

WALTER INFANT SCHOOL

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'To be the best I can be'



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Dear Parents,

We have been having an extremely busy and exciting time at school this month as you will see when you read on. The school is looking vibrant and exciting and the children are so happy when learning; we are so proud of all of them. We had a visit from some of the representatives from Wokingham Borough Council this week; they were so impressed with our environment and provision that they would like other schools to come and visit us!

I am writing this newsletter listening to some year two children playing an extremely exciting game with balls and a parachute; the fun never ends!



ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

Our Royal Garden Party to celebrate Prince Harry and Meghan getting married was a huge success; we decorated the garden with bunting made from every child's hand print in red, white or blue and some of the Radio Times Competition entries – I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the children's work. The children looked wonderful in the red, white and blue clothes and we were very impressed by their bow ties and tiaras. We would like to thank all our families who contributed to our delicious traditional picnics and to those who lent us blankets. We all had an amazing time.





RADIO TIMES COMPETITION

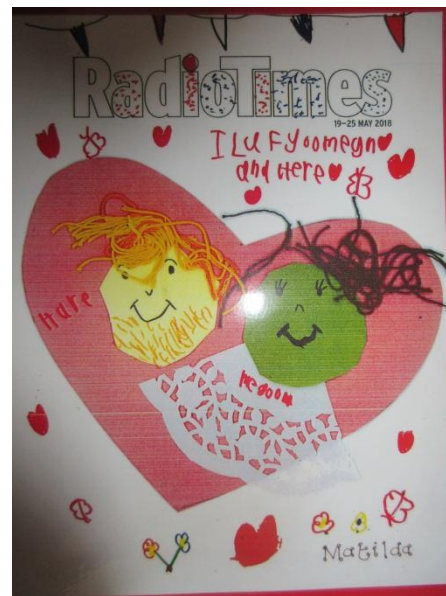
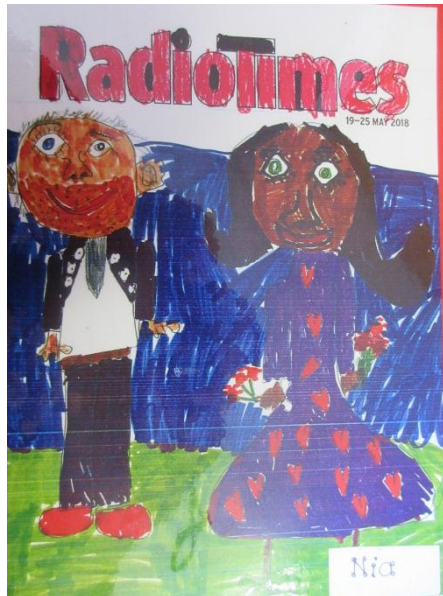
We would also like to congratulate all of our children for taking part in the Radio Times Competition; sadly no one from our school won! 220 schools from all over the United Kingdom took part which meant there were over 8000 entries. It was won by a 6 year boy called Archie from Essex and he did do a very good job, although personally I think ours were the best!



The winning cover:



Two of our children were in the top 60! Matilda Shakespeare was David Walliam's favourite and Nia Beckett was in the top 60 (out of over 8000) – we are so proud of them!



This morning we had a very special delivery for Matilda; as she was chosen as one of David Walliam's 20 favourites, she received a certificate, a signed copy of Gangsta Granny and a lovely letter congratulating her. Well done Matilda!



YEAR TWO SATS

We would like to congratulate all our Year 2 children for completing their Year 2 SATS during the week beginning 14th May 2018. All the children tried their best, worked very hard and displayed very positive attitudes to learning. We are so proud of each and every one of them. I would also like to thank the teachers and support staff who have taught the children so well and prepared them for this landmark event. The Year 2 children and staff will continue to work very hard to develop their English and Maths

skills as the final teacher assessments will be completed during the month of June. Well Done Year 2 and keep up the brilliant work!



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This week (21st May – 25th May 2018) is Walk to School week; please try your best to walk to school as the children enjoy collecting the stickers for the class chart. If you are unable to walk to school, perhaps you could park a little further away and walk some of the way into school. Mrs Janes sent out a check list for things to spot on the way, perhaps you can challenge your children to look for other things in the environment too.



CREAMS AND LOTIONS

We have noticed that some children are bringing sun creams and lotions, eczema cream or medicine and other treatments such as lip balm, in their book bags. Please do not send anything in with your children, if another child were to use them or ingest them, they could become very poorly indeed. We recommend that you apply 24 hour sun cream to your child in the morning and provide a sun hat and sun glasses on very sunny days. If your child requires medication for eczema then we will be very happy to support the application of the cream in school, but a form will need to be completed and signed giving permission from a parent or carer for us to do so. These forms are available from the office. If your child has very sore lips and requires lip balm please hand the lip balm (with a name on) to the class teacher so that it can be kept safely during the school day. Thank you.

TESCO BLUE COUNTERS

We are very excited as you can now begin to 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 during May and 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>



SCHOOL FAIR

You will have received a copy of the Walter Warbler from our Parent's Association recently sharing lots of information about our school fair, which is taking place on **SATURDAY 16TH JUNE** from 11:00 am. This is our largest fund raising event and we need to raise as much money as possible to update our playground, which we hope will take place during the summer holidays. Please come along to support our school and bring all your friends and family too. The children will be performing songs and dances during the fair and there will be lots of exciting things to do and delicious food to eat. We will be having

a **non-uniform day on Friday 8th June** when the children will bring in some contributions for the fair:

- Foundation Stage - 'Sweet Cups' (please bring the sweets in on 13th June)
- Year 1 – Children's Tombola items (new craft toys) on the 8th June
- Year 2 – Adult bottle tombola on the 8th June

Please sign up to help by following this link: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/8XDYA>

All children will bring back raffle tickets on Wednesday 13th June and cake donations on Friday 15th June. We already have some great prizes for the raffles and the Silent Auction, so please encourage all your friends, neighbours and relatives to buy tickets or make a bid.



Please look at the notice board for our designs and ideas.

THE SCHOOL GARDEN

We have not yet entered our school garden for Wokingham in Bloom, although we would love to. Mrs Stanborough has been working very hard, as has Mr Fennell, but we need more help. We wondered if there were any green fingered gardeners who might like to come and help for a couple of hours to prepare the pots and look after the raised beds. We would also really appreciate donations of plants and seeds or even garden centre vouchers. Please let Mrs Janes in the office know if you can help; I am sure our scarecrows will make the garden look blooming marvellous too!

SCARECROW CHALLENGE



You will have received a letter or an email about the Walter Infant School Scarecrow Challenge; we would love to welcome scarecrows to school for our school garden! Please bring your scarecrows into school in the week beginning Tuesday 5th June 2018. Remember they need to be weather proof and sturdy! If you require further information please contact the school office.

SPORTS DAYS AT WALTER INFANT SCHOOL

We will have our Key Stage 1 Sports Day on Friday 15th June at St Paul's School, weather permitting. There will be further information from Jack Dillon after half term. The arrangements will be the same as last year, so we will be having our Father's Day Celebration in Foundation Stage at 8:45 am first. Our Foundation Stage Sports event will take place on Friday 29th June 2018.

PHONICS SCREENING MEETINGS

We will be holding two Phonics Screening Meetings for parents and carers on Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 2:50 pm and 6:00 pm (this is a change of date due to unforeseen circumstances). The meeting is for the families of children in Year 1 and those in Year 2 who did not take the screening test or did not meet the benchmark in June 2017. Phonics screening will take place in the week beginning 11th June 2018. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

SWAPPING TOYS, CARDS AND STICKERS

Please can you remind your children that they are not allowed to swap cards, stickers or small toys in school; we have had some instances where some children have been very distressed as they have not fully understood the nature of swapping and also some children bringing in expensive items from home to swap for trading cards and stickers. All the children know that trading and swapping is not allowed; if they choose to do so they are at risk of not being allowed to bring any toys into school on Friday. I hope you understand our decision.

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 will have 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. We will be sending out more information closer to the time.



AND FINALLY...

If you have any questions or queries about school please remember our open door philosophy, our teachers are available at the end of every school day, or contact us via the school office or directly on my school email address head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk.

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
Week beginning 11 th June	Phonics Screening for Year One and some of Year Two
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
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
Monday 23 rd July	Leaver's Disco
Tuesday 24 th July	Last Day of Term - finish 1 hour early

