



## Walter Infant School & Nursery

To be the best I can be



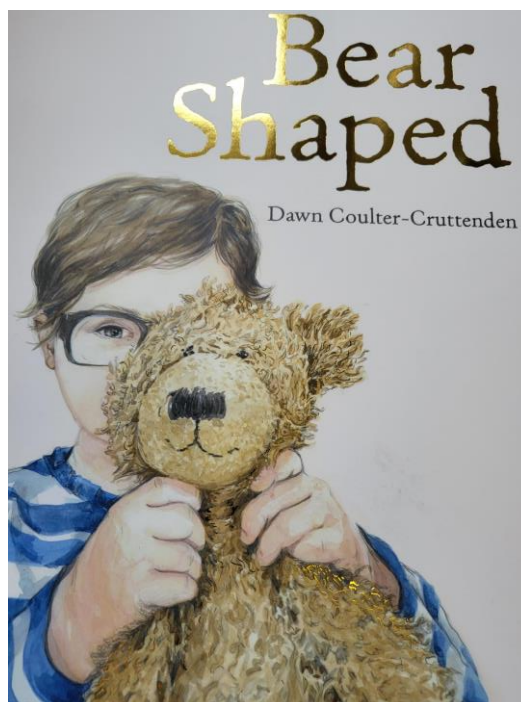
# Friday Flyer 2022

Dear Walter Families,

Today is such a beautiful day and the children are loving spending time in the sunshine. Please remember sun hats and sun cream (if needed) as we move further into the summer months. We cannot apply sun cream at school. The Dove, Woodpecker and Magpie children have been learning to 'hoola-hoop' with Jack so that might be something you can learn from them this weekend.

This week our assembly theme has been Equity; something very important to us at Walter Infant School and Nursery. We have been learning that we are all different, not just on the outside but on the inside too. Some of the children in our school are autistic, these means they see and experience the world in their own, very unique way. Today I shared a beautiful book called 'Bear Shaped'; it is the true story of a little autistic boy who loses his best friend, confident and constant companion Bear and what happens after a plea from his father goes viral via twitter. You can listen to the book if you follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Oyr7ryYA7A>



We are going to be learning a wonderful new song 'Together we Stand': it would be wonderful if you could learn it alongside your child.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFqiE\\_vdu6A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFqiE_vdu6A)



### Parent/Carer Survey

Mrs Hemmings has sent you a link for the Parent/Carer Survey; we are very keen to learn from the information you share with us so that we know what we do well and what we could do better. We would be very grateful if you could complete the survey by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7kkUbV8v4kKKrpNPMDEeRyxhsvdYQhhBhr7QjbbQuAVUMVA3V1pQWVhNSjJVSE81MlcyMUVCWUxVQS4u>

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Parent / Carer Survey 2022

The following parent and carer survey has been issued and will be managed by the School Governing Body and is an opportunity to gather views on a range of aspects pertaining to having children at Walter Infant School and Nursery. It is intended to encourage parents and carers to have a voice on a range of topics to assist the Governors in undertaking their role. Please use it as an opportunity to recognise the positives but also raise any concerns, and where possible, make appropriate suggestions for improvements in a constructive manner.

The survey is anonymous so please don't include personal information about an individual child.

The closing date to complete the survey is 20th May 2022.

\* Required

1. My child is happy at this school. \*

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

### Doughie's Pizzas

The PTA have teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza and cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven. Orders can be placed via the Doughies link below by Saturday 21st May and collected at school pick up on Friday 27th May. The PTA receives £2 for every pizza kit and £1 for every cookie kit sold. All money received will go towards the reading garden.

<https://doughies.co.uk/products/walter-rg41>

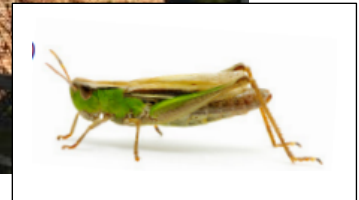


I am definitely going to be placing an order!

### **Woolley Firs**

Year 2 will be visiting Woolley Firs Outside Education Centre on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022; all Year 2 families will receive a letter sharing all the information about the trip. Please return your forms and they voluntary contribution towards the cost of the trip. If you need help to pay for the trip please do not hesitate to contact us.

<https://www.bbwt.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-01/Download%20the%20Woolley%20Firs%20Programme.pdf>



### **Lunchtime Controller Vacancy**

We have one and possibly another vacancy for a lunchtime controller at Walter Infant School and Nursery; if you would like to be considered for the role please contact Mrs Janes in the Office and she will be able to send you a Job description and an application form. We are a very happy school and the children are delightful and exceptionally well behaved.

### **Year 1 went to Birdworld!**







Year 1 had a truly amazing time at Birdworld; learning so many facts about the different birds and many other animals too. I am sure I saw a dinosaur in one of the pictures! All our teachers and support staff were so proud of the children's exemplary behaviours and keen enthusiasm. Every child in Year 1 is a star of the week!



The Year One children have been hunting for snails as part of their animals project; we have lots of slugs and snails in our school playground. I can confirm that finding snails is very exciting when you are 5 or 6!



### **Oxford Road Closure**

We have been informed by a local resident that Oxford Road will be closed from 08:00 am 18:00 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022; it is likely that many of you will need to make alternative arrangements for dropping off and collecting from school. Walter and I will need to get up very early!

### **Phonics Meeting in School**



We would like to invite parents and carers to attend a meeting to find out more about the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The meeting will take place in the school hall at 2:45 pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting will be recorded and shared on the school website.

The meeting will be an opportunity for us to share information about the screening check, our arrangements that will be in place in school and how you can support your child at home. We hope you will be able to attend.

Sorry for sending out the wrong information earlier today.

### Census Day

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May is Census Day! As many of you know this is one of the most important days in the school calendar; please make sure that your child comes to school and that you order a hot school lunch to help us ensure that we get the most possible funding we can! We have fish fingers and chips (always the favourite lunch of the week), Homemade Cheese and Tomato Quiche (delicious) or jacket potato with cheese and beans (the children love this too).



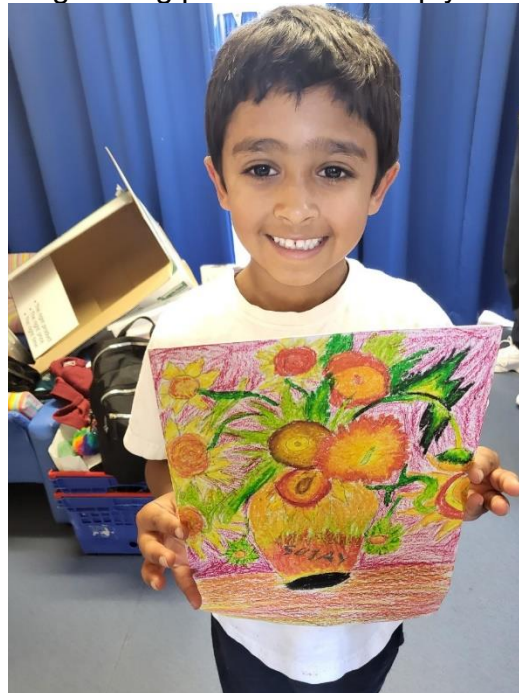
### Raising Money for the victims of the war in Ukraine

Thank you so much for the money you have contributed already; if you have any small change that you can afford to donate, please drop it in the big green bucket at the beginning or end of the school day.



### Sunflower Project

We are going to be selling sunflower pictures to raise money for the victims of the war in Ukraine; we will keep you posted about when they will be available. Here is an example of the quality of work you will be able to purchase. Sujay has produced his interpretation of Sunflowers by Vincent Van Gogh using pastels. It is simply stunning!



### Stars of the Week

You may notice that we have many more boys than girls as stars this week; I think there were some very enthusiastic boys writing about dinosaurs and space! Not only did we award star of the week certificates today, we also gave out SO MANY values badges that I have to order more!



### **Pupil Premium Funding – could you be entitled?**

There have been some changes to the requirements for families who 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! Please visit this link to see if your child may be entitled to the grant.

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-based Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit
- 5) Pension Credit.  
Working tax credit
- 6) Support as a result of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit (if a household is earning less than £7,400 per year)

As stated previously, any child that is currently receiving free school meals is eligible for pupil premium funding. It's incredibly important that parents make the school aware that their child is eligible for this as it will automatically allow the school to receive extra funding that will go towards the betterment of their child's education.

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/>

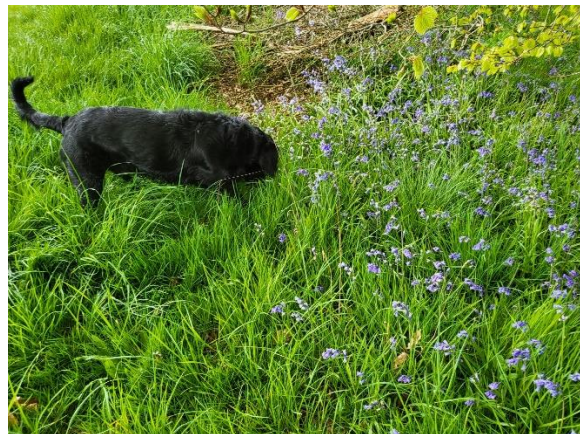
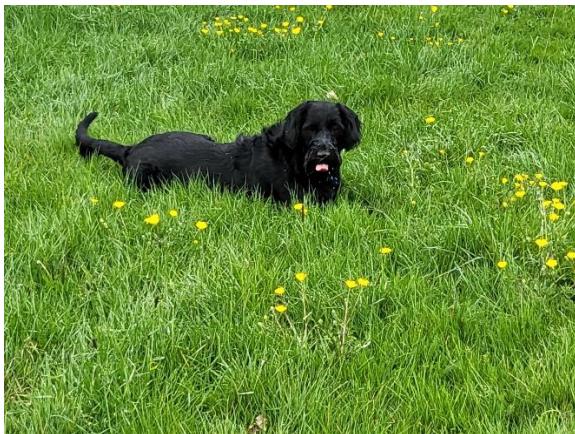


**And Finally,**

Mrs Janes has gone on a well-deserved weekend break; Raya her kitten wants to go too! It is a very good job she was spotted hiding in the case before they left!



Walter has really been enjoying the spring weather as these photos show!



Have a fabulous weekend.

**Judy Wheeler Headteacher**