



## Friday Flyer!

**Dear Walter Families,**

Well, for some of our families, today is the last day of their first half term at Walter Infant School and Nursery; we hope you have enjoyed becoming part of our wonderful, happy community. This has been an 8 week half term; many schools are already on their half term break, so I commend you all for making it to the end, children, staff and parents! The children are exhausted, but still remain as hardworking and resilient as ever. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November which is the first day of the next term. The school is closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November for staff training.

### **Information from OFSTED**

I am delighted to inform you that the most recent information that we have received from OFSTED about our school is our Primary Inspection Data Summary Report. In our report it states that in KS1 we are significantly above national in reading and mathematics and we are in the highest 20% of all schools for 2017, 2018 and 2019. In writing we are significantly above national and we are in the highest 20% of all schools for 2018 and 2019.

In Foundation Stage, the percentage (84%) of children achieving a Good Level of Development was significantly higher than national and we are in the highest 20% of all schools for 2018. In 2019 we had 92% of children so I am anticipated similarly good news. I am so proud of all the Walter Infant School and Nursery children and staff. There have been many changes at school since I joined the school in September 2015 and now we are really starting to see the impact of those changes. We have fully committed and dedicated team devoted to ensuring that your children have the best possible experience and achieve as well as they can. Well done everyone.



### **Values**

We presented more values badges to the children who have displayed our values through their behaviours; today we have given our first ever Robin Values Badge to Mabel! Miss Potter explained that Mabel demonstrated all our behaviour and Mabel told me that she has kind hands.



### Parent Consultations

I am so sorry I missed our Parent Consultations this week; I have been told that there was a very cheerful atmosphere in the school. I asked the children this morning in assembly if their parents were proud of them and 270 hands went up; so that was wonderful. If you have not yet had a chance to meet with your child's teacher, please approach them at the end of the day to make an appointment. We do hope for 100% attendance.

### Flu Forms

Please can you return your flu form if you haven't already done so; today is the deadline but we will extend to the 5<sup>th</sup> November when the children return to school. Influenza (Flu) can be very debilitating and unpleasant illness for everyone, but especially for children, so we recommend that every child has the flu nasal spray vaccine to protect them. They will have the vaccine on the 15<sup>th</sup> November; for more information, please follow this NHS link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

### Aldi Stickers

We now have more than 150 stickers; well done and thank you. That means we still need 150. They stop giving out the stickers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019. Mrs Hemmings has worked out that if each family brings in one sticker after half term we will do it in time to send our poster off! £20,000 would be amazing so please try your best to do one £30 shop at Aldi! We would love to be successful and have a chance to win the money AND as they say on the telly "You've got to be in it to win it!"



### Rumble in the Jumble

Our School Council Rumble in the Jumble will take place in the school hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3:15 onwards. The School Council members have decided that as the KS1 children have such a wonderful new climbing frame, they would like to help to raise money for a new climbing frame in Foundation Stage to support the PTA.

We would like each child to bring in a soft toy from home, which is unloved and in mint condition, so that it can be sold to another child who will give it a forever home. We do not want any toys smaller than 25cm. The toys will be sorted and labelled by the school council members; they will be sold according to size. 25cm to 30cm toys will be £1, 30cm to 40cm toys will be £2 and bigger than 40cm toys will be £3.

The children will be very busy counting, measuring, pricing and organising their stall. We hope every family will support the School Council in their first venture this year. If every child donates and buys 1 toy they will make more than £300. Please bring the toys into school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We are happy to receive more than 1 toy from each child.



**Look out for the posters made by our School councillors!**

### **Christmas Fair**

As you already know, we will be holding our Christmas Fair for the second time on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3:15 until 5:30 pm. We hope you will all be able to come and support us in raising money to enhance our school grounds and curriculum. Please bring friends and family too! We are collecting prizes for our raffle; we haven't received any prizes yet so please help us out if you can. We will be moving Father Christmas's Post Room into the learning hub and have decided to employ many more elves as it was so busy last year and made so much money for our school! The PTA will be running a cake stall so look out for information from them soon. **We would also like to have a World Food Stall, so if you would like to provide savoury delicacies, such as pakoras, pizza slices, samosas, or other delicious food we would love to hear from you. Please let Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the office know.** We will be sending out requests as the next few weeks pass and hope that you will be able to support us. Last year we made £2500 and bought amazing things for the classrooms. If you would like to donate a prize to the raffle, in the past we have had spa vouchers, scooters, football shirts, tickets to events, beauty vouchers and book tokens, they will all be very gratefully received. Perhaps you work for a company that might be able to help us if so; please contact me on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) and let me know. Thank you so much!

### **Attendance**

We have noticed that a large number of children are arriving after the register is closed. We expect all our children to be in school by 8:50 am when we close all our doors to school. As a result of the increasing numbers, we are going to introduce a signing in system where parents will be asked to register their children at the office with an arrival time and the reason for lateness. This is the information we have been advised to send out by the Educational Welfare Officer:

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure pupils arrive at school on time and is in his/her class by 8.50am. Failure to do will result in your child missing an important part of the school day when information is shared with pupils during registration.

If your child is late for school we have to record the following codes:

- Code L – Late arrival before the register has closed (8.50am)
- Code U – Late arrival after the register has closed (9.20am) (Schools should actively discourage late arrival, be alert to patterns of late arrival and seek an explanation from the parent.)

It could also mean that your child fails to achieve 100% attendance even if they do come into school every day.

I recognise that the traffic and parking restrictions can cause some delays but this is not a valid reason for being late each day. Thank you for your understanding with this matter; good attendance is vital for our school as it is recorded and compared to other school's locally and nationally.

### Easy Fundraising as Christmas Approaches

As Christmas approaches, many of you will be shopping on line: Please could you remember us and go through the easy fundraising website! Please follow this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterinfantpa/>

### The Book People; Big Boost Schools

If you choose to buy books from The Book People on line; you can donate to school using this link. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you.

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost/schools>



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### Dressing-up Clothes

If you have any dressing up clothes that your children no longer need, perhaps when you are clearing out drawers and cupboards to fill your bags for school; some of our dressing up clothes are becoming a little shabby so we would very much welcome some more. Thank you.



### Dates for you diary

28 <sup>th</sup> October-1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Half Term
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	INSET Day

**And finally....**

If you have any concerns that you might need help with please remember that you can contact me on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) at any time. Have a wonderful weekend.

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