





Dear Walter Families,

Black History Month

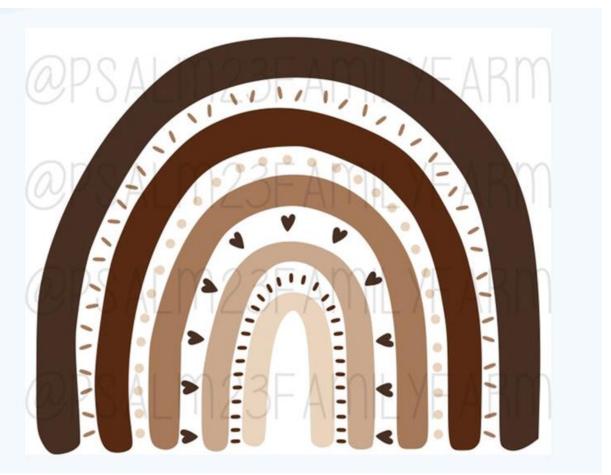
We have been learning about the actions of people of colour who chose to make a difference to the lives of others for the better. We have learned about the work of Marcus Rashford, Ashley Banjo, Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama, Mahatma Ghandi, Rosa Parks and many more. The children have learned to recognise and celebrate difference in the world and in our school. We had a whole school assembly today; the children were absolutely incredible. They watched, listened, learned and shared their knowledge and understanding so eloquently and with complete respect and empathy. I showed them the Diversity Dance for Black Lives Matter and they were enthralled. There was a spontaneous applause at the end led by the children. It was an incredibly emotional moment in time and there were many adult tears of pride and adulation. I have placed the assembly on the school website so that you can share it with your children.



Here are a few of the slides.

Black History Month

- We have been learning about people of colour who have been able to make a difference to the lives of other people of colour and to all other people too.
- · Some of those people made a difference by choice
- · Some of those people made a difference by chance
- · BUT they all made a difference!
- AND we can make a difference too... we can make sure that we never judge people by how they look or the colour of their skin.



A rainbow of skin colours, all represented in our wonderful school.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." -Martin Luther King, Jr.



Martin Luther King Jnr.

 https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/cbeebies-houseblack-history-heroes



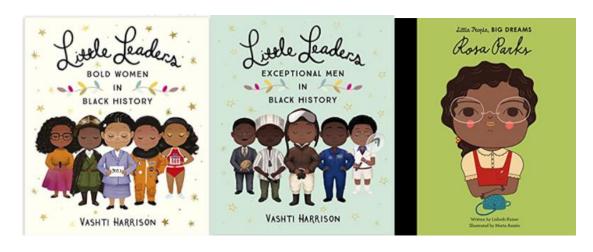


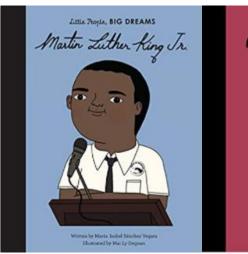
Ashley Banjo said he didn't plan to be an activist....

But a year ago he changed his mind and decided to make a big difference with his dance troupe DIVERSITY!

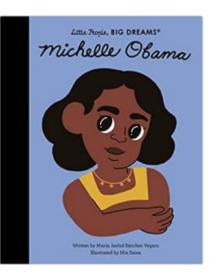
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I strongly recommend watching the video on you tube by Diversity and visiting the Cbeebies Black History Month pages. This is a wonderful selection of books that can be purchased on Amazon. We have them in school to support our BAME curriculum.









Legoland Next Week

We are very much looking forward to our trip to Legoland. In anticipation, Mr Lee and I did a pre-visit yesterday and we have made some decisions regarding the trip.

Packed Lunches

If the children are bringing their own packed lunch, this will need to be in a <u>disposable</u> <u>carrier bag.</u> We have to carry everything we take to Legoland around the park. Therefore, this will enable us to travel around more easily. The children will also need a <u>named</u> <u>disposable water bottle</u> in case it is misplaced or lost.

Clothing

The weather for next week looks changeable, with a potential for rain. The children must wear school uniform; they will need a light rain coat and suitable footwear for walking around the park all day.

Going on Rides and Attractions

As part of our pre-visit, we conducted a thorough risk assessment; this included which rides we could safely go on. We have decided that some attractions are not suitable to use during our school trip; for example, Legoland's height restrictions. We know that some of these are popular rides, but visiting a theme park as a school is very different from visiting as a family.

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RIDES WE CAN VISIT		RIDES WE CANNOT VISIT	
Hill train	Lego Studios 4D	Drench Towers	Raft Racers
Duplo Express	Viking Splash River	Splash Safari	Duplo Airport
Spinning Spider	Driving School	Duplo Playtown	Fairy Tale Brook
L-Driver	Balloon School	Duplo Dino Coaster	Coastguard HQ
Fire Academy	Haunted House	Laser Riders	Legoland Express
Deep Sea Adventures	Desert Chase	Destiny's Bounty	Dragon's Apprentice
Aero Nomad	Thunder Blaze	The Dragon	Merlin's Challenge
Mia's Riding Adventure	Flight of the Sky Lion	Pirate Falls	Jolly Rocker
Fire and Ice Fireball	Lego Ninjago	Hydra's Challenge	

Covid 19 Update



Please can I reiterate that if there is a positive case of Covid 19 in your household, identified by a PCR test that your children do not come to school until the isolation period is over? I have made the same request to staff; we will be doing all we can to keep the children safe. I know this may cause considerable disruption to some people and for that I can only apologise.

This is the most up to date symptom information which we will be following.

Early on in the pandemic, the NHS promoted awareness of three main symptoms of COVID-19, sometimes referred to as the 'classic triad':

- Persistent cough
- High temperature (fever) 37.8C or greater
- Loss of smell (anosmia)

Now there are six clusters of symptoms of COVID 19 which are as are as follows:

- 1 ('flu-like' with no fever): Headache, loss of smell, muscle pains, cough, sore throat, chest pain, no fever.
- **2** ('flu-like' with fever): Headache, loss of smell, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, fever, loss of appetite.
- **3 (gastrointestinal):** Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, **diarrhoea**, sore throat, chest pain, no cough.
- **4 (severe level one, fatigue):** Headache, loss of smell, cough, fever, hoarseness, chest pain, **fatigue**.
- **5 (severe level two, confusion):** Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, cough, fever, hoarseness, sore throat, chest pain, fatigue, **confusion**, muscle pain.
- **6 (severe level three, abdominal and respiratory):** Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, cough, fever, hoarseness, sore throat, chest pain, fatigue, confusion, muscle pain, **shortness of breath, diarrhoea, abdominal pain.**

Please do not put the health of others at risk. Thank you.

Star of the Week

Our stars are even more shiny today as they are dressed in their favourite clothes! I am so proud of each and every one of them for working so hard and reflecting our Walter Values.





Helping our Friends and Neighbours

I cannot thank you all enough for your generous contributions of £20 (and more) you have really made a difference to people's lives. More than you will ever know. We are very happy and grateful to receive further donations of £20. Thank you so much.

If you need some money to help you through each week we now have a large number of donations to help. Please contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the office and they will be able to help. We also have breakfast and dinner options in our Walter's Pantry, so if you need something to help out until the next pay day or until the end of the week, please come and ask. We really do want to help.

If you are a parent who will benefit from a donation to help pay for your food or heating bills; please contact Mrs Hemmings or Mrs Janes on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk.

All requests will be completely confidential and arranged with utmost sensitivity.

Wokingham Foodbank V ouchers and Fuel Vouchers

Our school is able to provide foodbank vouchers to use at Wokingham Foodbank as well as fuel vouchers so that you can heat and light your homes; if you need this help, please contact the school office on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk again all requests will be completely confidential.

What's been happening in school this week?

It is wonderful in Foundation Stage at the moment; the resources and activities for the children are so lovely. There were lots of vegetables being put to good use today as the children have been reading Oliver's Vegetables, a favourite story of mine; they have written shopping lists, printed patterns and even opened their own shop!





Wow! We raised £302.30 for Wade and \$5; I am sure they will be delighted to receive such a large sum of money from some of the youngest people in the community to some of the oldest. We will be learning all about WADE next week and the contributions that the older generation have made and will make in the future. The children will learn about respect and learning from the experiences of others.

Morrison's ~ " It's Good to Grow!"

We have registered for Morrison's "It's Good to Grow" Campaign:

FREE gardening equipment for your school

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.



Dog Dirt on the way to School

It has been brought to my attention that there is a lot of dog dirt on the roads approaching the school. Please be careful not to stand in it. Hopefully it is nothing to do with our school.

Contacting Teaching Staff

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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 provided 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

Please contact me if you need to on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher