



Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

Happy Friday Everyone! This week has been amazing; all the adults in school are in awe of the children. They have displayed the most positive behaviours for learning and for fun! We have seen the children adapt to new routines and expectations and they have been so resilient. I could not be more proud. Today has been the most incredible day; at 9 o'clock this morning we had our first assembly in the hall, year 1 and year 2 together and it was wonderful. It was a very emotional time (believe it or not I was a little tongue tied!). The children came into the hall perfectly, they sat beautiful, and they tried so hard to sing a new song 'Together' and we all celebrated as I awarded 6 Star of the Week certificates! I awarded a further 3 certificates to our little birds in Foundation, who will join in with assemblies in a few weeks. Walter came to his first assembly too and was so well behaved. He was smelling much better too! He also lost his first tooth, luckily Ms Rees found it so he will be able to put it under his pillow for the tooth fairy tonight!





Start and End of the School Day

Generally things have been going much better this week, however, we would very much appreciate that parents from Year 1 and Year 2 leave the site as soon as possible after their child has joined the line with their teacher and learning support assistant, to reduce congestion. Please do not wait until the line goes inside. Children coming into FS2 will now be going into their classrooms straight away so please leave as soon as you have said goodbye. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Mobile Phones on Site

I have noticed a number of adults coming on to the school site using their mobile phones. We do not allow mobile phones to be used on the school site for **safeguarding reasons**. Please refrain from using your phone, taking photographs or filming videos. It is very important that your child is greeted with a smile and a conversation and not someone who is on the phone. Thank you.

Stranger Danger and Safety Outside

I have been informed of a very strange and upsetting event that occurred at Morrisons in Woosehill recently (you may already be aware). A stranger was offering sweets to school children and a child from Emmbrook Senior School accepted one; later on they reported feeling unwell. This has been reported to the police. Mr McSweeney shared this information

a student here has informed us there was a man outside Morrisons in Woosehill this morning giving away sweets. This student has eaten a sweet and is now feeling unwell.

There was also an incident at St Paul's Junior School yesterday: Mrs Taylor shared this information with the parents:

a man was seen behaving suspiciously and after he left, we found drugs paraphernalia in the bushes at the far end of the field. This has been removed and the police and WBC notified but if this is an area you allow your children to use out of school hours, please impress upon them the importance of leaving immediately if

they see anyone behaving suspiciously and that they should avoid picking up anything that might be dangerous.

If your child reports any concerns of this nature, please call Thames Valley Police on 101 and report the matter immediately, letting us know too.

All our children are too young to be out without the supervision of an adult they know and trust.

In our assembly I shared the following messages:



Rise and Shine Breakfast/Lunch Clubs

If you would like your child to come to our Rise and Shine Breakfast Club or Robin Lunch/Extra Hour Club. (Rise and Shine Club will also be available to our Year 3 Leavers.) and who haven't been before, please email finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk so we can register you and you can then book the sessions from 1st September. The following link to the school website page gives details of how to book sessions online: https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/web/walter_breakfast_lunch_and_extra_hour_clubs/10194

Energy Kidz

Energy Kidz as started; it runs from the end of the school day until 6:15 pm and is available to all children from Foundation 2 to Year 2. It is held in our hall (no more bubbles) and the children have access to our outside spaces too. The children love it and get to play with lots of different children forming new and happy friendships. For more information please follow this link: www.energykidz.co.uk

Contacting Teaching Staff

One of the things we have decided to maintain from COVID 19 is sharing the email addresses of our teachers so that parents (carers) can contact their child's teacher directly; the teacher will get back to you as soon as they are able to.

Class and Teacher	Email contact
Robin Miss Samantha Potter	Samantha.Potter@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Dove Mrs Jessica Bennette	Jessica.Bennette@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Magpie Miss Rebecca Prickett	Rebecca.Prickett@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Woodpecker Miss Lauren Rose	Lauren.Rose@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Beech Miss Jasmine Veale	Jasmine.Veale@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
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Heather Pimm	Heather.Pimm@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Mrs Louise Walker SEND	Louise.Walker@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

There has been some wonderful work going on!

In Year 1, the children have been learning about the characters from the book 'Sharing and Shell'; they have been writing sentences, using finger spaces and full stops and learning all about adjectives. Here is James sharing his 7 sentences!!!!



Parent Consultations October 2021

We will be holding our parent Consultations on Monday 11th October and Wednesday 13th October from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. We are hoping these will be face to face, depending on whatever restrictions may or may not be in place. 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. We are trying to get back to the school life we used to know and love; so this is another step in that direction.

Naming Uniform and Kits

Please can you make sure all school uniform, PE Kits, bags, book bags, water bottles etc. Today there are 7 jumpers all the same size, separated from their owners in Larch Class! Stikins are brilliant; they can be stuck to anything, don't come off in the wash AND can support the school as well.



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PE Kit and PE Days

Please can children in Year 1 and Year 2 come to school in their PE kits on their PE days and come in school uniform if they have an after school sports club. They will change into the kit at the end of the school day.



Using cars to travel to school and Parking issues and restrictions

Parking is very difficult around our school as there are over 700 children arriving at three different settings. We always advise walking, scooting or cycling to school if possible. We realise many people cannot do this as they live too far away or have to carry on to work or other schools after drop off. Perhaps you could park further away and walk a short distance to school to reduce congestion. This morning it was reported to me that some parents were parking in the car park and on the pavements of the elderly care home West Oak. There was an emergency ambulance on site and the barrier was raised. The barrier is usually down preventing cars from entering but there has been a malfunction. PLEASE do not park in the vicinity of the care home.

Likewise the carpark for Murray House is private property so please do not park there either.

Jeans for Genes Day ~ Friday 17th September 2021

Each year we have a Jeans for Genes Day; this term it will be on Friday 17th September 2021. The children can come to school in jeans and a jumper or t-shirt and bring in a recommended donation of £1 to support scientific research into genetic disorders. They do not need to wear their school jumpers and cardigans unless they want to.



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

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

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021-2022

17th September	Jeans for Genes Day
28th September	School Photographer
10th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
17th December	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.