



# Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

We have had a very busy week at school; it has been great to see Walter Infant School and Nursery buzzing with visitors and all areas open for business. The children have been using the computing suite for lessons; here is Larch class enjoying the new computers! This week we have had more clubs starting, our first ever Street Dance Club, French Club, Spanish Club and Gymnastics. The children have been having a great time. I can hear the rock bands playing in our Thrive Room as I type. We had our first governors meeting in school for over 18 months and we let our hall out to a drama club called Stageability! It has been very exciting.





### Reading Records in Key Stage 1

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be bringing home reading records and reading books very soon; the children can change their books independently each day. An adult from school will record at least once a week after a guided reading session. Every class teacher will keep in depth records of the children's reading in school; please contact your teacher directly if you have any concerns. Please can adults from home read with their children as often as possible and record a comment in the diary for example; Bob really enjoyed this book and was able to work out how to read new words. We talked about how the characters were feeling. This was a very challenging text for Bob but we talked about the sentences together.

Please visit our Reading Hub: <https://wisreading.weebly.com/>



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### **School Council**

We will be holding our school council elections next week; on Monday Mrs Prickett will lead an assembly on the value of Democracy, which will be our school focus for the week. Our children will be invited to put themselves forward as a candidate and we will have a private ballot in Year 1 and Year 2, when the children and staff will vote for the candidate they believe will be the best representative for their class. We will elect two new members for each class. The children in Year 2 who were elected at the beginning of 2020 when they were in Foundation Stage will remain as School Council members. Year 1 and Year 2 will bring home a sheet to complete as their manifesto for the role. The election results will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September in our assembly! Watch this space!!!



### **Rise and Shine Breakfast/Lunch Clubs**

If you would like your child to come to our Rise and Shine Breakfast Club or Robin Lunch/Extra Hour Club. (Rise and Shine Club will also be available to our Year 3 Leavers.) and who haven't been before, please email [finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) so we can register you and you can then book the sessions from 1st September. The following link to the school website page gives details of how to book sessions online:

[https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/web/walter\\_breakfast\\_lunch\\_and\\_extra\\_hour\\_clubs/10194](https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/web/walter_breakfast_lunch_and_extra_hour_clubs/10194)

### **Energy Kidz**

Energy Kidz has started and it runs from the end of the school day until 6:15 pm and is available to all children from Foundation 2 to Year 2. It is held in our hall (no more bubbles) and the children have access to our outside spaces too. The children love it and get to play with lots of different children forming new and happy friendships. For more information please follow this link: [www.energykidz.co.uk](http://www.energykidz.co.uk)

## Contacting Teaching Staff

One of the things we have decided to maintain from COVID 19 is sharing the email addresses of our teachers so that parents (carers) can contact their child's teacher directly; the teacher will get back to you as soon as they are able to.

Class and Teacher	Email contact
Robin Miss Samantha Potter	Samantha.Potter@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
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Woodpecker Miss Lauren Rose	Lauren.Rose@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Beech Miss Jasmine Veale	Jasmine.Veale@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Larch Miss Lisa Palmer	Lisa.Palmer@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Oak Mrs Amy Stevens	Amy.Stevens@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Oak Ms Stephanie Rees	Stephanie.Rees@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
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Sycamore Mr Andrew Herlihey	Andrew.Herlihey@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
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Mrs Louise Walker SEND	Louise.Walker@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

**Our school is looking amazing as the children have produced such incredible work!**



## Parent Consultations October 2021

We will be holding our parent Consultations on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. We are hoping these will be face to face, depending on whatever restrictions may or may not be in place. You will be able to book an appointment online once the pages go live. You will be informed when this is. If you would prefer a telephone conversation or cannot attend, we will be able to make alternative arrangements. We are trying to get back to the school life we used to know and love; so this is another step in that direction.

## Jeans for Genes Day ~ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Thank you so much for supporting our school to raise money for the national charity Jeans for Genes. The children had fun wearing different clothes to school (as did all the staff). So far we have raised **£301.04 + \$5** which is absolutely fantastic. We had an

assembly this morning led by Ms Rees (our value this week is empathy); we were all so moved by the empathy and kindness our wonderful Key Stage 1 children showed for people less fortunate than they are. We are all so proud of the exceptionally kind and caring attitudes our children have.



### **Foundation Stage Picnic**

Last Saturday we had our first ever Foundation Stage Picnic organised by our wonderful PTA. I was unable to attend, but over 100 people did and Mrs Prickett reported that it was a truly wonderful event. She said the atmosphere was so happy and that all our families were having fun together as well as being extremely respectful. Thank you for taking such good care of our school. Thank you also to all who organised the event which will now be repeated each year.



### **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**

Please contact me if you need to on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

**Judy Wheeler: Headteacher**