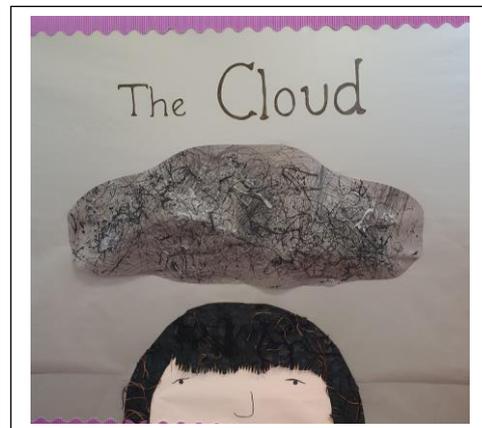
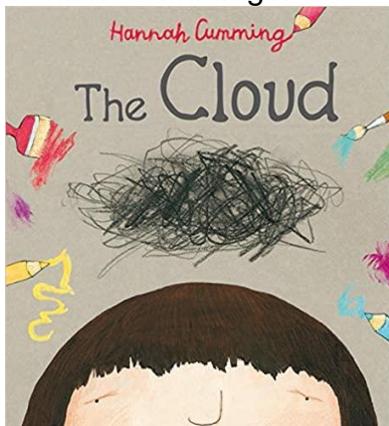




Friday Flyer 2022

Dear Walter Families,

This has been a wonderful week as it has been Children's Mental Health Week and we have been able to focus on the well-being and emotional literacy skills of our children. Today has been exceptionally good as the children really have loved dressing to express and talking about their choices. We have had a good laugh as I thought I was dressed like a Rock Festival Chick, but a colleague thought I was Dennis the Menace! I guess my Rock Chic days must be long gone!!!! The work that the children have produced is amazing; we are going to display much of it in the school hall. When the displays are finished I will share them in the Flyer. All of our work has been centred around a book called *The Cloud* by Hannah Cummings.



["Everyone has bad days, and children are no exception. When a black cloud descends on a little girl at school, support from a classmate with a great deal of imagination helps to brighten up everyone's lives. The atmospheric illustrations really tell the story in this delightful picture book."](#) Google Books

Thank you for your contributions towards the Mindfulness Workshops on Wednesday; the children and adults all loved the experience. I asked a 7-year-old girl what they had learned in the workshop and she replied "breathing" which was a huge relief!!!! I was lucky enough to observe some of the sessions and they were really good and offered strategies to help children manage their emotions.



This is the amazing work from our youngest children in Robin!



And here are the children expressing themselves in Robin!



I love Brodie's writing around his black cloud!



Some of the work by Larch Class.





What else has been happening in school?



An exciting Tuff Tray Road map



The story of Chinese New Year



Ella and her incredible models!

Values Badges for Kindness and Empathy

Samuel in Year 2 was exceptionally brave this week as he sustained a head injury whilst playing football. His friends were so kind and so concerned and were very worried about him as his mummy had to take him to hospital. They all showed such care and compassion and Mrs McDonough awarded them all a values badge. We are all so proud of these wonderful boys.



Stars of the Week

Here are 10 very expressive Stars of the Week!



Packed Lunches

We pride ourselves on our Healthy Schools award that we worked really hard for; it will be due for renewal and it would be a terrible shame if we failed to achieve this for a second time. I have been asked by Mrs Leonard our Lunchtime Supervisor, that some of the children are not following our packed lunch rules. We are a nut free school; we have children with serious nut allergies. If they were exposed to nuts they could become VERY poorly indeed. To flout this incredibly important rule is both careless and disrespectful.

These items are not permitted in school at any time:

- **Chocolate spread of ANY kind**
- **Pesto of any kind**
- **Peanut butter or nut butters**
- **NUTS**



- **Biscuits, cakes or cookies containing nuts**

We believe that the children should have a healthy lunch every day; they need protein, dairy, carbs and fruit and vegetables. There can be some sugar and some fats, but not too much. The children can bring in Yoghurt drinks or water only.

Some children are bringing in things like cold chips or cold burgers; if you want your child to eat food that should be served hot, please select the hot dinner choices which are free, well-balanced and tasty.

Mrs Leonard and her team have reported that some children are bringing in chocolate bars such as Dairy Milk bars; we do permit chocolate biscuits as a sweet treat but no actual sweets. Please do not send in anything that is a sweet as we will not permit it to be eaten as it is not what we consider to be a healthy lunch time choice.



<https://www.thekitchn.com/thinking-outside-the-lunch-box-10-sandwich-free-kids-lunch-ideas-222906>

No Snacks in the Playground at the end of the school day

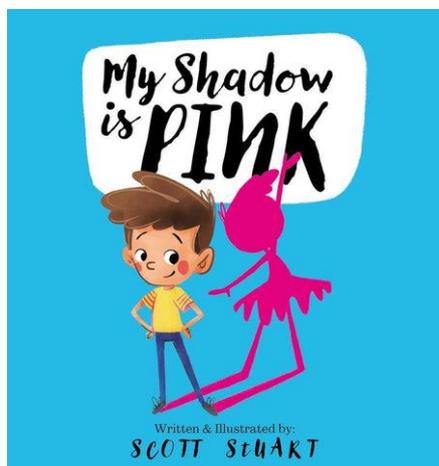
In addition to the issues arising with packed lunches, we have noticed that the number of children eating on the playground at the end of the day is rising too. This will also impact on our Healthy Schools Award. Please wait until you are off the school site; we all recommend having a tasty snack together when you all get home.

Lunchtime Controller Vacancy

We are hoping to recruit a Lunchtime Controller to work five days a week at lunch time, supporting our children in a variety of ways: such as playing games, first aid, encouraging good manners, tidying up etc. If you are interested please contact the school office for more information.

School Council Elections will take place in the week beginning **Monday 14th February 2022**.

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March; our focus book for the week is "My Shadow is Pink" by Scott Stuart. The children can come to school as a fictional character from books or comics that they enjoy reading.



My Shadow is Pink is a beautifully written rhyming story that touches on the subjects of gender identity, self acceptance, equality and diversity. Inspired by the author's own little boy, 'Shadow's' main character likes princesses,...

Friday 18th March is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief, we are hoping to sell red noses from school; more information will follow soon BUT we are hoping to have a virtual talent show!

Wednesday 6th April 2022 will be our Spring Parent Consultations evening from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Friday 8th April 2022 our school will be closed for lessons and open for Parent Consultations; 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will have a creche facility for children to attend when their parents are meeting with teachers.

Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this is a wonderful addition to our school's budget and helps us to provide curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children and all other children too!

Your child may be entitled to this funding which can be used to pay for clubs, uniform, additional support, one to one sessions, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact Mrs Janes in the office to find out more or follow this link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

And Finally,

Walter had a very successful training session this week; it seems I probably have more to learn than he does!



Today I received an email from his sister Luna ~ they are from the same litter of 10 puppies. Luna can sit on her owner's lap comfortably!

Meet Luna!



She is a lot smaller and a lot tidier!!!! Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher