



Dear Walter Families,

Number Day today has been wonderful; some of the outfits the children have worn are so

imaginative and we have raised an amazing £369.99 for the NSPCC! Willow Class guessed £380 so they were the closest. Well dome Willow. It costs £4.00 for

a child in need to connect to Child Line so we have enabled 92 children to make that connection and start to make their life better. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping your children join in with the fun!





Are you seeing double?

You can learn more about Number Day and take the Number Day Quiz by visiting our website.



## Chinese New Year ~ Kung Hei Fat Choi

We have all loved celebrating Chinese New Year (also known as Lunar New Year and Spring Festival) the children have produced some beautiful; art work including dragons and lanterns as well as learning all about the animals of the zodiac and the order in which the Great race was won. This year is the Year of the Tiger; as a tiger year, 2022 will be associated with the animal's attributes of bravery, confidence and strong will. Previous tiger years include 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950 and 1938. According to traditional Chinese cultures, Tigers are brave, value independence and have a strong sense of justice. As such, people born under this sign are said to have a commanding personality, and are steadfast and resilient.



Ellie and her family made the most amazing dragon head as part of the celebrations!



# Stars of the Week

Here are our fantastic Stars of the Week; so many VERY happy faces!





## **Lunchtime Controller Vacancy**

We are hoping to recruit a Lunchtime Controller to work five days a week at lunch time, supporting our children in a variety of ways: such as playing games, first aid, encouraging good manners, tidying up etc. If you are interested please contact the school office for more information.

## **Mental Health Week**

Mental Health Week begins on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Ms Rees will be organising a week of activities to promote and foster good Mental Health including Superhero Mindfulness. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February will be Dress to Express Day; we would like the children (and staff) to come to school in an outfit that tells us something about who they are! They could wear their favourite colour, their favourite clothes, a colour to reflect how they feel





We will not be collecting money for Place2Be BUT we would very much welcome a contribution of £2.25 per child towards the cost of the Mindfulness training if you are able to.

School Council Elections will take place in the week beginning **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief, we are hoping to sell red noses from school; more information will follow soon BUT we are hoping to have a virtual talent show!

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022** will be our Spring Parent Consultations evening from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Food Vouchers, Fuel Vouchers and Walter's Pantry

It has been reported that inflation is higher than it has been for more than 10 years; this is partly due to the rising costs of fuel and energy impacting on the cost of food production and distribution. The impact is that people on low incomes are going to be detrimentally impacted. Please remember that we are here to help; Walter's Pantry is fully stocked with food for breakfasts and dinners (teas). Mrs Janes can provide food bank and fuel vouchers. Please

let us know if there is anything we can do to help you provided what your children need to be properly looked after in these most challenging times. All requests and conversations will be strictly confidential.

## **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 provided 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 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 <u>https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/</u>

### And Finally,

Have a lovely weekend and please keep safe and well.

#### Judy Wheeler: Headteacher