

# Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

## Class Closures at Walter

This week we have had to close two classes for 48 hours; we closed Woodpecker Class on Monday afternoon and reopened on Thursday. We closed Pine Class on Thursday morning and will reopen on Monday (just in time for the reindeer)!

We had reached the outbreak management stage of 10% of a close group e.g. class. We asked the parents to take their children to have a PCR test. After 48 hours the children from Woodpecker started to return; 7 children had a positive PCR test in Woodpecker. So far 7 children have a positive PCR test in Pine so we are pleased we made the decisions we did as they could have escalated far further if the classes had remained open.

## Please be vigilant at all times:

- Do not send your child to school if they are poorly
- If they have a runny nose and other cold symptoms, please arrange a PCR test or isolate for 10 days
- If they have a high temperature, please arrange a PCR test or isolate for 10 days
- If they have a positive LFT test, please arrange a PCR test or isolate for 10 days

**Please do not delay** in letting us know the test results; we need to know when we reach outbreak point.

If you are isolating as a result of a positive test and need help with food or fuel, please do not hesitate to contact us discretely via the school office either by phone 01189780825 or email [admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)

## Anti-Bullying Week 2021

Today in our assembly our subject was One Kind Word; focussing on making a positive change to somebody else's day. Our children were incredible. They could think of so many ways to say something to someone or to pay them a compliment to make their day better. Our children were also able to describe bullying behaviour and the 'imbalance of power' that is always present when bullying behaviour occurs! They said that the person could be older or stronger, there could be a big group against one person or a smaller group. I was so

impressed with how much they knew and how articulate they were.

## ONE KIND WORD



One Kind Word ABA **Our call to action:**

- Ask if someone's OK. Say you're sorry. Just say hey.
- In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.
- Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.
- It starts with one kind word. It starts today.

We have been learning the song: One Kind Word by Andy and the Odd Socks. It is definitely worth a listen!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpZ3u5Z6pOg>

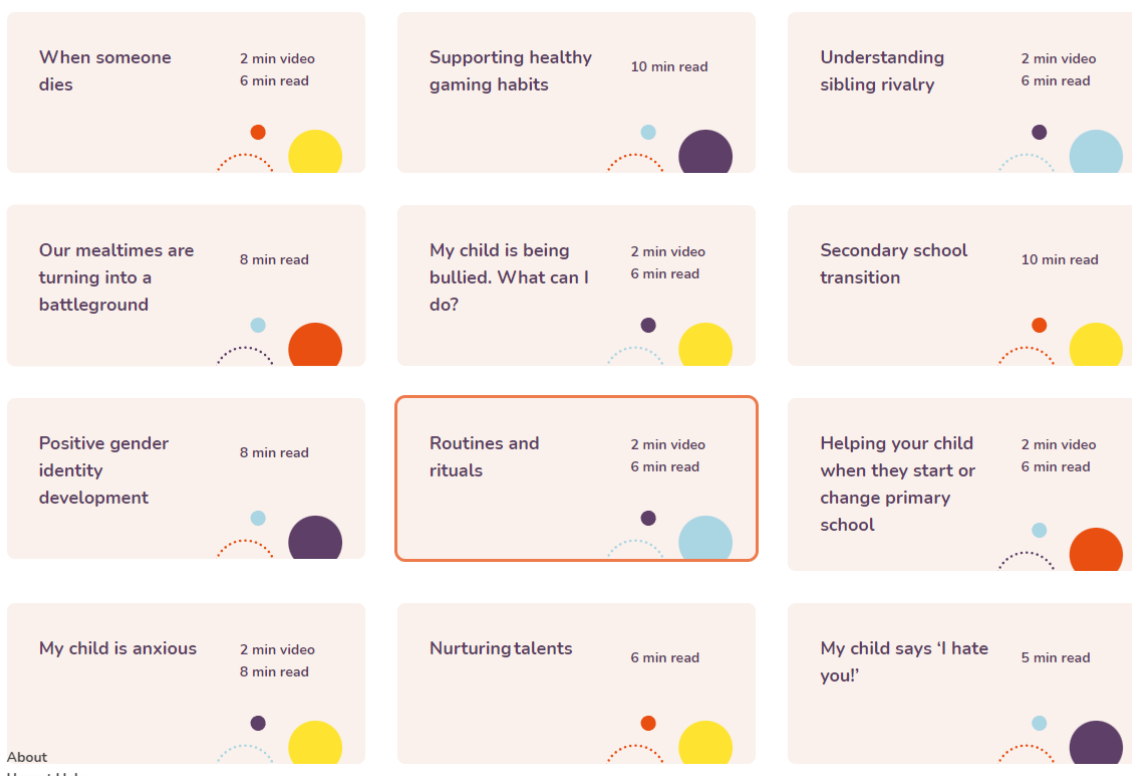


Find out even more by following this link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>

I have been sent this link for parents from Place2Be; some of you may find the resources useful. There is one about children experiencing bullying.

[https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm\\_source=Sprint1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=parenting-smart](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Sprint1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parenting-smart)



### Children in Need

Children in Need has been another opportunity for our children and their families to show how much they care about others. It was so much fun to see all the individual choices the children had made about how to dress for school today! We have collected **£272.42**, 1 Euro, 10 Canadian cents and 2 Rupees! Thankyou.

Bea lost her tooth last night and was visited by the Tooth Fairy; this morning she donated her money from the Tooth Fairy to Children in Need to help children less fortunate than her in the UK. We are all so proud of her incredible kindness. She now has a yellow value badge for her genuine and generous act of kindness. Well done Bea.



<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

This is a link to a story we had hoped to watch in assembly but we have now been instructed to reduce the number of pupils we have in the hall at any one time. It is called Pudsey and the Lost Bandana.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6Pcp9oK370>





## Christmas is coming!

We will be having a wonderful 12 Days of Christmas Extravaganza over the next four weeks! Starting with a visit from the reindeer (see below). We will be having nativities, shows and concerts (Covid 19 permitting) BUT we have to be prepared that they may not go ahead.

We are distributing tickets for the Year 1 Nativities. We have capacity for 60 adults so we have allocated 2 tickets per family. We have to be very strict about the number of people we can safely have in the hall, especially considering our recent closures. The nativities are taking place during the school day, therefore all the children from other classes will be in school. Hopefully they will be able to see the dress rehearsals, especially the siblings, so we will see what we can arrange.



## The Reindeer are Coming on Monday!

The first of our 12 days of Christmas is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November when the reindeer arrive in school; this is one of my very favourite days. We would be very grateful if you could help towards the cost of the reindeer visiting by donating £3 per family through the website. Hopefully you will be able to meet the reindeer at the end of the school day (Covid Permitting) to take photographs. Please wear a mask.



## Stars of the Week



Some fabulous stars this week who have all been amazing!





## PTA Christmas Clothing Sale on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Do you have any good quality Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, dresses or Pyjamas that your children have out grown? The PTA would love your donations for a Christmas clothing sale taking place after half term (ready for Christmas Jumper Day in December!). Please have a look and bring anything suitable in to school by Friday 19th November. The PTA appreciates your support. Thank you xx

**Walter Infants Parent Teacher Association**



### Contacting Teaching Staff

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### **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...**

Mrs Hemmings is able to provide the most beautiful and unique bouquets; if you are interested, please contact her via her [lynette.hemmings@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:lynette.hemmings@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) email. They are available for any occasion.



Best wishes

**Judy Wheeler: Headteacher**

# Walter Infant School



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021-2022

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	The Reindeers are coming to Walter Infant School
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Flu Vaccinations
<b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Christmas Clothing Sale
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Light the School Christmas Tree
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	PTA Festive Bake Sale
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Larch Class Nativity
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Oak Class Nativity
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Beech Class Nativity
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Foundation Christmas Singing
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Raffle Prize Draw
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2 Singing Concert
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Chocolate Tombola
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	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.