



Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

I am delighted to welcome all our New Foundation Stage Families to Walter Infant School and Nursery; the new children have settled in so quickly. I have visited the classes each day and the children have been having a wonderful time. It is not always easy getting used to coming to school all day everyday (we have had a few tears) but generally it has been a very successful start for everyone.

Most of the children have loved their school lunches as well and they seemed to enjoy coming into the hall to eat; our lunches are freshly cooked on site by our catering team and definitely worth having as they are completely free for all children in school (apart from Robins)!



The Foundation Stage Picnic

The Foundation Stage Picnic will now be taking place on Sunday 25th September at 12 noon. Please come along if your child has joined Foundation Stage this week.

The Start and End of the School Day

We have noticed that the start of the school day is very crowded in the Key Stage One playground; so, we are making some small organisational changes to ensure a smooth and safe **start to the school day**:

- We open the gates at 8:30 am school does not start until 8:40 am there is no need to arrive early
- At exactly 8:40 am the teachers will collect the line of children from the playground and take them straight inside.
- Any children arriving between 8:40 and 8:50 am can simply walk straight into school and to their classrooms.
- Any children arriving after 8:50 am will need to come through the front door and sign in.
- Please can parents leave as soon as their child has gone into school to avoid congestion
- **No children can play on the climbing frame until after registration**

At the end of the school day

- We will be placing cones across the playground for parents and carers to stand behind.
- The children will be released from their teacher one by one once the teacher has seen the parent or carer
- **Please do not feed your children in the playground; please wait until you have passed through the gates**

Star of the Week

I am delighted to award these stars with their certificates for working really hard in class this week; well done.



23rd September in Jeans for Genes Day

This term we will be raising money for three charities Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 23rd September, when we ask the children to come in their jeans instead of school uniform. They can actually wear any sort of denim clothing; dungarees, skirts, pinafores, shorts etc and they can wear any sort of top, they do not need to wear their school jumpers either.



We will also have a non-uniform day on Friday 30th September for WADE (Wokingham and District Association for the Elderly) and Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children in December. On each occasion we request a small donation per child, usually £1 BUT we fully understand that with the rising costs of fuel, very high inflation and the cost of living crisis, that every £1 counts. So please do not feel the need to donate, but we would love it if your children still take part in each event.

Become a School Governor



Due to some unexpected changes we are again looking for a School Governor to help us make strategic decisions about our school and how we can ensure the best possible education and environment for your children to learn in. We are looking for a governor who may have experience of building, site or project management as well as someone with a good knowledge and understanding of Information Technology. If you would like to know more please contact our Chair of Governors Ghislene Lokuciewski on Ghislene.Lokuciewski@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Walter's Pantry

We have a pantry in school stocked with breakfast cereal, pasta, rice and tins of food which can be cooked on the hob or in the microwave; if you are struggling to put a meal on the table at any time, please let the school office know and we can arrange a suitable, discrete time for you to come and fill a shopping bag.

Foodbank and Fuel Vouchers

Mrs Janes in the school office will be able to support you in getting Food Vouchers for a home delivery if you are struggling to make ends meet (as many of our families are). We are also able to help with fuel vouchers, but for pre-paid metres only. If you are having problems in providing elements of our school uniform; please get in touch with us immediately. We are here to help.

Contacting Teaching Staff

Teaching Staff are happy for you to email them on the work emails; please do not email late at night or at the weekend. If you have an urgent matter, please contact me on:

head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Class and Teacher	Email contact
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Parent Consultations October 2022

We will be holding our parent Consultations on Monday 17th October and Wednesday 19th October from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. You will be able to book an appointment online once the pages go live. You will be informed when this is. If you would prefer a telephone conversation or cannot attend, we will be able to make alternative arrangements.

Naming Uniform and Kits

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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 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 of 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

If you have any safeguarding worries or concerns, Mrs Bell is now our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, alongside myself.



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

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term September and October 2022		
Date	Event	Time
12 th ~ 16 th September 2022	Foundation children starting school	
21 st September 2022	World Active Day	All day
21 st September 2022	Year 1 Reading and Phonics meeting in hall for parents	2:15 pm
22 nd September 2022	Individual Photographs	All day
22 nd September 2022	Louis Taylor Road Safety Show	PM
23 rd September 2022	Jeans for Genes Day	All day
25 th September 2022 (Sunday)	Foundation Stage Picnic	12 noon until 2:00pm
30 th September 2022	Non-uniform Day for WADE	All day
4 th and 6 th October	Year 2 trips to Lego Land	All day
6 th October	Census Day	
5 th October 2022	FS2 Reading and Phonics meeting in hall for parents	2:15 pm
7 th October 2022	AGM for PTA (new members of staff more than welcome)	2:30 pm
17 th and 19 th Parent Consultations	All teachers, in hall (face to face) (Appointments made on line)	3:30 till 6:30 pm
21 st October 2022	Diwali and Halloween Craft Bags to go home	Distributed by PTA