



Walter Infant School & Nursery

To be the best I can be



Friday Flyer 2022

Dear Walter Families,

We have had a very eventful week at Walter Infant School and Nursery; including the most terrible surprise. We had an intruder in the Year 1 classrooms; as I arrived early on Wednesday morning (without Walter) I spotted two red handprints on the open window of Oak class. I was very alarmed and quickly ran round to see what was going on. The classroom was a dreadful mess; it had been ransacked! I could not believe my eyes. Mrs Stevens was very worried at first as we had no idea what had happened. Slowly the clues revealed themselves and it was clear that Goldilocks had visited the Year 1 classrooms and had not displayed our Walter Values. She had thrown porridge oats all of the place, poured jelly onto the teacher's chairs, smeared anti-bac gel and hand soap everywhere AND in Larch Class she had even cut the tails off the My Little Ponies! She had written her name on the tables with paint. Painty hand prints were all over the other windows too as well as pink graffiti saying "he, he, he!" The Year 1 children were in shock. Take a look at the evidence below!





As you can see from Leilah's work, the roving reporters in Year 1 have been writing reports for the school governors, to explain just what has been going on! Well done Year 1; you have done some truly amazing writing this week and demonstrated our value for this week, resilience! Our investigations will continue: if you know anything at all please share your information with a Year 1 child!

Hard Times!

Hard times are ahead for us all with the regular inflation rises, interest rate increases, petrol costs and huge rises in gas and electricity charges! If you are having difficulties, please do not be too proud to ask for help. We can help with foodbank and gas/electricity vouchers, school uniform, shoes, PE Kits, school trips and breakfast and tea time meals. Walter's Pantry is well stocked in school with breakfast cereals and tea time meals. Please speak to Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the school office in complete confidentiality. You can come

in, phone or email. Some parents are still very kindly donating £20 to school for us to pass forward to a family in distress. Thank you so much. If you are able to donate we will be able to find a family who could really do with a helping hand. All done anonymously.



Increase in Covid 19 Cases in Wokingham Schools

You may have heard on the news lately that the number of Covid 19 Cases is on the rise; we have noticed a small rise in our school but other schools are really struggling to keep their classes open due to the number of positive cases in staff. Our updated Risk Assessment is on the website. If your child has symptoms of Covid 19, which may well present as cold like symptoms, such as a cough, headache, runny nose, lethargy etc they may have the virus and need to do a PCR test NOT and LFD test. LFD tests are for people who have no symptoms. If we ask you to test your child when they have presented with symptoms, we do mean that you have a PCR test. The nearest drive in centre is at Mere oak Park and Ride. For more information, please follow this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

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When to stay at home if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) and what to do - NHS

Find out how and when to stay at home and avoid contact with others because you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive. While you're no longer required by law to self-isolate if you have COVID-19, you should still stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This helps ...

www.nhs.uk

SATs tests in Year 2

This week our Year 2 children have been practising taking SATs tests for the first time and we have taken delivery of the SATs papers, which are all securely locked away in sealed boxes! We are practising so that when the Year 2 children take the tests they will be familiar with the arrangements we have to put in place, such as silence in the room, children sitting away from each other and no help or support from the adults in the class. This is different from how the children usually demonstrate that they know more, can do more and that they remember more. The SATs are just one element of the Teacher Assessment process for assessment attainment. We have sent an invitation to Year 2 parents to attend a meeting in school on Thursday 31st March 2022. We will hold the meeting in the afternoon at 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. We will record this meeting and upload it to our website, for those who are unable to attend. We will be sharing information about the Year 2 expectations and assessments, with a particular focus on the SATs.

We will also discuss the role the SATs play when assessing your child, including how we determine an end of year judgement of their progress. There will be opportunities to ask questions and to see example questions from the 2019 tests.

Once the meeting has concluded, we will be sharing the presentation, additional information and previous SATs test papers on the school's website. You can find all the previous SATs test papers for the current National Curriculum here: <https://tinyurl.com/yddb283f> (you will need to scroll down past the Key Stage 2 papers).

Teaching Vacancy

Please visit our website to view our advert for a part time fully qualified teacher or newly qualified teacher for a job share in Year 1 from the 1st of September 2022. The vacancy is for a teacher to work two and a half days a week, planning and delivering the teaching and learning opportunities for 30 Year One children in partnership with another teacher and a full-time Learning Support Assistant. We will be advertising from next week so please look out for the advert on our website. If you know anyone who is teaching elsewhere and would like to teach at the best school ever! Please let them know that we are looking for a kind, caring and nurturing teacher (who really likes children) and someone who enjoys having fun in a school where no two days are the same.

The School Council and the Chocolate Tombola

The School Council are organising a chocolate tombola to take place on Thursday 7th April 2022 at 2:15 pm. We sent out a flyer yesterday with all the information. Next Friday 1st April is going to be a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate (it is not an April Fool's joke!!!). If you can, please donate some 'Easter' chocolate for the tombola. The School Councillors will be ready to collect your chocolate from you at 8:30 am and they are all very excited.

The tickets will be 20p each and there will be a prize for every ticket ending in 0 or 5. There will be at least one chocolate Walter! The children who attend Energy Kidz will be able to buy tickets early with support from the School Council and the adults in their class. Hopefully the tombola will be outside. The School Council are very keen to buy lots of books for our outside reading garden!

In our meeting we have agreed that we would like all our fundraising for the summer term to be for the children who are suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine. Our first project will be collecting all your copper coins. From April 25th we will have a collection bucket available in the entrance to school for 1p and 2p coins so please start saving them up for us to donate to help the children of Ukraine.



Parent Teacher Association PTA Easter Egg Hunt

The PTA are raising funds for the new Reading Garden by organising an Easter Hunt which will take place on 4th, 5th and 6th of April during the school day. The children will be invited to go into the playground with their teacher and search for a hidden Easter Bunny to then decorate. The children will also be given a sweet treat to enjoy. Please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/walterinfantspta to pay £2 for each child. You can also pay by cash – please put £2 in an envelope, add your child's name and class on the front and post it in the red letterbox by the school office.

Funny Bunny Competition 2022



To end the Spring term on a hopping high, we are holding our first ever Funny Bunny Competition. One lucky member of staff will get to dress up as the Easter Bunny on the last day of term, Thursday 7th April. To decide which member of staff it is - we invite you and the children to pay £1 to vote for the staff member you'd most like to see dressed as the Easter Bunny. You can vote as many times as you like!

There are three ways to vote:

- 1. Scan the QR code, on the posters dotted around school, and follow the link to pay £1 by card. All of the posters are displayed on the outdoor display board in the playground.**
- 2. Click on the staff members link (see table below) to pay £1 by card.**
- 3. Pop your cash in an envelope, with the member of staff's name on the front and post it in the red post box by the office.**

Happy voting! Thank you so much for your support.
Walter Infant School Parent Teacher Association

I-Rock Concert

If your child attends I-Rock Club on a Friday afternoon, they will be taking part in the I-Rock Concert in the hall on Friday 1st April 2022 at 2:00 pm. It will be amazing and I cannot wait!



Stars of the Week

These children were presented with their certificates by Ms Rees at the end of our Friday Assembly on Resilience! I was not expecting to be here but my meeting was cancelled. I loved watching the children's reactions to their siblings and their friends. There wasn't a dry adult eye in the school!



Summer Uniform

Our summer uniform is already being worn by some of our children; it consists of a navy blue, pale blue or white polo shirt with grey, navy or black shorts or a pale blue and white checked summer dress or culottes/shorts (there are so many options). Some children choose to wear cycling shorts under their dresses. The PTA have lots of good quality second hand uniforms too. As it gets sunnier, children should wear sun hats and sun glasses. Please make sure everything is named.



Parent Consultations

Please remember to book your appointment for a consultation with your child's teacher. They consultations will be taking place in the last week of term (see below).

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th April 2022 will be our Spring Parent Consultations evening from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Friday 8th April 2022 our school will be closed for lessons and open for Parent Consultations; 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will have a creche facility for children to attend when their parents are meeting with teachers.

Poppy's Playtime

A parent has made me aware of Poppy's Playtime:

Poppy Playtime is a survival horror video game developed and published by indie developer MOB Games. The first chapter was released on Steam for Microsoft Windows on October 12, 2021, and later released for Android and iOS on March 11, 2022.

[Wikipedia](#)

The characters in the programme are vengeful and out to hurt and scare the participants/children! There are no restrictions and it is very frightening. There is a really, really scary character called "Huggy-Wuggy"; he is very ugly and has hundreds of razor sharp teeth.

Common Sense Media cautions parents, "While there's no graphic violence or gore, there are splatters of blood throughout the factory. Also, **the horror nature of the game will likely be too scary for younger audiences.**"

The game does not appear to have any age restrictions however the developers have recommended for players age 8+.

Please be mindful that allowing children to look at images, play games or watch programmes that are not considered suitable for young children because they can find it very difficult to separate real life and fantasy, could be a safeguarding issue.

Pupil Premium Funding Changes

There have been some changes to the requirements for families who 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! Please visit this link to see if your child may be entitled to the grant.

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-based Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit
- 5) Pension Credit.
Working tax credit
- 6) Support as a result of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit (if a household is earning less than £7,400 per year)

As stated previously, any child that is currently receiving free school meals is eligible for pupil premium funding. It's incredibly important that parents make the school aware that their child is eligible for this as it will automatically allow the school to receive extra funding that will go towards the betterment of their child's education.

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,
Enjoy the sunshine!

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022-2023

4th April	Foundation Easter Hunt
5th April	Year 1 Easter Hunt
6th April	Year 2 Easter Hunt
6th April	Spring Parent Consultations
7th April	Funny Bunny Competition Chocolate Tombola
7th April	End of Term (finishing 1 hour early)
8th April	Spring Parent Consultations
28th April	Class School Photos

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

There will be other exciting events that are not yet in the diary. We will let you know dates as soon as we can.