

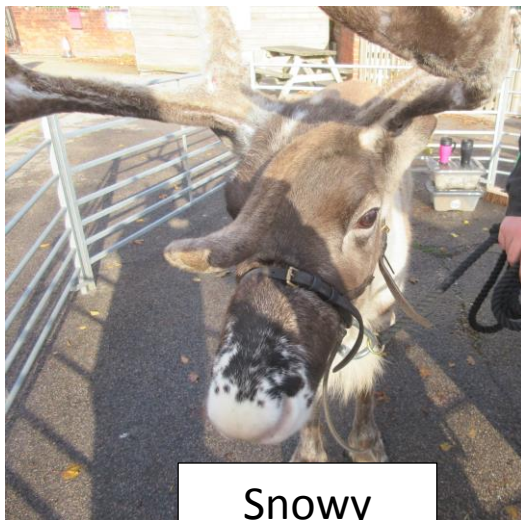


Friday Flyer

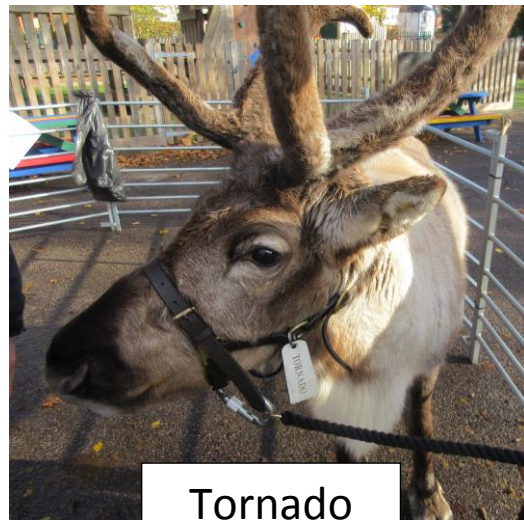
Dear Walter Families,

Wow! What a busy week we have had. Thank you so much to all of you for remembering what to bring or prepare for each different event; we really appreciate your support.

The visit from the reindeer was absolutely wonderful; every child had the opportunity to stroke the beautiful reindeer, Tornado and Snowy, to investigate the artefacts and to learn lots of interesting facts. The children asked excellent questions and behaved in an exemplary way. I felt very proud. Thank you for your contribution to the cost; we are definitely booking them again for next year!



Snowy



Tornado

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

Almost everyone in school wore odd socks on Wednesday; this was to symbolise that we are all different. The children are able to articulate what bullying behaviour looks like and how people feel when they are experiencing bullying. Please talk to your children about what they have learned this week and what they would do if they thought someone was being bullied by others, or what to do if they feel they are being bullied.

Values at Walter Infant School and Nursery

We are so proud of the children in our school and the way they behave each day; they consistently demonstrate that they understand our values of empathy, honesty, kindness, respect and resilience. Sadly it was brought to my attention today that a child was overheard making a racist comment about another child on the way to school this morning! Please can you ensure that your children understand that we are all different but all equally important. Ask your children about the values at Walter Infant School; I hope they can tell you what they are.

Children in Need 2018

The children came in spots of every size and colour; we had an assembly this morning to learn all about Children in Need and why we were collecting money in school. The children understood that some children need help to improve their lives and the lives of their families; they were able to demonstrate kindness and empathy.

Thank you for all your donations; the buckets were very heavy!



Bags to School 2018

We will be sending home bags to school sacks on Thursday 22nd November; the collection day will be on Monday 26th November. Please bring your bags to school on the Monday morning and leave them on the train in the playground for collection (unless it is raining). Thank you very much; this is a wonderful opportunity to declutter, recycle and make money for our school.

Fundraising At Walter Infant School

Many of you will be doing lots of online shopping over the next few weeks: if you log on to the online shops via easy fundraising you will be able to make money for our school.



This is the link for us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterinfantpa/>

Thank you: Happy shopping

Christmas Fair

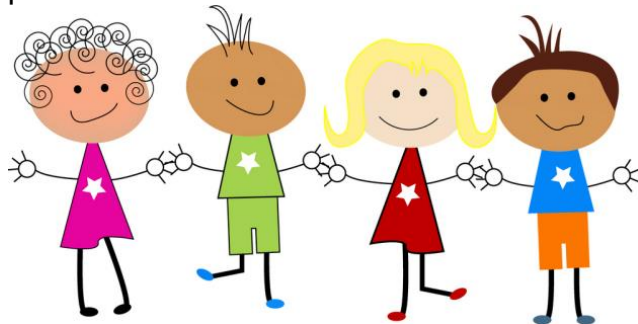
Not long now; we are counting down to Friday 30th November at 3:15 pm! We have already received some wonderful donations for our raffle and prize draw, including pantomime tickets!

If you or someone you know has a prize they would be able to donate we would very much appreciate it or if you would like to hire a table to sell crafts such as cards or jewellery, please speak to Mrs Day to book a space. The more the merrier.

As you know, we 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.

We would like the children to come to school in their 'own clothes' and to bring a donation (as listed above) on the 23rd November 2018. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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! **THE LETTER PROFORMAS WILL COME HOME ON MONDAY! Please bring them to the fair to post!**



Parked Cars

It has been brought to my attention that parents and carers are again parking their cars and keeping their engines running: This is known as idling.

What is idling?

Idling is the act of leaving a vehicle's engine running while it is stationary. While this is often the result of traffic, there are some instances, such as waiting for children outside of schools and in traffic jams/long traffic pauses, when idling is not necessary and should be avoided.

Why is idling bad?

Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.



Diesel vehicles are thought to be one of the biggest contributors to the problem. Please remember to turn your engines off whilst your vehicle is stationary.

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher 9th November 2018