



Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We are really looking forward to our very busy week next week. The reindeer are coming on Monday. The children will visit the reindeer with their class and teachers during the school day. The reindeer will stay at the end of the day for families to come and meet them.

We would very much appreciate a voluntary donation towards the cost of having the reindeer to visit; we would appreciate £2 if you have one child in school and £3 if you have two or more children in school. You can pay online using the 'School Gateway', bring in money or use the PTAs card machine on Monday. The PTA will send out a paper flyer today.



I am sorry if there has been any confusion over how to make a payment.

Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day (as part of our Anti-Bullying Week) will happen on Wednesday 14th November. 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.



**WALTER INFANT
SCHOOL**
Odd Socks Day
**WEDNESDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER 2018**

Stay and Play

Our Foundation Stage '**Stay and Play**' was a wonderful success and we have had some lovely feedback from parents. The children loved you all visiting and sharing what they do each day at school. Thank you to all who came.

Children in Need 2018

We will be collecting for Children in Need again this year; we would love it if the children could come to school in spotty 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 have had an assembly of Remembrance this morning and had a minutes silence to remember the sacrifices that have been made for us.



I have asked the children not to bring their snap bands into school from Monday.

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.

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.

Christmas Fair

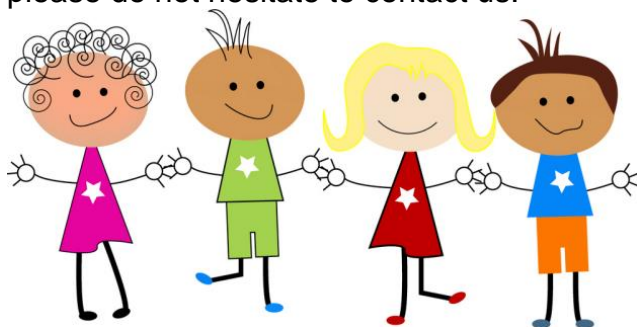
We are very excited about our up and coming Christmas Fair, which is happening on the 30th November at 3:15 pm. We have already received some wonderful donations for our raffle and prize draw, including pantomime tickets!

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!



Larch Class School Drop Off and Pick Up

Please could I politely request that the parents of children in Larch Class refrain from looking in through the windows into the classroom; it is a huge distraction for the children and delays the start of the school day. Thank you.

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