

Dear Walter Families,

This week has been a very productive week; we have seen huge improvements in the children's behaviours for learning and their academic successes. In many ways, much of school life seems quite normal! However, there are certain arrangements that we have been maintaining, due to the pandemic, that we are starting to re-arrange. From Monday, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 will no longer be sitting in rows; we have analysed the arrangements we have in place and believe that it is now safe to work in table groupings again, which is much more suitable for our very young children. I have liaised with other settings, some of whom have already started sitting in groups, especially in Key Stage 1. All the staff are delighted, and we feel this will benefit the children and prepare them for their next steps. We will be able to work with groups of similar abilities and get back to teaching and learning in a way that we know works the best for us as a school. The children will remain in class bubbles until June 21<sup>st</sup> and will continue to use their own stationery, but they will start to use more concrete resources together, such as counters, dice, weighing scales together to share their thoughts and ideas. I will make sure I take lots more photographs to share with you next week.



## Number Day for the NSPCC

Today was National Number Day, organised by the NSPCC to raise money to support children in having a voice; to allow them to have access to resources to Speak Up and Stay

Safe. We have had lots of fun and also had an opportunity to reflect on what we can do to keep ourselves and others safe from harm. I set each class the challenge of guessing how much money we would raise. We raised £286:30!!!! The winning Class is **PINE!** For guessing £330 so they get an extra playtime next week!





## Headteacher's Star of the Week

So many of our stars of the week have been awarded their certificates for showing our value of resilience; they have persevered and not given up when things get hard. We are all so proud of them.





## **Music and Dance Week**

We are planning to have a music and dance week beginning the <u>21<sup>st</sup> of June</u> (if the Government's Road Map continues as it is) ~ this means we will be playing instruments, singing, and dancing. We have been a singing school for some time now and we have all missed it so much. The staff are busy planning lots of exciting experiences for the children, but if you are a musician or dancer, we would like to know about it. In the past, parents have shared their dancing skills with us (particularly from other cultures) so if you would like to come in and teach us a dance or a song, we would love to hear from you!

## **Bags 2 School**

The next Bags 2 school collection will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021, we will send the bags home in advance. This is a jolly good way to raise money for the school, so please contribute if you can.

Have a lovely weekend – see you all on Monday.



30 Minute Photoshoot





All Digital Photos Included

£40

25% of which will be donated to the Walter PTA Offer valid up until 1st September 2021

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