



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

I would like to extend a huge welcome to all our new families and a huge welcome back to our other families. It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year; all the teachers are absolutely delighted with their new classes and the children have been exemplary in their attitudes and behaviours. We are all so proud. A parent said to me this morning that our school is a happy school and that is true! It was wonderful to hear though. I am sorry that I have not been able to be here as much as usual; this is because I am on a phased return to work after my back surgery but hopefully I will soon be fully recovered. Thank you for your kindness and support. Our new children and KS1 children are certainly having a fantastic time!



A BIG Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Mr Fennell, our site controller; he has worked so hard all summer to make sure that our school is better than ever. We all really appreciate what you do for us Mr Fennell. I would also like to thank Mrs Day, our School Business Manager, who has worked tirelessly to ensure that our school premises are improving, working perfectly and that we have the resources that we need to make each day a really good day.

Walter Values

The children, staff and of course our families, have all been demonstrating our Walter Values of Respect, Resilience, Kindness, Honesty and Empathy. We awarded our first values badge of the year in assembly today to Cruz in Pine class. We are expecting to award many more as the year goes on as we see the values being demonstrated everyday by everyone!



School Data

Our school is displayed on our website: under School Performance on our Website:

Foundation Stage 2: 92% of our children achieved a Good Level of Development which is 15% higher than the Wokingham Borough Council average (77%).

Year 1: 90% of children met the phonics benchmark 8% higher than the Wokingham Borough Council average (82%)

Year 2:

- 85% met the expected standard in reading (42% were greater depth)
- 84% met the expected standard in writing (24% were greater depth)
- 91% met the expected standard in maths (38% were greater depth)
- 100 % met the expected standard in science
- 92% met the benchmark in the phonics re-take (22% higher than the Wokingham Borough Council average)

All our results were higher than the WBC average: 77% of our children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing, mathematics and science which is 8% higher than WBC average @ 69%.

I am so proud of the children, the teachers, the learning support assistants, the early year's practitioners and our amazing administration team, as well as our fantastic lunchtime controllers: this is due to a whole school team effort and we should all be celebrating.

Staffing at Walter

I am delighted to welcome some new staff to our school;

Miss Samantha Potter has joined us as an Early Years Teacher in Robin and Miss Rebecca Prickett has joined us as an Early Years Teacher in Woodpecker and F2. Mrs Jessica Bennette has joined us as our new Foundation Stage Leader and our Dove teacher.

Mrs Natalie Wyatt and Miss Faye Dutton are now working as Learning Support Assistants in Year 2 and Mrs Alison Radcliffe has joined us as a lunchtime controller. Ms Zoey Leonard is now our Lunchtime Supervisor.

Summer Holiday Homework

We have had so much work completed during the summer holidays; you will have noticed our fabulous new climbing frame. I would like to thank the PTA for their huge financial contribution of £7,000 towards it. The children love it!



We have had a lot of decorating done in Foundation Stage and in Willow class to make the rooms lighter, brighter and fresher and they all look amazing! We have new carpets in the entrance hall and library as well as Dove class so everywhere is looking fantastic.



PTA

The Parent Teacher Association at Walter Infant School is a very supportive, active and hardworking group of parents and teachers; now that 90 children have left us for Junior School we are in need of new committee members and helpers as well as a new treasurer! The members say that it is really good fun, very sociable and a lovely bunch of people to work with; they have all become really good friends. They love being on the committee because they see how happy it makes their children. The Annual General Meeting is on Friday 27th September at 2:30 pm at school; we would love to see many new members there. **PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!**



Photographs on the 18th September

The photographer is coming to school on Wednesday 18th September; if you would like your child to have a photograph with a sibling from St Paul's or a younger sibling on to our early morning shoot, beginning at 8:00am, please complete the form given out this week by the end of the day today or Monday morning. The children will be having their individual photographs and family photographs (brothers and sisters within our school) during the school day. All our staff are having their photographs too, for a new school board and for our lanyards!

New Books and Toys

We have just had a delivery of over 100 books bought with commission from our book sale last year; we are going to have new books in every classroom!



We have also just received a lorry full of beautiful wooden toys for the year one classrooms; these will stimulate the children during lessons and playtimes (including Friday Fun) and encourage the children to develop their language skills, conversation and imagination!



We also have a new school book for every class: 'I love you just the way you are' by Rosie Greening. We want the children to know that we will always care for them, no matter what, even if they are grumpy, angry or prickly! We want them to know they can always count on us! We are also learning 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars!



PPG

All of our children in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. Some of our children are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding; this means they will be eligible for free school meals when they go to Junior School. In addition to this, we can use the funding to support your child in school, provide an extra-curricular club, help with school trips and school uniform, provide additional adults support, help from a Family Support Worker and in some case provide Canine Assisted Learning for children with emotional needs. Our school really benefits from the Pupil Premium Funding so if you think your child is eligible please speak to Mrs Janes in the office: you need to be in receipt of one of these benefits:

- **Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)**
- **Income support**
- **Income-based jobseekers' allowance**
- **Income-related employment and support allowance**
- **Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of state pension credit**
- **Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less**

These benefits have now been rolled into a single benefit, called Universal Credit.

Universal Credit is being rolled out, with an expected completion date of March 2022. All pupils who were eligible for free school meals up to April 2018 will continue to receive free school meals during this period. This is a useful link that will tell you more about it; <https://www.theschoolrun.com/the-parents-guide-to-the-pupil-premium> Every enquiry is completely confidential.

Wokingham in Bloom

We will be collecting our Wokingham in Bloom Gold Award from the Mayor on Tuesday 1st October 2019; we will inform the parents of the children who have been asked to attend separately. Our garden is still looking wonderful, even the sunflowers are standing to attention.



Murray House and Keeble House Car Parks

We have had correspondence from the residents of Keeble House and Murray House complaining that parents from our school and St. Paul's have been parking in their car parks. They have reported that some drivers have been rude and aggressive when challenged. The grounds are private and for residents and their visitors only. Please do not park your cars in their car park. Thank you.

Nuts in School



Please may I remind you that we are a NO NUTS school; that means we do not want the children to bring in anything that has nuts in the ingredients; that means no chocolate spread of any kind, no pesto of any kind, no nuts at all, in biscuits, cookies, cereal bars or cakes. No packets of nuts of any type. No peanut butter. If nuts come into school we will have to dispose of them as we have children who have serious nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. Please let us know if your child has any allergies or intolerances that we need to be aware of.

Dates for you diary

18th September 2019	School Photographer
19th September 2019	Y1 Phonics & Reading Meetings
20th September 2019	Jeans for Genes Day (wear jeans to school for a £1 donation https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/)
9-14th October 2019	Book Fair Support our school as we can buy books with the commission from sales
16th October 2019	FS Reading & Phonics Meetings
21st October 2019	Parent Consultations
23rd October 2019	Parent Consultations
28th October-1st November 2019	Half Term

And finally....

Please remember that you can contact me on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk at anytime. Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher

