

WALTER INFANT SCHOOL

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'To be the best I can be'



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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful term so far! Thank you so much to everyone who came to support the summer fair and everyone who helped to make it possible! The PA worked so hard and we raised an

amazing total of **£5023.38** which is over £500 more than last year!

All the money raised will go towards improving our playground and the work should begin over the summer holidays; which is very exciting.

Well done Walter Infant School Parents Association and Community!



RISE AND SHINE CLUB

We are hoping to expand our provision for Rise and Shine Club in September; the club runs from 7:30 am until 8:40 when the school day begins. It costs £5.50 per day and we facilitate calm and enjoyable table top activities such as colouring, board games and construction toys. The children also access the Learning Platform games in the computing suite. The children that attend really enjoy themselves and we have had very positive feedback from parents. We ask that the children come with breakfast or a snack and a drink (all healthy options). If you would like to reserve a place in the Rise and Shine Club, please contact Mrs Janes in the school office.



Rise and Shine Club

SPORTS DAY



We had an amazing Sports Day, Led by Jack Dillon and his team; we think we had the most spectators ever and the atmosphere was wonderful. Russia won and above you can see our pupils of Russian heritage. Sycamore won the 'Golden Batton' in the relay. We had our first individual races to find our fastest runners; they were Jamie Brown in Sycamore, Kelisha Ama in Sycamore, Fleur Bezzant in Sycamore, Harry Littleford in Beech and Ruby Dabrell in Beech. We were very proud of everyone who took part. We will post a selection of photographs on the website very soon.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

We also had a wonderfully attended Father's Day Celebration in Foundation Stage; lots of daddies and grandfathers turned up to listen to songs, collect their portraits and receive a lovely tie to wear for the day (we even had some daddies at the school fair in their ties!).



HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

I have received a number of requests for holiday during the school term; please can I politely remind you that we do not authorise any holidays in term time. Thank you.

PACKED LUNCHES IN SCHOOL

Please can I remind you to cut grapes in half if you are sending them in your child's packed lunch; this is advice that we shared earlier in the year. Grapes are a known choking hazard for young children.



We are a No Nuts school; we have children at our school who have severe nut allergies and any contact with nuts could make them seriously ill. We have decided that any food product that has 'nut'

in its name will be treated as a nut, therefore please do not send your child to school with any of the following foods: peanut butter, coconut, pesto or chocolate and hazelnut spreads. Thank you.



HEAD LICE

Thank you to all of you who took notice of our recent letter about head lice – this resulted in an immediate reduction in the number of cases in school. Please can you continue to check your children's hair daily and treat as soon as you see nits or lice; we have free nit combs available from the school office.

LUNCHTIME CONTROLLER VACANCIES

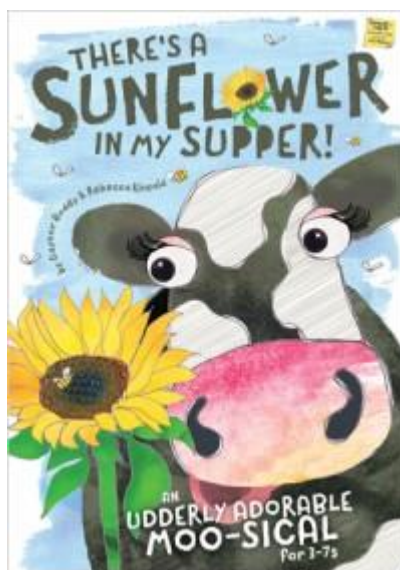
We have a number of vacancies arising for Lunchtime Controllers for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One – this is a very rewarding role and an excellent opportunity to begin working in a school environment. Our children are delightful and extremely well behaved. If you are interested in finding out more please look on the website or speak to Mrs Janes in the office or contact Mrs Day on finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk – we look forward to hearing from you.

YEAR TWO LEAVER'S CONCERT

This year our Year 2 production will take place in July:

- Pine Class on Tuesday 17th July at 2:00 pm
- Sycamore Class on Wednesday 18th July at 2:00 pm
- Willow Class on Thursday 19th July at 2:00 pm

The play is called 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper' and we have already begun our rehearsals and the singing sounds fantastic!



More information will follow soon.

MRS BURCH: OUR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLER

Some of you will be aware that Wokingham Borough Council has decided to stop providing School Crossing Patrollers from July 2018 and we will no longer have the wonderful services of Mrs Burch (or Mrs Lolly as I know some of you call her). There is a notice opposite the school on a lamp post with information about how to contact the council offices if you have a concern about this decision. I have written to the council in my capacity as head teacher to express my concerns about the safety and welfare of our children.

TESCO BLUE COUNTERS

We are very excited as you can still collect blue counters at Tesco in Wokingham to fund our Foundation Stage Playground: this is part of the Tesco Bags of Help Programme; please support the school by visiting Tesco and collecting blue counters for our school appeal. Our box will be in the

Wokingham store until the end of June. The top prize is £4000 for the box with the most counters in it – we would love this to be us! Please let all your friends, family and neighbours know too.

Find out more using this link;

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/the-tesco-bags-of-help-programme-tes2>



SCARECROW CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who rose to the Scarecrow Challenge – they are all fantastic and were very welcome visitors to our garden.



They are very good at their jobs of keeping the crows away from our crops!

PHONICS SCREENING

We have completed our phonics screening checks and are very proud of all the children who took part; we will receive information about the benchmark later this month and the scores will be shared at the end of the term with the children's school reports.

TRANSITIONS TO ST PAUL'S

88 of our Year 2 children have begun their transition into St Paul's Year 3 classes; the children will begin to share with you their experiences. We have tried very hard to ensure that their new classes are nicely balanced with a positive dynamic. They visited on Wednesday for a lesson and Thursday for their first play time. Next week they will visit again; if you have not returned the permission slip for the Forest School event please do so by the end of the week. Thank you.



STIKINS LABELS FOR UNIFORM AND OTHER ITEMS

We have been approached by a company called Stikins to see if our parents would like to purchase their name labels; they come highly recommended, they will stick to clothing and not come off in the wash and also adhere to books, water bottles and lunch boxes. The link to the site is:

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/schools-linking-information.php> and our school code is 24476. This link will be on our school website. The school will earn 30% on all purchases which will boost our funds and allow us to invest in our children's school environment, inside and outside.



THE NED SHOW ASSEMBLY

We had a special whole school assembly on Thursday 21st June 2018: NED stands for “Never give up, Encourage Others and Do your best! These are the messages that we share with our children daily and we thought this would be a lovely opportunity for the children to hear the message in a different way. The 45 minute character education assembly promotes positive attitudes and encourages children and staff to do their best every day. The assembly will include storytelling, humour and illusions along with yo-yo tricks. It is a ‘pay it forward’ assembly, which means that our assembly has been funded by another school from the proceeds of an after school sale, in turn, any sales we make will provided some, or part of an assembly for another school. We will be selling yo-yos after school for 5 days after the assembly. There is no obligation to buy so please do not feel under pressure to make a purchase.



AND FINALLY...

We have had some very special visitors into school today and they have been very impressed with the children and their wonderful behaviour as well as our wonderful school environment and the quality of the teaching and learning... so many things to celebrate.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 th January 2018	NSPCC assembly for all children in school
11 th January 2018	Balance-ability (60 F2 and Y1 children)
15 th - 19 th January 2018	Sponsored circuits events and Dance-a-thon
24 th January 2018	NSPCC sponsor money into school
5 th February 2018	Mathematics Workshop 1 (Year 2 parents)
8 th February 2018	Valentine's Disco (Year 1 @ 4:00 pm and Year 2 @ 5:30 pm)
9 th February 2018	Start of Half Term break
19 th February 2018	Back to school
19 th February 2018	Mathematics Workshop 2 (year 2 parents)
27 th February 2018	Book Fair arrives
5 th March 2018	Last day of Book Fair
9 th March 2018	Mother's Day Celebration in Foundation Stage
13 th March 2018	Walter Book Day - sharing bedtime stories (come to school in pyjamas)
19 th March 2018	Foundation Stage Stay and Play
27 th March 2018	3:30 - 7:00 pm Parent Consultations
29 th March 2018	Parent Consultations with Crèche (School Closed)

Monday 16 th April	Start of the Summer Term
Thursday 26 th April	New parents to Robin meeting
Wednesday 2 nd May	International Dance Day with Miss Joanna Wright
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 9 th May	NSPCC Meeting for parents - re: Online Safety
Thursday 10 th May	Year One trip to Birdworld
Monday 14 th May	SATS week in Year Two
Friday 18 th May	Garden Party for the Royal Wedding
Thursday 24 th May	Oak Class Assembly
Monday 28 th May to 1 st June	Half term holiday
Monday 4 th June	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 5 th June	Back to school
Wednesday 6 th June	Phonics Screening meetings 2:50 pm and 6:00 pm
Friday 8 th June	Non Uniform Day
Week beginning 11 th June	Phonics Screening for Year One and some of Year Two
Friday 15 th June	Key Stage 1 Sports Morning on St Paul's field Foundation Stage Father's Day Celebration
Saturday 16 th June	Summer Fair
Friday 29 th June	Foundation Stage Sports Day
Thursday 5 th and Friday 6 th July	Year 2 trip to Woolley Firs
Week beginning 16 th July	Year 2 Leaver's Concerts Pine 17 th July at 2:00 pm Sycamore 18 th July at 2:00 pm Willow 19 th July at 2:00 pm
Monday 23 rd July	Leaver's Disco for Year 2
Tuesday 24 th July	Last Day of Term - finish 1 hour early