

Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

I hope you are all safe and well; the weather has been a little disappointing but I hope you have all still been able to get out in the fresh air. I have really enjoyed receiving more examples of your children's amazing work and I am so proud of everyone for trying so hard to manage school work at home as I know it is very difficult!

Wider Re-opening

As you all know, we are opening to some of our children in Nursery, Foundation 2 and Year 1; unless directed to do otherwise (by the government) over the weekend. We have made a lot of changes and everyone in school has been working very hard since March for this event. I want to reassure you that if you have decided to send your child to school or to keep them at home; that both decisions are right! The most important thing is what you as parents consider is the best choice for you.

If your child is returning to school, please remind them that it will be quite different from normal BUT that it will be just as much fun!

Holidays (and even weekends)

There have been a lot of statements made by some people in the media that schools should open at weekends, or throughout the school holidays. At Walter Infant School and Nursery, we will not be doing so. I don't actually think any schools will. The teachers and support staff (including the Admin Team and Mr Fennell) have been working since lockdown began, so we will be closing as usual on 17th July 2020.



I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the school team; the teachers have been producing tailor made work every week for our children and many of you have shared how well it is going. We have had thousands of views on our Walter You Tube pages and you can see so much of the children's work in our Home Learning Gallery. All our classrooms and learning spaces have been lovingly prepared. The Admin and Finance team have not stopped as there has been so much to organise to ensure we are safe and well prepared and lots of work has been going on inside and outside to maintain our building and keep it safe. People have been working from home to prepare dressing up clothes and dolls clothes and we have all be cleaning, cleaning and cleaning! I am so proud to lead the Walter Infant School and Nursery Team; they are all so committed and hard-working and all care so much about your children.

In School this Week

This week we have been learning about weather and the seasons; it has been a very creative and scientific week. You will see that the children made windsocks and learned all about the seasons. The children in Year 2 made the most astonishing tree pictures using a felting technique! We have framed them and displayed them in the corridor. We also had a wonderful visit from Coco, as did some of you at home!



Stars of the Week

We have 3 stars of the week in school this week; each star has been awarded their certificate by one of our teachers. Tilly for using adjectives, Monty for his amazing felt tree and Sophie for her writing.







This is Sophie's writing! 11 sentences!



School Nursing Advice

Berkshire Healthcare is launching a new School Nursing advice and support line for children, young people and their families, to offer health advice and referral into the service for on-going support if needed. The line will be available from 9am-4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

You can access this service by dialing **0118 9312111** and selecting '**Option 4**' to speak to a School Nurse from our team.

Bubbles in School

Our Key Worker Green Bubble will continue to function in exactly the same way and everyone has received confirmation of their places. Those of you who now have children in Orange and Purple Bubbles will have received separate information today. **Please note:** If a child or a member of staff in a class bubble presents with symptoms the bubble will be closed and you will be asked to collect your child as soon as possible. We have an isolation area where the child will be cared for. The bubble will then remain closed for 14 days or until we have a negative test result. The other bubbles will remain open.

Please maintain social distancing at all times.

And finally....

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, at any time with any questions or concerns. I will respond as quickly as I can <u>head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u> Keep well and keep safe.

Judy Wheeler Headteacher