



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

I cannot believe that we only have 10 days left at school for 2020. It has certainly been the strangest of years and our children have missed so much school but I am delighted to tell you that our Catch-Up plans have really made a difference. Our current data shows that every single child has made good or better progress from their starting points and the gaps are rapidly closing. We are all delighted and so very proud. I know that it can't have been easy for our families, teaching the children at home, but you all deserve a huge pat on the back and a Head Teacher's award for trying so hard. Thank you.



Reindeer

We are all extremely excited because the reindeer are coming on Monday; we cannot wait (children and adults alike). The Year 1 children will be compiling fact files about reindeer so don't forget to ask them what they have learned. We will be taking lots of pictures that we will share on the website as sadly our families cannot meet the reindeer.



BUT you can buy a craft pack from the PTA; they have arrived in school and are fantastic and seem to me to be very good value for money. There were 50 left but I have just bought one for my granddaughter! If you would like to purchase one of the remaining 49 packs for £5 each please follow this link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/walterinfantspta>



A Big Big Festive Thank you

Mrs Janes has been very busy this week ensuring that the children get their wonderful hampers, very generously donated by some of our parents. We have seen lots of tears of joy from the adults and know that the children will be over the moon with the treats and gifts they receive. If you have been contacted about a hamper and have not yet replied, please do so by Monday at the latest! If you are unable to collect your hamper, Mrs Janes is very happy to deliver it.



Flu Immunisations

The children in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 had their flu immunisations today; everyone was very brave and it worked like clockwork. If your child was absent you will need to make arrangements through you GP Surgery.

Christmas Nativity Shows

We will be filming all our Christmas nativities and Shows next week for every class! They will be edited and available to view in the last week of term. I have been listening to the rehearsals and the children are brilliant.

Dementia Café Christmas Singalong

On Wednesday 9th December 15 children from Year 2 will be singing via Zoom to the Dementia Café members. We will try to make a recording. All the children in Year 2 have been practising and we will announce the 15 children next week.

Our Christmas Tree

We have the most amazing tree, donated by Wokingham Christmas Trees at the Leathern Bottle! Thank you to Mrs Cole who arranged for the tree to be dropped off and to Mrs Hemmings for decorating it so beautifully. You will see from the photograph that the tree is adorned with the decorations made for the Wokingham Christmas tree. We were very proud of Boril and Emma in Year 1 who were the winners for Walter and you can see their decorations on the tree in the town centre.

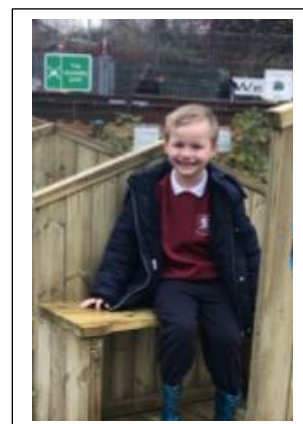


You can watch the Mayor sharing the winners for the Dressing of the Christmas tree competition if you visit our website.

Dressing the Tree 2020

Our New Train

As you know we had our broken old train removed and this morning our wonderful brand new train arrived! It is lovely and the children in Pine class have really enjoyed playing on it today. Charlie had a quick ride at the start of the day!



Christmas Cards

Christmas cards (along with many other things) will be different this year; we will not be operating our usual postal service. After careful consideration we would like to suggest that the children who would like to could bring in one card for the class; this could be homemade or from a pack, whichever you prefer. Each classroom will then have a lovely festive display of messages.

Friday 11th December is going to be a BUSY Day!

It is Christmas/Seasonal Jumper Day for Save the Children where we ask that instead of a school jumper, the children come in a Christmas themed or wintery warm jumper (or dress). We suggest that the children wear their school trousers, skirts, joggers or legging with their jumpers. You will be able to make a suggested donation of £1 or £2 for Save the Children: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day> We will also be having our festive school lunch, so don't forget to order it. As well as our Drop Everything and Dance Challenge (when the children hear Christmas music they have to stop what they are doing and start dancing – just for fun!) And we will be having a Christmas Movie afternoon with POPCORN!



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Raffle Tickets

We have sold over £600 of tickets; it would be amazing if we could reach £1000. We now have a voucher from Honey B for a cut and blow dry and a Christmas Treats Hamper full of all the delicious things you get to eat at Christmas! Each ticket is £1; if every family sold 5 tickets we would reach our target! The gin hamper has two large bottles of gin along with other 'gintastic' things! We also have a beer hamper!

Stars of the Week

Here is our Robin Star of the Week...



All these stars have shown that they are committed to working hard and trying their best. I am so proud of each and every one. Well done.

Advent Assembly

Please open a door at the end of each school day and ask you child what they have been learning about.

The Christmas Post Box



The Christmas Post Box for your letters to Santa/Father Christmas will be by the school gates every morning next week; this is part of our fundraising for our new climbing frame so if you could help out by sending a letter for £3 (good value for all the way to the North Pole) it would be very much appreciated. Thank you – every child will get their own reply (different from other years).

And finally....

We have seen a dramatic reduction in the number of COVID related absences; which is good news. Let's hope it stays that way. If you have any concerns that you would like to share with me please do not hesitate to get in touch: head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Have a lovely weekend. I will be putting up my Christmas Tree!

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher