



## Friday Flyer 2022



Dear Walter Families,



### The Elves are Back!

The whole school has been taken over by elves; they have even high-jacked my computer and the Friday Flyer! The children are so excited but the elves are causing havoc in every classroom! Look at the evidence and ask your child what the elf in their class has been up to!



### Dress the Tree Winners

William and Alice are the winners and will be invited to Dress the Tree in Wokingham Town Centre on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 6:00 pm. There will be Carol Singing and a chance to see the children place their decorations on the tree for all to see during the Christmas Period. The staff voted for the winners and chose William's as he had clearly done most of the work himself and Alice's for int's originality and sustainability. They had both met the brief for the decoration to be weather proof too. Thank you for all the entries, which will adorn our own school Christmas Tree which has been kindly donated by Green Christmas Trees, situated at the Leathern Bottle [Green Christmas Trees - Wokingham](http://christmastreeswokingham.co.uk) ([christmastreeswokingham.co.uk](http://christmastreeswokingham.co.uk))



TREAT  
EVERYDAY  
LIKE CHRISTMAS

I JUST LIKE  
TO SMILE  
SMILING'S  
MY FAVORITE

WE ELVES  
TRY TO STICK TO THE  
4 MAIN FOOD GROUPS  
CANDY  
CANDY CANES  
CANDY CORNS  
& SYRUP

YOU HAVE SUCH A  
pretty face  
YOU SHOULD BE ON A  
Christmas  
CARD!

THE BEST WAY  
TO SPREAD  
CHRISTMA  
CHEER  
IS SINGING LOUD  
FOR ALL TO HEAR

## The Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair; it was wonderful! You are literally the most amazing and supportive families EVER! We were overwhelmed, not only by your incredible generosity with donations but also your spending power on the day! We had a target of £2000 and we are sure we will have met it if not exceeded it. Thank you to our PTA who ran the cake stall and the pre-owned uniform stall. All the beautiful cakes sold out! The tombolas were huge success, and the raffle was too! If you won a prize and were not present when we drew the tickets, you will receive a phone call on Monday inviting you to come and collect your prizes. I have taken a few photos of the stalls to illustrate what an amazing community we have!

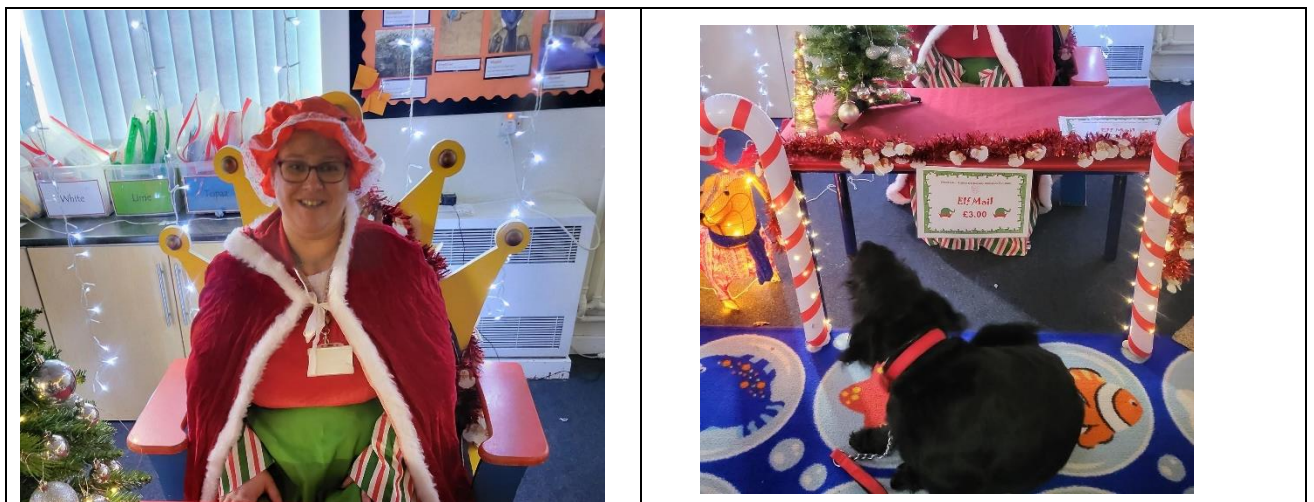




We will let you know the total profit as soon as we have it and as I said, we just cannot thank you enough. I would also like to thank my amazing staff team who worked so hard and like clockwork to make it the best it can be; I think Mr Fennell could set up his own hot dog stall and the World Foods were so delicious!

### Elf Mail

It was wonderful to be visited by Mrs Christmas and her Elves for our Elf Mail; the letters are soon to be collected by the elves for the North Pole, but there is still time to post your letter as we will not have the collection until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you need a new copy of the letter template, or you would like to write your own, please post it in the post box with a £3 postage cost. The elves and Mrs Christmas (and Mrs Legg) had the most wonderful grotto, which Walter really enjoyed too!





### Christmas Boxes for Children at Walter

The children who are expected to receive Christmas Boxes have been nominated by their teachers for a variety of reasons, but all of them have shown amazing resilience against adversity of one type or another. We are so proud of each and everyone of them for working hard to overcome barriers to learning. It is wonderful that so many of our families want to help out at this time of year when we are all feeling the effects of the Cost of Living Crisis and the Fuel Costs! THANK YOU.

- **Nativity Plays for Year 1:**  
**Larch Class @ 2:20 pm 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Oak Class @ 2:20 pm 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Beech Class @ 2:20 pm 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022**
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Jumper Day (the children can come to school in festive clothing and make a £1 donation to Save the Children)**
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas School Lunch (information will follow)**
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ Foundation Stage Christmas Shows (morning and afternoon)**
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Parties for ALL classes**
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December ~ I Rock Concert in the afternoon ~ information will go directly to the parents of the children taking part**
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 2:30 pm ~ Year 2 Christmas Singing Extravaganza, all year 2 parents welcome**
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December ~ Last Day of Term! (Finishing 1 hour early).**

### Star of the Week

Congratulations Stars ~ we had quite a few stars this week as the whole of Willow Class were awarded a star of the week for sharing their understanding of Tolerance and Respecting differences. Mable and Kyra accepted the certificate on behalf of all the children



## The Cost of Living Crisis

As we all begin to navigate the Cost of Living Crisis I thought I would share with you some research I have done about the support that could be available for all households from the Government:

# Help for Households

If you follow the link at the top you may be able to find additional support for your families.

## **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/>

Please contact me if you need to on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

**Judy Wheeler: Headteacher**

**Watch out for those Elves! I am sure they have been messing around with this flyer!**



