



## Friday Flyer

**Dear Walter Families,**

Mrs Prickett sent me a photograph the other day and it made me smile so much that I wanted to share it with all of you; Mr Prickett made a beautiful reading throne for our Woodpecker classroom and the children LOVE it. I would like to thank Mr Prickett so much for his time and energy. Nana, Isla and Anthony are enjoying a good book whilst seated on the throne, I think the smiles say it all!



Mrs Janes has put together a list of everything that is scheduled to happen between now and the end of term; it is going to be very busy and VERY exciting. As we believe the children learn best from real life experiences or wonderful books, we have planned a myriad of amazing things for them to take part in. I appreciate that some of these activities involve a payment or a contribution from parents; I hope you are able to support us with your donations so that we can continue to work in partnership with you to provide the best possible curriculum we can! If you have any difficulty making a donation please let me know, we would never allow a child to miss out on anything due to financial reasons. Thank you so much for your understanding with this. So.....

### **Reindeer coming to school**

The reindeer are coming to school again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019; this is one of our best days EVER! We will be asking for a contribution of £3 per child. The PTA will also contribute from their fundraising activities (reindeer coming to school is quite expensive, but worth every penny)! You will have an opportunity at the end of the school day to take photographs with the reindeer, with Walter children and siblings if you wish.



### Elves in School

Real Festive Elves are coming to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December; they will be giving every child an early Christmas present of a book! The elves are going to talk to the children about lots of fun things, including how wonderful it is to be a reader! Thank you to all of you who have already made a contribution of £1.50. If you still need to contribute please do so on the website or in the school office. If you are unable to contribute, please let us know so that we can help.

### Snow White on Ice

Year 1 and Year 2 will all be going to Bracknell to see Snow White on Ice; many families have already made a payment of £12. If you have forgotten to make a payment, please do so by 25<sup>th</sup> November. If you will have difficulty making a payment, please speak to the office team in confidence. If we do not have the consent forms back we will not be able to take your child offsite. Thank you.

### Changes in School

Many of you may have noticed that lots of work was going on over the half term break; I am delighted to tell you that we have made significant changes to the Woodpecker and Robin classrooms and we are amazed by how wonderful each classroom now looks!



### Rumble in the Jungle

We held our Rumble in the Jungle; run by our wonderful school council members on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and made an unbelievable £105! We could not feel more proud. We will do another one soon as the children who bought new toys were so delighted to have a new friend to play with. Thank you to all those who brought toys to school or bought a toy to take home!



### Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day (as part of our Anti-Bullying Week) will happen on Monday 11th November 2019. We will be encouraging the children to value all of our differences and to understand how important it is to care for each other, to treat each other kindly and what to do if they think someone is experiencing bullying behaviour, including themselves. Please remember to ask your children what they have been learning about.



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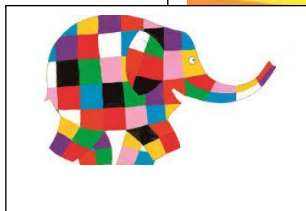
*Odd Socks Day*

**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2019**

### Children in Need 2019

We will be collecting for Children in Need again this year; we would love it if the

children could come to school in **BRIGHT** clothes and bring a donation for the Children in Need charity. We will have buckets to collect money at the beginning and end of the school day.



### Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who has bought a poppy or other poppy merchandise. The collection box is full to the brim! We will have an assembly of Remembrance on Monday and have a minutes silence to remember the sacrifices that have been made for us.



### Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend for Parent Consultations; we had an excellent response with many of our classes having 100% attendance. One or two families still need to meet with their child's class teacher; please contact Mrs Janes



or talk to the teacher at the end of the school day. You will be able to see your child's work and celebrate their progress and find out how well they are doing in school and if there is anything you can do to support them at home. We look forward to seeing you.

### Christmas Fair

We are very excited about our up and coming Christmas Fair, which is happening on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 3:15 pm. We have already received some wonderful donations for our raffle and prize draw, including a golfing experience worth over £200, a micro scooter, a garden centre voucher worth £25, Christmas hampers, photography sessions, 2 tickets to see the Boyz are Back at the Hexagon in Reading and many more. If you are able to make a raffle donation we would be so grateful; we are more reliant on ever for fund raising to top up our school funds! We are hoping to raise money for a new climbing frame for Foundation Stage, but I have found out today that we need lots more new reading books as our children are so amazing at reading! Please donate unwanted brand new gifts if you can; my daughter will be cooking her supper today in the brand new slow cooker Mrs Prickett donated last year! We would love any fabulous things that you think someone would love to win. Can you offer a pedicure voucher or a manicure, perhaps a blow dry or a free haircut? All donations gratefully received.

### Raffle Tickets

We will be sending home raffle tickets for you to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. The more tickets we sell, the more money we make for the school! We will send home 5 sets of tickets with every child. Each ticket costs 25p or 5 tickets for £1! Please note there will be 25 identical pairs of tickets. If you sell a ticket, keep one and return the identical ticket to school with a name and telephone number on the back. We will then enter the tickets in the draw and the winning tickets will be drawn at 4:00pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the fair. If you need more tickets, you can collect them from the school office.



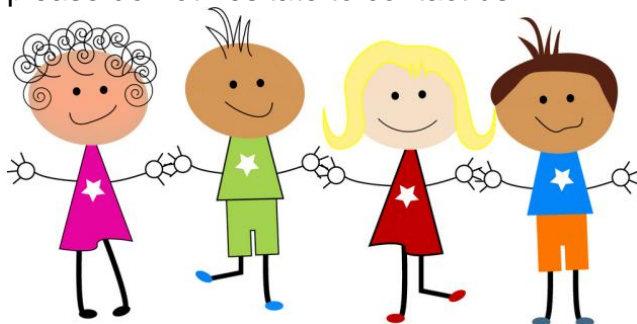
One parent has requested an opportunity to have a stall to provide nail art and hand massages in exchange for a 10% donation to the school, if you would like to do something similar, please speak to Mrs Hemmings or Mrs Janes in the school office.

Just like last year, will be asking different classes to make contributions to our stalls:

Class	What to Bring	Examples of Gifts
Pine and Sycamore	Gifts for Dads (limit £3)	New toiletries, socks, chocolates, keyrings, etc.
Beech and Larch	Gifts for Mums (limit £3)	New toiletries, chocolates, stationery, scarves etc.
Oak and Willow	Small new toys for Toy Tombola (limit £3)	New playing or Top Trump cards, stationery (pens, notebooks), small puzzles, construction sets, toy cars, soft toys, craft sets etc.

Robin, Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker	Sweets and Chocolates	Small boxes of chocolates, Christmas confectionery, Advent Calendars, chocolate orange, Haribo, etc.
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We would like the children to come to school in their 'own clothes' and to bring a donation (as listed above) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



We would also love to have donations to our **WORLD FOOD STALL:**

If you are able to contribute samosas, pakoras, pizzas, tapas, spring rolls, sausage rolls, mince pies, cheese straws, stollen in fact anything that is tasty and from anywhere in the world that people will enjoy eating.

If you are happy to make a contribution; please email Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings on [admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) or talk to them in the office to let us know. Thank you.

I am particularly excited about Elf Mail! All our children, and their siblings, will be able to write to Father Christmas, using Elf Mail. We will have a direct link and all letters will be replied to using Elf Mail directly into school. We will be using this unique opportunity to raise money for our school. The Elf Mail correspondence (including a sweet treat and a personalised response) will be £3 per letter. We will provide a letter pro-forma for the children to write on nearer the time. We will have real elves in school and an official post box! The Elves are already booked and so excited to come to our school! We will send the letter template home on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.



### **The Cake Sale at the Christmas Fair for the PTA**

Please could we include a request for people who are willing to bake things for us to sell at the Christmas Fair? If anyone is able to help then if they could email [walterinfantspa@gmail.com](mailto:walterinfantspa@gmail.com) we will give them more information.



### Christmas Cards

There is a final chance to place any late orders for cards or gifts, but we must have orders by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the latest; the order forms can be obtained from Mrs Janes. The PTA get charged an extra £8 to place a late order so they have added £1 per order to make sure we cover the extra cost (also we get reduced commission on anything placed after 28 Oct so if we get more than 8 late orders then it's a bonus). We hope you still have lots of Christmas present shopping to do!

**Your purchases have already made the school over £600!!!**

### Bags to School 2019

We will be sending home bags to school sacks on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November; the collection day will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please bring your bags to school on the Tuesday morning and leave them on the train in the playground for collection (unless you arrange to have them collected). Thank you very much; this is a wonderful opportunity to declutter, recycle and make money for our school.

Please feel free to telephone the school or contact me via email if you have any questions, queries or concerns. [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)

Have a lovely weekend.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Dates for you diary

11 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Odd Socks Day
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Children In Need
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Reindeers coming to school
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Christmas Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	The Elves are coming.....
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	Beech Nativity
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Larch Nativity
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Oak Nativity
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Y1 & Y2 Snow White on Ice
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	FS1 & FS2 Christmas Songs

<b>13<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	iRock Concert
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	Violin Assembly
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y2 Christmas Concert
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Party Day
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term – finishing 1 hour early