



Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

It was so lovely to come back to school today and to be greeted by so many smiling faces. The children have been designing Christmas Cards this week so look out for the opportunity to buy the cards in the next few weeks.

Our Walter Values

We have introduced our Values Animals this week; the children are all able to speak about our school values and what this mean to us. We have just had an assembly on Resilience and Never Giving up. Our children know it is okay to make mistakes and to learn from them; they know they can keep on trying.



Up and coming events:

This half term is going to be VERY busy, with lots of exciting and topical events for our community to take part in.

From Monday 5th November until Friday 9th November we will be selling poppies and other items to raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will be selling the items at the beginning and end of the school day. Please remember that the 'snap bands' will sell out very quickly!



Our Foundation Stage '**Stay and Play**' sessions are also in the week beginning Monday 5th November; you can book your session on line or speak to Mrs Janes in the School Office.

The week beginning the 12th of November is a VERY busy week; the reindeer are coming into school on Monday 12th November. This will be our third year at having these wonderful visitors. We would very much appreciate a voluntary contribution of £2 per child or £3 per family. Please could you make the donation on line by following this link: www.schoolgateway.com (you can do this from Tuesday 6th November 2018).



The week beginning the 12th November is national **Anti-bullying Week**; I would like to draw your attention to our Anti-Bullying and Equality Policy which is on our school website. We are committed to ensure that all our children are treated kindly, fairly and in an equitable way to enable their individual needs to be met. We do not tolerate bullying behaviour at our school and we teach our children to recognise what bullying behaviour looks like and feels like. All our staff receive and contribute to training to make sure they have a full understanding of bullying behaviour and how to manage it. If you require more information or are concerned that your child is experiencing bullying behaviour, please do not hesitate to contact us. As part of Anti-bullying week we would like the children to wear odd socks on Wednesday 14th November to celebrate that we are all different but all equal.



WALTER INFANT SCHOOL
Odd Socks Day
WEDNESDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER 2018

Children in Need 2018

We will be collecting for Children in Need again this year; we would love it if the children could come to school in spotty clothes and bring a donation for the Children in Need charity on Friday 16th November. We will have buckets to collect money at the beginning and end of the school day.



Bags to School 2018

We will be sending home bags to school sacks on Thursday 22nd November; the collection day will be on Monday 26th November. Please bring your bags to school on the Monday morning and leave them on the train in the playground for collection (unless it is raining). Thank you very much; this is a wonderful opportunity to declutter, recycle and make money for our school.

St Paul's Prospective Parent Tour

The next meeting for parents to look around St Paul's Junior School and find out lots of useful information is:

Monday 3rd December 2018 at 9:15 am

Lunchtime Controller Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Controller in our Foundation Stage to work five lunchtimes a week from 11:25 am until 12:30 pm. It is a lovely role and an ideal opportunity for someone who would like to start working in a school setting. If you are interested in applying, please look for the advertisement on the school website to find an application form and more information, or speak directly to the school office. We look forward to hearing from you.

Parents Association

There will be a meeting at the Leathern Bottel on Tuesday 6th November at 7:30 pm in the evening for all parents, teachers, carers and grandparents who are keen to be part of the Walter Infant School Parents Association. We are very well supported by our families when we have events, however, we do not have many actual members. Please come along and find out what it is all about and what you can do to support our school with fundraising and providing additional resources and exciting activities for our children. Please email the Parents Association if you will be able to attend walterinfantspa@gmail.com.

Christmas Fair

All the staff at Walter Infant School are very excited about having our Christmas Fair on Friday 30th of November and we are hopeful that we will receive lots of support from all our Walter Families.

We will be asking different classes to make contributions to our stalls:

Class	What to Bring	Examples of Gifts
Pine and Sycamore	Gifts for Dads (limit £3)	New toiletries, Socks, Chocolates, Keyrings, etc.
Beech and Larch	Gifts for Mums (limit £3)	New toiletries, Chocolates, Stationery, scarves etc.
Oak and Willow	Small new toys for Toy Tombola (limit £3)	New playing or Top Trump Cards, Stationery (pens, notebooks), small puzzles, construction sets, toy cars, soft toys, craft sets etc.
Robin, Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker	Sweets and Chocolates	Small boxes of chocolates, Christmas confectionery, Advent Calendars, Chocolate Orange, Haribo, etc.

We would like the children to come to school in their 'own clothes' and to bring a donation (as listed above) on the 23rd November 2018. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you would like to hire a table at the fair, please speak to Mrs Karen Day, our School Business Manager as soon as possible.

We would very much welcome other donations for our fair, and we are aware that some of our families may have access to event tickets or prizes that could be raffled or auctioned. We would love to hear from you. We will keep you up to date with all the exciting stalls and prizes we will have available nearer the time.

All our children, and their siblings, will be able to write to Father Christmas, using Elf Mail. We will have a direct link and all letters will be replied to using Elf Mail directly into school. We will be using this unique opportunity to raise money for our school. The Elf Mail correspondence (including a sweet treat and a personalised response) will be £3 per letter. We will provide a letter pro-forma for the children to write on nearer the time. We will have real elves in school and an official post box!



Lost Property and Uniform

Please could you check to see if you have items of school uniform or PE kit belonging to other children in their PE bags or school bags; sometimes the children can pick up other children's belongings as they all look very similar. Please ensure that all your children's clothing is labelled. We have just received a cheque from Stikins, the label company, for £171 so if you need labels you would be supporting the school as well.

Parent Consultations

Thank you so much to everyone who attended school this week for the consultation with the teachers; this was very well attended and we know how much the children love their parents and siblings to see their work. If you were unable to attend, please speak with Mrs Janes in the office or your child's class teacher to reschedule. These appointments are an opportunity to find out how well your child is doing, what their strengths are and what their targets are. It is an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and for us to work together in partnership, to ensure that your children are having a happy and successful time at school.

Bad Weather

We are expecting some very cold weather soon; please can you make sure that your children have warm coats (with hoods), hats, scarves and gloves (all labelled with your child's name). The children will play out every day and we need to make sure they are suitably dressed as many young children are not able to monitor their own body temperatures and may not recognise when they are too cold.

Please feel free to telephone the school or contact me via email if you have any questions, queries or concerns. head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Have a lovely weekend.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher 2nd November 2018