Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

## Thank you

As a school we are very lucky to receive a lot of help and support and I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to the people and the groups who play such a big part in making Walter Infant School and Nursery the wonderful, successful school that it is:

- Our Amazing PTA: Parent and Teacher Association, especially Emma Leigh, Tina Penman and Rachel Cole – you have done an amazing job all year to raise funds to buy wonderful resources to enhance our curriculum and make learning FUN! We can't wait for the new climbing frame!
- Our dedicated parent volunteers, who ably support our children in their reading, the children's attainment and progress is incredible.
- Mrs Wendy Hayward, who comes every week to organise our library.
- Our Governing Body
- Our families, for all the financial support you have given the school, we really couldn't manage without those contributions and we are very grateful.



## Walter Values

We introduced our Walter High Five of Values in September; since then we believe our school has been united in a belief in the values we share and in demonstrating those values each and every day through our behaviours. We very rarely have children choosing to behave in the wrong way and many of our children have already been awarded a values badge in celebration of how they behave each day. We also know that the values have had a positive impact in many of your homes as you have shared your anecdotes with us. **HIGH FIVE EVERYONE!**



### **Gardening Club: Wokingham in Bloom 2019**

I am absolutely delighted to tell you that we WON the Wokingham in Bloom 2019 School Garden Competition and will receive the GOLD Cup in October. Well done to our amazing Gardening Club, so brilliantly led by Mrs Adams-Price and Mrs Coyne, supported Robyn and Millie, as well as our wonderful mini-gardeners from Year 1 and Year 2. I could not be prouder or happier.



There are some more photographs on the website under: Parents and then 'What's been happening'.

### **School Report**

Foundation Stage children received their school reports last week and Key Stage 1 children received their reports on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019; if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher at 2:20 pm on Friday or to email me on: [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) I have read every report and feel exceptionally proud of each and every one of our wonderful children. The Booklets with information about each year group can be found on our website.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

We have created a questionnaire using Survey Monkey for our parents to complete; the questionnaires are anonymous and should only take a couple of minutes to complete; the link is on the website and has also been emailed out to you by Mrs Janes. We are keen to gather data about what we do well and about what we need to do to improve; any additional comments would be gratefully received.

### **School Data**

We are now in receipt of all our verified data which is displayed on our website: you will know what your children have achieved from their school reports: I am delighted to share some of the data with you in this flyer. You can see all the data we share under School Performance on the website:

Foundation Stage 2: 92% of our children achieved a Good Level of Development

Year 1: 90% of children met the phonics benchmark

Year 2:

- 85% met the expected standard in reading (42% were greater depth)
- 84% met the expected standard in writing (24% were greater depth)
- 91% met the expected standard in maths (38% were greater depth)
- 100 % met the expected standard in science
- 92% met the benchmark in the phonics re-take

I am so proud of the children, the teachers, the learning support assistants, the early year's practitioners and our amazing administration team, as well as our fantastic lunchtime controllers: this is due to a whole school team effort and we should all be celebrating.

### **Staffing at Walter**

The end of the school year inevitably brings around some staffing changes as school workers generally choose to leave at the end of the summer term; we usually have a change of approximately 10% of staff and this year it is no different. I would like to wish all staff leaving us a very happy time in the future and to welcome new staff joining us, who I know are going to be so glad they did!

Sadly, Mrs Lewis, Miss Beeden and Mrs Herman are leaving us from Foundation Stage; we welcome, Mrs Bennette as our new Foundation Stage Leader, Miss Potter as our new Robin Teacher and Miss Prickett as a new teacher in Woodpecker.

Mrs Dunn and Mrs Simper are also leaving and we have been able to appoint Mrs Wyatt into Willow and Miss Dutton into Sycamore as Learning Support Assistants.

Everything else is staying exactly the same as it is now.

### **Summer Holiday Homework**

We have sent out a Summer Holiday Homework flyer; it has some lovely ideas for having fun and for learning about the world around us. We do not expect the children to do any academic tasks but we would like to encourage you to read with your children, notice the maths around you and write for a purpose (such as a shopping list or a postcard). Thank you

### **iRock Concert**

Well done to all our rockers; unfortunately I was unable to be there but all my colleagues have said it was amazing and that they were incredibly proud of all the children.



### **Croak**

I have just seen the final performance of 'Croak' with tears in my eyes; the year 2 children have excelled themselves. I do not believe I have ever seen 3 performances in a row, in hot summer heat, where the children have behaved so impeccably and performed to the very best that they could be. Thank you to all of



the Year 2 team and to those of you who provided costumes. There are some more photographs on the website under: Parents and then 'What's been happening'.



### **Summer holiday works in school**

I am delighted to tell you the climbing frame will be installed during the summer holidays! Hooray and thank you to the PTA for their tireless fund-raising; we are all delighted and very excited. We have a large decorating project happening in the Foundation Stage, including Robin, Magpie, Dove and Woodpecker. Willow and the library will also be decorated and we will have some lovely new carpets in some of reception areas and classrooms. There will be other works taking place to ensure we are a wonderfully clean and safe place for us all to be. I can't wait! Poor Mr Fennell is going to be very busy!

### **Fred in the Shed Year 2 Leaver's Disco**

What a wonderful atmosphere at the disco; all the children were having fun and full of so much energy! They were throwing shapes in the playground and singing to their hearts content. As usual, they were extraordinarily well behaved but still have the best time ever. Thank you to all the mums who made it possible!

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### **Mrs Wheeler**

As some of you may recall, I have had a number of procedures over the last few months in an attempt to repair two large prolapsed discs in my back; unfortunately these procedures have not been successful so I will be undergoing back surgery in the summer holidays. As such, I may not be fully recovered at the start of term BUT you will be able to contact me by email on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) and I will endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

### **Message from the Governors**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children of Walter Infant School & Nursery

Mrs Wheeler has kindly provided us with the opportunity to write to you at the end of another successful school year. It has been a fantastic year at Walter and we want to thank all the leadership team and all the staff for their hard work which has seen some fantastic results. We are proud to say the school continues to provide a learning environment in which our children can truly be the best they can be and the children's attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning has been exceptional.

We would also like to thank you for your continued support for the school especially your attendance and generosity at the schools fundraising events organised by the staff and the PTA. These events are very important as they allow us to raise additional funds to invest into the children's learning environment and additional resources. We cannot wait to see the new playground equipment in September!

We also wanted to let you know that we have updated the governor section of the school website <https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/governors/414887> so if you are keen to find out more about us, our role as governors and opportunities to join the governing body please take a look over the summer.

Finally we want to wish you all a fantastic summer!"

### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 First Day of Term  
8:40 am Meet the Teacher

### **And finally.....**

Please have a wonderful summer time: Take care, look after each other and have lots and lots of fun!

Judy Wheeler; Headteacher 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019



**Goodbye and Good Luck Year Two.....  
YOU HAVE ALL BEEN AMAZING  
Remember to Reach for the Stars and always be the  
best you can be. We will miss you xxxx**