



Friday Flyer 2022

Dear Walter Families,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe; we have had a larger than usual number of staff absences due to Covid 19 BUT our wonderful team have rallied round and risen to the challenges of keeping Walter Infant School and Nursery open! Please continue to support us by not sending your child to school if they are poorly and please keep following the advice and guidance.

Covid 19 Updates and Information

Yesterday the government resumed plan A. We have not made any further changes to our arrangements in school and we would like to politely request that adults continue to wear masks on the school site if they are able to.



Here is the Framework of Measures for schools to follow from Wokingham Borough Council.

- 05/04 - Year 1 Easter Hunt
- 06/04 - Year 2 Easter Hunt
- 07/04 - Funny Bunny Competition

Please do all you can to help us raise money to invest in our wonderful school to make your children's experiences for learning even better.

Spring Term Menu 2022

Thank you so much to those of you who took part in the survey; I have left the link up for another week. Please complete this survey if you have time
<https://forms.office.com/r/bgS1j5VsAn> This is the picture so far!

1. Does your child enjoy the meal choices offered?

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[Insights](#)

Yes	14
No	10
Maybe	14



2. Do you provide a packed lunch on the days they don't like the menu choices?

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Yes	21
No	13
Maybe	4



3. Do you think the options are suitable for young children?

[More Details](#)

Yes	20
No	8
Maybe	10



4. How many days a week does your child have a school lunch?

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1	5
2	5
3	3
4	8
5	17



5. Which day is their favourite?

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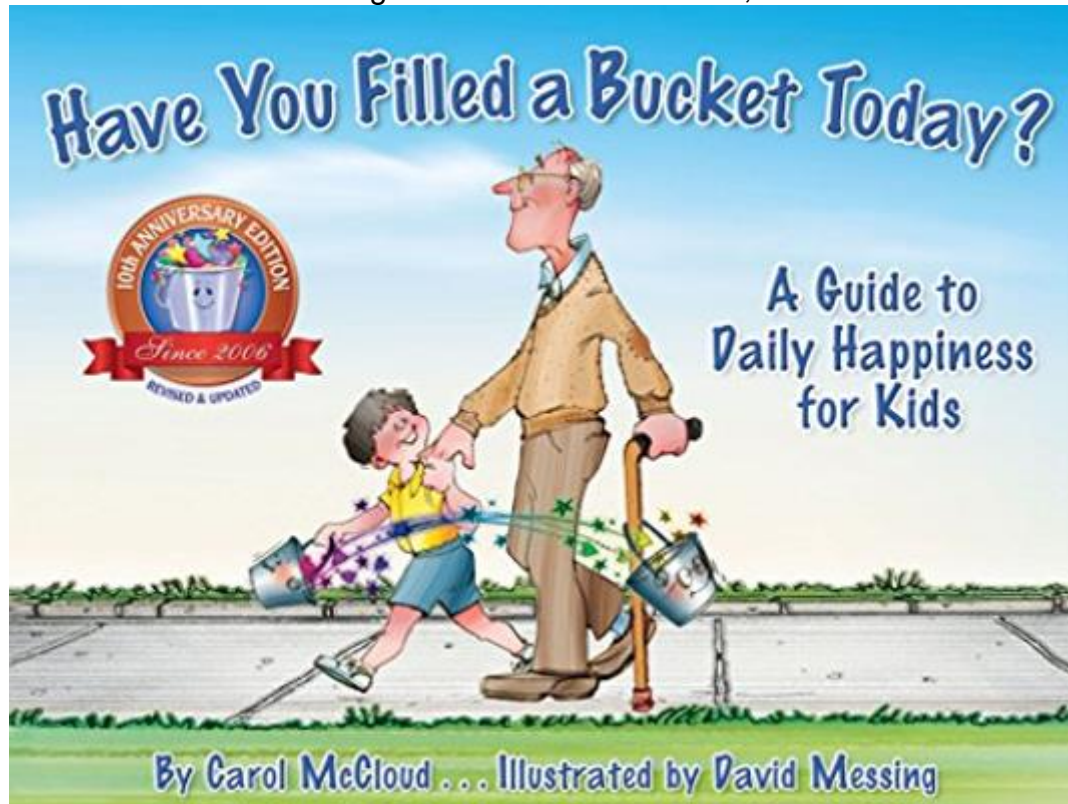
Monday	1
Tuesday	0
Wednesday	10
Thursday	1
Friday	26



It is not a surprise to see that Friday is the children's favourite day as it is CHIP day closely followed by Wednesday when we have a roast. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are very unpopular so we will have to have a discussion with Caterlink to see if any positive changes can be made. Please continue to complete the survey.

Stars of the Week

This week we have been focussing on our value of kindness; we have shared the book:



This is the link for you to visit a reading of the book so that your family can find out more about being a bucket filler! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EuemNAo6XE>



Kindness Leaves

These children have been awarded kindness leaves for our Kindness Tree from the teachers; we are very proud of all of them!



Stars of the Week

We are so lucky at Walter Infant School and Nursery as there is always so much to celebrate! Here are the stars of the week, chosen by their teachers for trying their hardest to be the best they can be! Well done shiny stars!



Here are some pictures of what has been happening...





Upcoming Dates to Remember

Tuesday 1st February is Chinese New Year we will be celebrating all week! It is the Year of the Tiger!



What year were you born in?



If you have any books or artefacts about Chinese New Year for your child to share with the class, please let us know.

Friday 4th February is NSPCC Number day; we did this last year too and it was great fun and we raised £300. The staff and children can come to school in a number themed outfit, it could be an all over suit or just a badge or hat and make a donation (The NSPCC

recommend £2 per person, but any amount is gratefully received) to help children who need support and help from abuse: Speak Out Stay Safe <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/events-fundraising/social-special-events/number-day/>
You do not need to buy anything special; a football shirt usually has a number on it, or you wear a birthday badge. Anything with a number will be great.

Mental Health Week begins on **7th February 2022**. Ms Rees will be organising a week of activities to promote and foster good Mental Health including Superhero Mindfulness.

Friday 11th February will be Dress to Express Day; we would like the children (and staff) to come to school in an outfit that tells us something about who they are! They could wear their favourite colour, their favourite clothes, a colour to reflect how they feel



We will not be collecting money for Place2Be BUT we would very much welcome a contribution of £2.25 per child towards the cost of the Mindfulness training if you are able to.

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

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.

Food Vouchers, Fuel Vouchers and Walter's Pantry

It has been reported that inflation is higher than it has been for more than 10 years; this is partly due to the rising costs of fuel and energy impacting on the cost of food production and distribution. The impact is that people on low incomes are going to be detrimentally impacted. Please remember that we are here to help; Walter's Pantry is fully stocked with food for breakfasts and dinners (teas). Mrs Janes can provide food bank and fuel vouchers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you provided what your children need to be properly looked after in these most challenging times. All requests and conversations will be strictly confidential.

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 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,

We have our first case of chicken pox for a while in school (Dove Class); please watch out for it. If your child develops a chicken pox rash please do not send your child to school until the spots are dry and have scabbed over and no new spots are presenting.



Follow this link for more information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022-2023

4th February	NSPCC Number Day
7th February	Mental Health Week
11th February	Superhero Mindfulness Dress to Express Day
18th February	Bake Sale
21st-25th February	Half Term
28th February	Bag2School Collection
18th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
4th April	Foundation Easter Hunt
5th April	Year 1 Easter Hunt
6th April	Year 2 Easter Hunt
6th April	Spring Parent Consultations
7th April	Funny Bunny Competition
7th April	End of Term (finishing 1 hour early)
8th April	Spring Parent Consultations

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

There will be other exciting events that are not yet in the diary. We will let you know dates as soon as we can.