





Dear Walter Families,

We have had a wonderful week back at school; the children have returned 'full of beans' and ready to learn. Some amazing work has been going on in every classroom and some of the skills, talents and achievements have been incredible. We have completed our assessments and our parent consultations; all children have made progress since the close of lockdown and most children are working within or above age related expectations. We have had a wonderful week in Year 1 learning about dinosaurs, Foundation 2 have been learning about space, Robins have been on a 'Bear Hunt' and Year 2 have been learning all about Vincent Van Gogh. Lots more learning has been happening outside as the weather has been so lovely: take a look at Year 1 learning to tell the time outside:







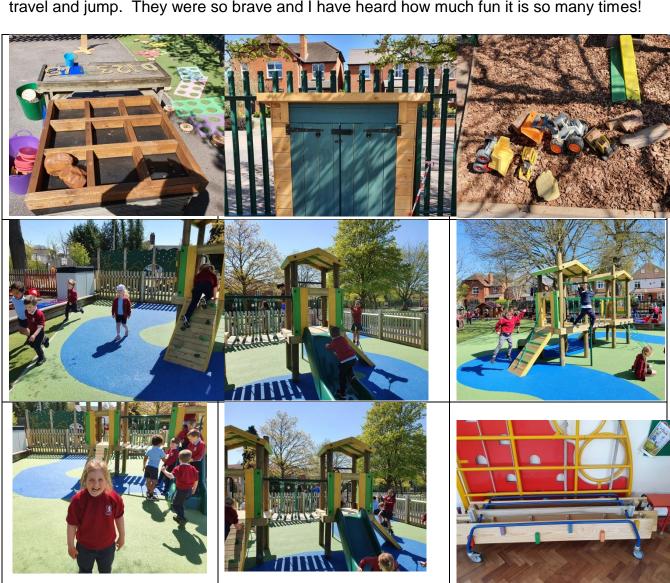
Some other super things happening in school:





Changes over the Holidays

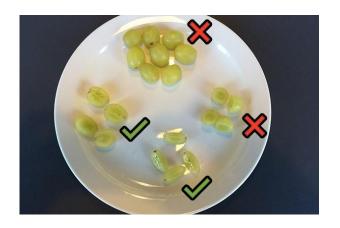
During the break we had our new climbing frame installed for the Foundation Stage children; we also have a beautiful new soft-pore ground covering (that looks like a river). The children love it; they have learned how to slide down the fireman's pole, to pull themselves up with ropes and to jump across the river. They love it. We also have three new buildings; a wooden literacy shed, a wooden numeracy shed and a wonderful new playhouse. In school we have had the hall floor sanded and varnished and all new gymnastics equipment. Between now and the summer, Jack will work with every child (in small groups of ten) so that they can learn to use the new equipment with confidence. The children have LOVED using the equipment – so far 20 Year 2s have been learning how to travel and jump. They were so brave and I have heard how much fun it is so many times!





Packed Lunches

We have noticed that some of the children's packed lunches are not as healthy as we request them to be; for instance, some children have been bringing in chocolates and sweets. We are happy for them to have a sweet treat such as a cake or a chocolate biscuit BUT not chocolate bars or sweets. We have also noticed children bring in mini tomatoes or grapes that have not been cut in half; they can be a choking hazard so please ensure you have cut them in half lengthwise before putting them in your children's lunchbox. Please remember; we are a NO NUTS school – that means no peanut butter, no chocolate spread, not nuts as well as no pesto. Please remember this so that we can keep our children safe. May I also remind you that the children should only have water in their water bottles. Thank you



Sofia's Hair

Sofia Hunt in Pine Class has donated her beautiful hair to the Little Princess Trust, which make wigs for children who have lost their hair through ill health. Having wigs made of real hair enables the children to wash and style their hair just like others. The wigs cost approximately £600 to make so Sofia has not just donated her hair, she has also raised £540 towards the cost of the wig as well. If you would like to help Sofia raise even more money, please contact admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk or pass a donation to a member of staff on the school gate. Well done Sofia, we are all so proud of you and your very generous sacrifice.



Number Day

On Friday 7th May we will be supporting the NSPCC by having a 'Number Day'; we will invite everyone to come to school with numbers on their clothes and request a small donation towards the NSPCC, possibly £1 per child/family. The children will learn how important it is to support charities that help children who are struggling with safety or mental health. The children can come in sportswear (football/rugby shirts with numbers), T-shirts with numbers on, painted numbers or badges. You can customise an old t-shirt in any way

you like. They can wear whatever they like as long as one item has a number or numbers

on – it could be a hat! We will be having fun with numbers all day!



School Clubs

We will be continuing running Energy Kidz as our after school provision permanently; it has proven to be very successful. The children love it and the caregivers are very kind, good fun and professional. There are plenty of spaces available; if you would like more information please contact info@energy-kidz.co.uk We are also running our wonderful Rise and Shine Club from 7:30 -8:40 am each day. If you would like to book a place, please contact Mrs Day on finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Our Extra-Curricular Clubs for this term are:

Monday	Y2 Multi-skills	3:10 – 4:10 pm	Jack Dillon (Just Play Sports)
Tuesday	Foundation 2 Multi- Skills	3:15 – 4:15 pm	Jack Dillon (Just Play Sports
	Spanish for Y1 and Y2	3:15 – 3:45 pm	Bilinguasing
Wednesday	Spanish for Y1 and Y2	3:15 – 3:45 pm	Bilinguasing
Thursday	Y2 Football	3:10 – 4:10 pm	Jack Dillon SoccerinSchools
	Y1 Multi-skills	3:10 – 4:10 pm	Jack Dillon (Just Play Sports
Friday	Y1 and Y2 I-Rock Band Practise	12:30 -3:00 pm	I-Rock
	Y1 Football	3:10 – 4:10 pm	Jack Dillon SoccerinSchools
	Y2 Tennis	3:20 – 4:20 pm	Matthew Reid Clubspark

You can find all the information on our school website:

https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/activity_club_information_/10190

Sun Cream

If you think your child will require sun cream during the school day, please apply it at home before they come to school. The children cannot bring sun cream into school and we cannot apply it in school unless it has been prescribed by a doctor. Lots of sun creams are 12 hours protection and sometimes even longer. If you send your child with a sunhat, please make sure you have their name in it.

Headteacher's Star of the Week

Ten brilliant superstars to begin our summer term; we have artists, historians, botanists, journalists, writers, story tellers and very resilient children. Well done everyone.



Up and coming events...

So far we have been able to organise a Maypole Dancing day and visits from Miller's Ark for Year 1 and Year 2 (there will be more information to follow). We are also hoping to have a music and dance week and lots of other exciting events, such as our Sports Days and end

of term celebrations (fingers crossed). We are looking for other visitors to come to school too, although we will be asking for voluntary contributions towards the cost of the visits.

And finally....

Lots of the children are now wearing summer uniform, we are happy for the children to come in shorts or blue summer dresses. We are happy for children in all classes to wear summer dresses this summer (previously Foundation Stage children did not wear them, but we know some children would love to).

Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine.

Judy Wheeler Headteacher

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021-2022

3 rd May	Bank Holiday Monday	
7 th May	Number Day	
31 st May-6 th June	Half Term	
7 th June	Inset Day – School Closed	
10 th June	Miller's Ark - Year 1	
14 th June	Miller's Ark – Year 2	
15 th June	Class Photographs	
30 th June-5 th July	Book Fair	
21 st July	End of Term – finishing 1 hour early	

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.