

# Friday Flyer!

# Dear Walter Families,

Wow! We made it! What a term! I have never been as proud of my school as I have been this term. My team of colleagues are absolutely phenomenal; coming in everyday with smiles on their faces, love in their hearts and the resilience to face whatever difficulties might arise each day....and there have been many. We have been learning along the way. We have done all we can to keep our children safe and healthy and all of you, our wonderful families, have done the same. THANK YOU FROM BOTTOM OF MY HEART ...for following all the new rules, observing social distancing, isolating and having your children tested. So far, we have only had 2 single cases of coronavirus since this all began many months ago. Let's hope we will be able to manage the virus as well as we have done. We will continue in exactly the same way as we have been doing since September.

Christmas is everywhere around us at the moment in school; we have tried to make the festive season as much fun as we can for the children (and ourselves). Thank you so much for the amazing gifts we have been showered with; we all feel so appreciated and thankful to serve such a wonderful community.

## What has been happening in school?

I have been amazed by the beautiful work the children have produced this week in our Christmas Craft week; our staff come up with so many incredible ideas and the children have learned so much in a week. The quality of the sewing I have seen in both Year 1 and Year 2 is superb. You are all going to be receiving some beautiful creations to display over the festive holiday and many more Christmases to come. We have had a wonderful week as you will see.



















# **Nativity Plays and Christmas Concerts**

We have filmed all our concerts and Nativity Plays which have been sent to you. I hope you will all be delighted.

# Year 1 Scooter Training

The scooter training was very successful and the children learned a lot about keeping safe and controlling their scooters. They also had a huge amount of fun!



## Stars of the Week

Here is our Robin Star of the Week...



We have 10 amazing stars who have been awarded their certificates for so many wonderful reasons; but they have all been 'The Best They Can Be!'



Returning to School on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Please continue to follow all the rules, guidance and expectations for managing the Coronavirus and keeping everyone at school safe and well.

 If anyone who lives in your household or who shares your support or Christmas bubble presents with symptoms of COVID 19 or is awaiting a test result, EVERYONE in the household or bubble must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is received. If **a positive test** result is received all other house members must continue to isolate for 14 days after the symptoms first appeared. A negative test result (whilst someone in the household is positive) will not change the isolation time.

- If you are a childminder or informal care giver you must follow exactly the same rules as above as the children you are caring for will have had more than 15 minutes contact and are effectively part of your household. Everyone that has been in contact with your household bubble must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is received. You <u>do not</u> wait for a positive test result.
- If you are a child minder (or informal care giver) you must inform our school if you develop symptoms or are awaiting a test result so that we can ensure that the parents of the children know that they have to isolate until a negative test result comes through. If the test result is positive all children in your care must continue to isolate for 14 days. Other members of their households to not need to isolate as they are contacts of contacts.
- PLEASE OBSERVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY SO WE CAN TRY TO AVOID ANY HARM COMING TO ANYONE IN OUR SCHOOL.

# Covid 19 Symptoms are:

- a new, persistent cough
- a high temperature (37.8 or above)
- loss of taste and/or smell

You could have all or just one of these symptoms

#### Please:

- wash your hands regularly
- use anti-bacterial hand gel
- wear a mask to and from school and on the school site (not children or if you are exempt)
- please socially distance
- please leave our site as soon as you can
- do not meet anyone outside of your household/support bubble (unless 1:1 socially distancing)
- do not have visitors into your home

## **Raffle and Letters to Father Christmas**

Our raffle was a huge success; we made well over £1200 in ticket sales and we still have some more banking to do!! We also made over £450 from our letters to Father Christmas, so I think we must have raised enough money for the first tower of our new climbing frame. Thank you all so much and congratulations to the winners.

## **Christmas Trail**

The PTA have organised a Christmas Trail around our local area; 30 people have already signed up and it sounds very exciting and a lovely thing for families to do together. Please follow this link for more information: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRjNSF54o-

cwBXXq0CFrPVW7tJzIMJBUGRQNh5Giy1MeknYw/viewform

# **Contact Tracing**

We will be contact tracing over the first week of the holiday if we receive any information from parents about positive test results of children in our school only. Please check your emails daily just to check to see if you need to isolate due to contact in the classroom or in a school club. We have no cases at all at the moment, so fingers and toes crossed. If you receive a positive test for a child in our school please email me immediately.

## And finally...

I hope everyone has a restful festive break. I would like to wish those of you celebrating Christmas and very merry Christmas and all of you a happy, healthy and safe new year. I will be available for the whole of the Christmas period (apart from Christmas day) so please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to <u>head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u> Keep well and keep safe.

Judy Wheeler Headteacher