

WALTER INFANT SCHOOL

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'To be the best I can be'



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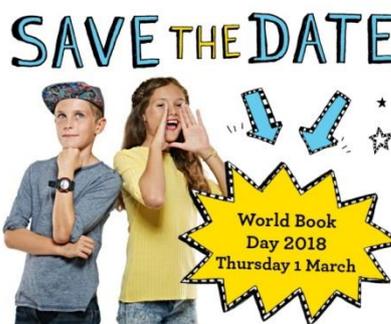
Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are at the half-term break already! As usual we have had a very busy and successful time at school. The Valentine's Disco was very exciting yesterday and I would like to thank the Parents Association for organising it and all the staff and parents who helped make it such a wonderful event; we also raised more than £240 which is fantastic!



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 1st of March is World Book Day; we would love the children to bring their favourite bedtime story to school and to come dressed in their pyjamas or nightdresses, slippers and dressing gown (the staff will be doing the same). The Book Fair arrives at school on Tuesday 27th February.



REPORTING ILLNESS

We would like all parents or carers to let our office staff know if a child is going to be absent from school each day; you can report the absence to a member of staff on the door if you are dropping off a sibling or leave a message on the answer phone. We are changing our safeguarding procedures for absence due to recent advice and will now be telephoning parents if an absence has not been reported, so please leave a message each day. These measures are being put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all our children. If your child is absent from school due to an agreed

arrangement with myself, Mrs Judy Wheeler, as an authorised leave of absence, with a specified end date.

CASH 4 COINS AND OLD PHONES AND TABLETS

The bucket that we placed in the entrance is already bursting with coins and notes from different countries. It will be emptied today but we would like to carry on collecting after the half term as it is such a good way for us to raise funds for our school. I will let you know in the next newsletter how much we have raised so far.



We have already raised **£175** from old mobile phones and tablets; if you have any lying around at home please bring them in to add to the collection.

NSPCC



We collected over £1900 for the NSPCC in our sponsored events, which is absolutely wonderful, so well done everyone who took part and THANK YOU!

The NSPCC will be visiting the school in the summer term to hold a workshop for parents; we hope many of you will be able to attend.

HEAD LICE AND THREADWORMS

We have had a large number of reported cases of head lice in school, please could you check your children's hair daily to ensure they do not have nits or lice. We recognise that it is an on-going childhood ailment but regular checking and combing with conditioner can reduce the number of infestations. We have some head lice combs in school, if you would like one; please go to the school office at the start or the end of the school day.

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/treatment/> for more information.



We have had several reports of threadworms. Threadworms are very common in young children; they can cause considerable discomfort. We encourage the children to wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating but they are not always very thorough. Please could you show your children how to wash their hands after going to the toilet and remind them to do so each time they go to the toilet in school.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/stomach-liver-and-gastrointestinal-tract/threadworms>

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR THE PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT?

Pupil Premium Funding is an extremely valuable resource for our school and can hugely benefit the children who qualify for the grant and many other children too as we can use it to fund classroom support and resources.

If your family circumstances have changed recently, such as a loss of or change to your employment or sadly a relationship breakdown leading to sole parenting, you may be entitled to the funding. The identities of the families who qualify for the grant are protected.

If you qualify for any of the benefits below, the school (through the local authority) may be able to claim additional funding to support your child's education. This funding is very beneficial for your children and the school as a whole. If you wish to register please call at the School Office for a form or download one from the website.

To be eligible at least one parent must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit

We use the funding for many things, including a free extra-curricular club for every PPG child; we can also use it to supplement school trips and even uniform, when a need has been identified. We do understand that no money actually comes into the household, but the benefits to the school and are children are huge.

MATHEMATICS WORKSHOPS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Mathematics workshop on Monday; it was very well attended and we have had excellent feedback. Please remember to attend the follow up workshop on Multiplication, Division and Fractions on Monday 19th February at 2:30 pm. Please arrive promptly so that the work shop can finish in good time for school collection.

We have scheduled additional dates in March; please could you let the office staff know if you would be interested in attending, so that we can gauge the level of interest.

We will be placing all the resources on the website after the 19th February.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

All our parents are invited to join the Parents' Association; if you would like more information, please contact walterinfantspa@gmail.com.

If you do any online shopping you can go to the shopping site via the 'Easy Fundraising' site <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterinfantpa> - the school will receive a cashback amount on every purchase. There are lots and lots of companies that will donate a percentage of your spend to school and it is very easy to set up.

If you are thinking of buying a micro-scooter you can raise money for the school by purchasing it on their website <http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk/> - the school can earn 10% 'cashback' for every purchase if you enter our URN number **109869** in the 'Apply School Code' box.

AND FINALLY...

Have a wonderful and safe half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all on the 19th February 2018.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 th January 2018	NSPCC assembly for all children in school
11 th January 2018	Balance-ability (60 F2 and Y1 children)
15 th - 19 th January 2018	Sponsored circuits events and Dance-a-thon
24 th January 2018	NSPCC sponsor money into school
5 th February 2018	Mathematics Workshop 1 (Year 2 parents)
8 th February 2018	Valentine's Disco (Year 1 @ 4:00 pm and Year 2 @ 5:30 pm)
9 th February 2018	Start of Half Term break
19 th February 2018	Back to school
19 th February 2018	Mathematics Workshop 2 (year 2 parents)
27 th February 2018	Book Fair arrives
1 st March 2018	World Book Day - sharing bedtime stories (come to school in pyjamas)
5 th March 2018	Last day of Book Fair
9 th March 2018	Mother's Day Celebration in Foundation Stage
19 th March 2018	Foundation Stage Stay and Play
28 th March 2018	3:30 - 7:00 pm Parent Consultations
29 th March 2018	Parent Consultations with Crèche (School Closed)