



Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

We were all so disappointed when we heard that our plans from 21st June 2021 had to be drastically changed as the COVID restrictions were not being lifted for another 4 weeks. This means we have had to reschedule certain events and even cancel our plans, such as our Foundation Stage Sports Day. These are the most significant changes:

- We have had to add 5 additional meetings for our families joining Foundation Stage in September as we cannot have 30+ people in a group.
- We have had to cancel our Foundation Stage Sports Day BUT we have booked a Circus Skills Day instead for 15th July.
- No parents can come to watch our KS1 Sports Day as it is not held in our school!
- We are now planning to have 3 Leavers' assemblies for our Year 2 children on Tuesday 20th July (more information will follow soon).
- We have also reorganised the arrangements for the Year 2 Leavers disco which will take place on Tuesday 13th July in the school playground.



Walter Infant School and Nursery Website

We have just launched our updated website <https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/web>. We hope that you will enjoy the many new photographs and find the site easier to navigate. We would really welcome some feedback.

Miss Veale

Tomorrow Miss Veale will be donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust to make a wig for a poorly child; if you would like to sponsor the making of the wig (which costs £400) please visit our website to make a payment through School Gateway or you can bring cash in and give it to me, Mrs Prickett or Mr Fennell on the gate at the beginning or end of the day. We are so proud of Miss Veale: she is a wonderful ambassador for our school and The Little Princess Trust.



Music and Dance Week

Next week we are having our Music and Dance week; we thought that it was a great idea to start singing and dancing altogether again, but sadly we will still have to stay in our bubbles. But that won't stop us as we have so many wonderful things planned, including our two day Olympic Dance experience. Mrs Shaw will be teaching our year twos a very popular dance which we will share at our leavers assemblies on Tuesday 20th July (keep the morning free Year 2 parents) and there will be so much more. Miss Rose has guidance for how we can all start singing again so there will be music, singing and dancing all week. I can't wait!

Walter at Walter

Mrs Hemmings, Miss Rose, Miss Palmer, Miss Potter, Mrs Wyatt, Ms Rees, Mrs Walker and I began our training for work with Walter on Wednesday and it was brilliant! We learned so much about the many benefits of having a school dog, how to take care of him, what needs to be in place to keep the dog safe as well as how to manage risks in school. Our trainer Jane thought that our school sounded wonderful (which it is) and she was very pleased with our reasons for choosing to have a school dog and how we wanted our children and staff to benefit.

We will have our next training session on Thursday where we learn a great deal about handling the dog and how we can work with him to help our children in many different ways. I can't wait!



Every class will have their own toy Walter as a safety toy to use if they feel unhappy or worried. I think we have found a very good likeness.



Miller's Ark

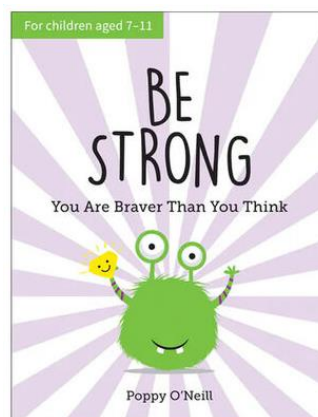
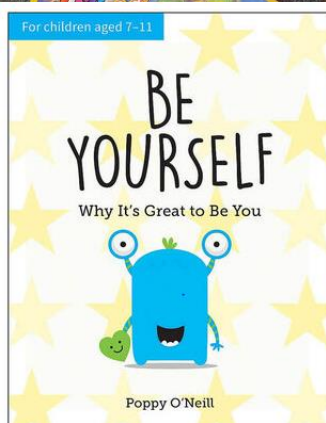
The fun of the farm came to school again on Monday, this time for our Year 2 children; they all had such a good time learning about the animals and interacting with them. There were so many different types of animals and the children were able to find out so many interesting facts. I was delighted that all the Foundation Stage children got to see the animals too as well as so many families at the end of the school day.



Calm Boxes for Each Classroom

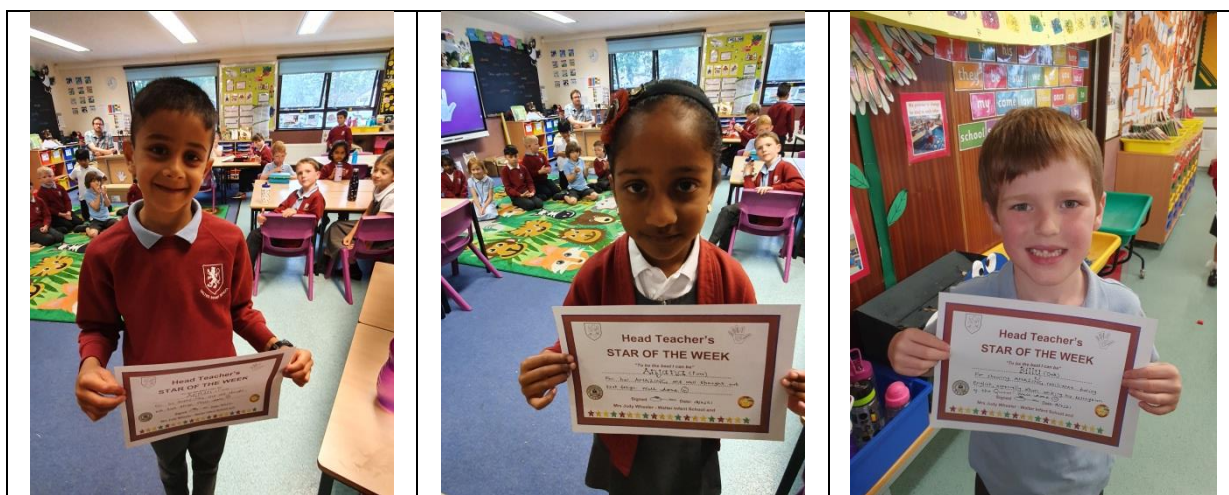
As you know, well-being and good mental health is at the forefront of everything we do at Walter. The safety, security and feelings of our children come before anything else. Our children are getting ready for a transition, either into a new year group, or as in the case of our 90 Year 2s into a new school.

I have put together some Calm Boxes to enable transition; one for each class. These will help the children feel calmer and less anxious as they include stress balls, water snakes, fidget spinners, soft toys, colouring sheets, popping mats, lavender bags and so much more. I have also found two really great books that will help the Year 2 children feel stronger and braver!



Headteacher's Star of the Week

I know that the teachers are finding it so hard to choose stars as our children behave so well and we are so proud of each and every one of them. The teachers are writing reports at the moment and I know they are amazed by what the children have achieved during such a turbulent and changing year! Well done everyone.





Ice Pops 'Frozen Friday'

The sale of ice pops raised an amazing £84.60! Well done and thank you. We will be selling them again and hope not to run out this time. There will also be another system to avoid such a long queue. Thank you to all of you who bought an ice pop to support our school. We really do appreciate it and every single penny raised will make a difference.

Walter Parent and Teacher Association PTA

Friday 25th June Bag2school collection

We would normally be given official B2S bags to give out to families. However this year B2S have asked for people to use their own, strong bags (e.g. bin bags) to collect any good quality items they wish to donate. For every kg collected, the school will receive money - so it's a great way to clear some space and raise funds for the ICT suite! If you would like to find out how the items are re used please visit www.bag2school.com. Please bring your bags to the school car park when you drop the children off in the morning.

Bag2school 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 and bags
- Scarves, ties and jewellery
- Lingerie, socks, belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains, towels and bedding (sheets, pillow case etc)

Walter Move-a-Thon

We hope you had a great half term and managed to get started on your move-a-thon challenge. You will have all received your Beat the Street fobs and cards. You can use the fobs to track the distance you've covered and put this towards your move-a-thon challenge. If you need a paper copy of the sponsorship form, please collect one from the school office. The move-a-thon will finish on Friday 25th June so please make sure any money collected is paid in by then. You can pop your sponsorship money in an envelope and post it in the school post box (please include your child's name and class). You can also pay your sponsorship money online at www.pta-events.co.uk/walterinfantspta

Have a lovely weekend. Please contact me if you need to on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher