



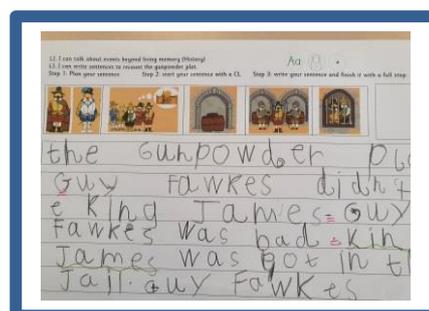
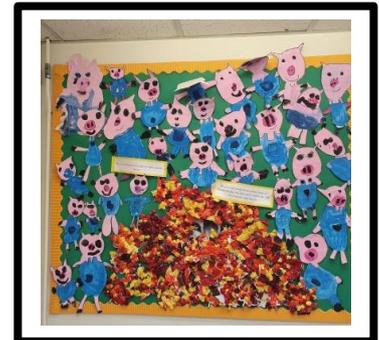
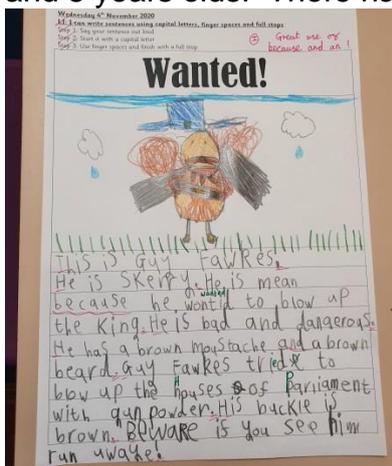
Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone one of you for helping us to manage COVID 19 in school; I know some schools have had some parents who have been reluctant to adhere to waiting in line, wearing masks, staggered starts and finishes and social distancing, but we have not had any of those problems; so THANK YOU and let's hope we can continue to work together as a team to keep Coronavirus out of Walter!

What has been happening in school?

This week we have been learning about the autumn festivals of light; Bonfire Night and Diwali in Foundation Stage and the children have been writing onomatopoeic words all by themselves using their phonics, which I think you will agree is very impressive for 4 and 5 years olds! There has been a lot of popping, whizzing and banging!



Year 1 has been learning all about the Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes and they have produced some amazing written work and artwork. Year 2 has been learning about

World War 1 and remembrance; we will observe 1 minutes silence on Monday. I hope you have seen our huge poppy in the frame in the playground!



Children in Need

Next Friday, 13th November is national Children in Need day; the BBC is working together with Joe Wicks to encourage children in schools to get active! We are a very active school as you know; we will be joining in with Joe Wicks throughout the day so we would like the children to come dressed in any colour sports and/or leisure clothes they would like, for example leggings and a jumper or a football kit! Please make sure they will be warm enough to play outside (may be not shorts)!

We will place a collection bucket for donations but do not feel obliged; we recognise that many of you are facing tough times at the moment; we would just like all the children to take part in the activities.



Christmas is coming.....

We are making plans for Christmas at Walter Infant School and Nursery; as you know it is a very busy time at school and also a time when we raise money for resources and equipment. Sadly we couldn't have a summer fair, our biggest fund raising event and we can't have a Christmas Fair either, our second most profitable event. We have been raising money for a new climbing frame in Foundation Stage but we have a really long way to go! So we would like to do some fundraising around Christmas time in the hope that we will be able to boost our climbing frame fund! We will not be collecting for the Chocolate or Bottle Tombolas this year as it will not be possible to run a tombola at the moment due to social distancing.

We will be able to have a direct connection via letter to Father Christmas in the North Pole and he has assured us that he will be able to reply to everyone who writes to him before the end of term. A stamp to the North Pole is £3 as it is an extremely long way to go and requires a great deal of mystery and magic. Each reply will include a Christmas treat! More information to follow really soon!

We will be holding a Christmas Raffle again this year and the draw will take place on Wednesday 16th December; each raffle ticket will be £1. We will be sending sheets of tickets home with your children; please try to sell some to family, friends and neighbours. We already have some wonderful prizes, a £100 Marks and Spencer Voucher, a £25 Garden Centre Voucher and a £20 Amazon Voucher. We will have a large collection of our wonderful hampers, including a gin hamper, a pamper hamper, a bedtime story hamper, a chocolate hamper and many, many more! If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, we would love to receive it. In the past we have been donated toys and vouchers for services, such as a haircut or a massage. We know things are very different this year so we are not expecting to have as many prizes as we have in the past; Jack Dillon will be donating a prize though!

Friday 11th December is going to be our very Christmassy Day; it is Save the Children's Christmas jumper day (when we collect a £1 per child for Save the Children if they come to school in a seasonal top). We are hoping to have a special Christmassy packed lunch and we will have our sponsored STOP EVERYTHING & DANCE event (more information to follow soon)

Every child in school will have the chance to take part in a video of a Christmas song or performance, depending on their year group, so even though we cannot have a live performance the children will have a chance to perform for the camera!

Reindeer

All being well, the reindeer are coming to school on Monday 7th December 2020. Each child will get to meet the reindeer and learn so much about them. Sadly we will not be able to invite parents and siblings to meet the reindeer due to COVID restrictions. We will be asking for a donation of £3 per family to see the reindeer which will be payable through the gateway. The PTA will also help towards the cost as they always do. Thank you so much PTA.

The PTA will be selling reindeer craft packs so that your children can carry on their fun and learning at home; watch out for information on how to order a pack for your child soon.

I realise this section is requesting money and donations, for school and national charities. It is that time of year – I hope no one feels annoyed or overwhelmed, I am just trying to give you an early heads up!

Stars of the Week

Here is our Robin Star of the Week...



And here is Ava, I forgot to paste her photo into the flyer before half term I am so sorry Ava!





Scooter Training

Year 1 scooter training is happening at school on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December; please sign up if your child has a scooter and a helmet. It is a very useful session and teaches the children how to keep themselves safe. Please contact Mrs Janes on teams@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Bags2School

Our Parents Teacher Association (PTA) have arranged for a Bags2School collection to take place on Wednesday 11th November. Due to COVID 19 restrictions this will be different from usual. Please take your bag/bags to the school carpark on the Oxford Road. Mr Fennell will have demarcated a place for you to leave your bags from 7:30 am onwards; the van will come sometime after 9:00 am.

I have been on to the website to check what they would like you to put in the bags:

WHAT WE COLLECT

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

Parent Consultations

Please make your telephone appointment to have a progress update with your child's teacher: Mrs Janes sent information out to all parents this week. If you have not received anything please contact Mrs Janes directly.

And finally....

I am aware that this is the time of year when we, as a school ask for many contributions and donations. Please do not feel under any financial pressure, we do not want to cause any worries or concerns.

Have a wonderful weekend. Please contact me if you have any questions or queries.

head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Keep well and keep safe.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020-2021

11th November 2020	Bags2School drop off in school carpark
4th December 2020	Flu Immunisations
7th December 2020	Reindeers are coming to school
11th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day
14th December 2020	Year 1 Scooter Training
15th December 2020	Year 1 Scooter Training
18th December 2020	Last day of term – finishing 1 hour early