



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

Today we had our Harvest Festival; it was absolutely fantastic. We were visited by John from Wokingham Foodbank who stayed for the whole festival as he said he enjoyed being in our school so much. The children behaved impeccably, sharing songs, stories, poetry and beautiful art work. It was only the second time that Foundation 2 had been to assembly and yet they were able to stand up and tell the story of The Little Red Hen together, with actions and expressions and then sing a song about a Big Red Combine Harvester! We were all so delighted.



Year 1 reading their acrostic poem about Harvest!



Foundation Stage telling the story of the Little Red Hen!



Year 2 and their beautiful 3D vegetables and fruit!

Our Harvest Collection for Wokingham Food Bank

We are completely overwhelmed by the kindness, empathy and generosity shown by our families; we have collected so much for the Foodbank in Wokingham. John, from the Foodbank, explained how the produce would be stored and distributed to the people who need it. We learned that the Foodbank also provide gas and electricity to those unable to meet their energy bills. Remember if you need help, speak to Mrs Hemmings or Mrs Janes in the school office confidentially.



Head Lice

Some children have been arriving in school with head lice and/or nits; as you know head lice travel from head to head and they particularly enjoy freshly washed hair! Head lice is not a sign of poor hygiene or grooming, but it is a nuisance, spreads rapidly and can cause great discomfort for your children. Please take the time to check your children this weekend and treat them as necessary. There is advice on the nhs website if you follow this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> If your child has only just started school you may never have seen them before: this is what nits look like in your child's hair:



Head Lice look like this:



Head lice are parasites and live on blood! They can live for 30 days and lay 6 eggs a day! They can make you very itchy and uncomfortable; the bites turn in to sores

and can become infected. If everyone checks tonight we could be a nit and lice free school by Monday!

Yoga Workshops

On Monday our three Year 1 classes had a yoga session with our two amazing yoga teachers; and again it was absolutely wonderful. Ms Rees is posting some photographs on the school website. Next week Foundation Stage will be having the classes on Monday morning; don't forget to ask them what it was like!

Christmas Fair

We will be holding our Christmas Fair for the second time on Friday 29th 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 may also have some super prizes to enable us to have a prize draw too. 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 and let me know. Thank you so much!

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you so much for buying so many books at the book fair: as a result of your generosity we have made £637 for the school to spend on books! These books will go into our library to replace the books which have been torn or lost. We will be able to buy a range of books to interest all our children. If you have recommendations from the books you chose, please let us know.

Walter Boards for the Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to all our families and neighbours who have offered to advertise our Christmas Fair with a board in their garden! I spoke to Mrs Janes today to see how it was going and she said "They've all gone"! I am so grateful. Hopefully it will encourage more people from the community to pop in and support the school.

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>



Rumble in the Jumble

We are hoping to have a fundraising event after half term led by the School Council to raise money to enhance our classroom book corners, which are already beautiful but we feel could be even better! We would like to have a “Rumble in the Jumble”; and to ask children to donate soft toys, which are as good as new, to sell to other children so they can find a new forever home! We will have more information soon so if you are thinking of donating some soft toys to charity or friends and family in time for some new arrivals on the 25th December, please save them for us. If every child brought us one toy to sell we could make in excess of £300 for the school but if you would like to donate more than one as long as it has not been loved TOO much already we would love to have as many as you want rehoming. Thank you.



WATCH THIS SPACE!

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.



Aldi Stickers

We now have quite a few stickers; in fact we have 62 so we are 20% of the way there! Please keep them coming so that we are in with a chance of winning £20,000. Thank you. 238 to go!



Dates for you diary

21 st October 2019	Parent Consultations
23 rd October 2019	Parent Consultations
28 th October-1 st November 2019	Half Term
4 th 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 at any time. Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher