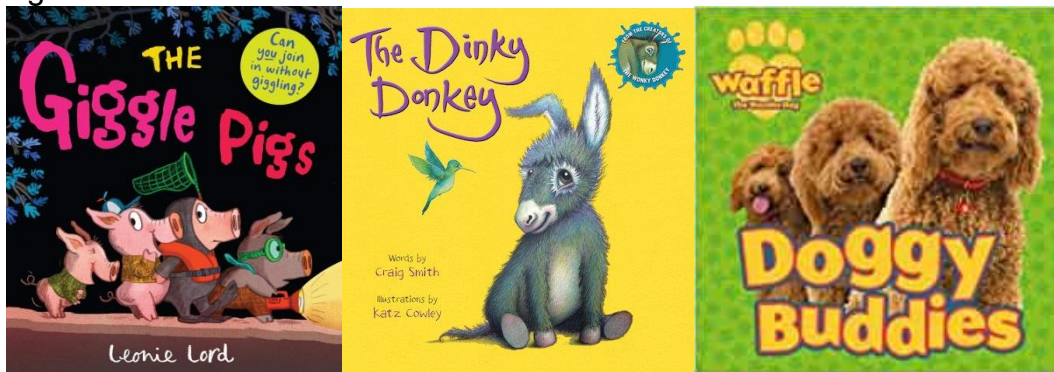




Friday Flyer!

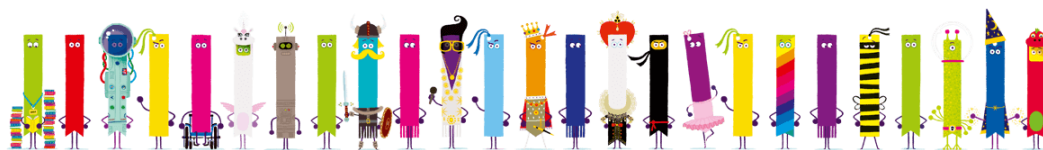
Dear Walter Families,

We have had a wonderful week celebrating our passion for books and reading in school. The Travelling Book Fair has been a huge success; we have had to ask them to deliver more picture books for 4 to 6 year olds as we have sold out of so many titles; so please come this afternoon or on Monday to see what else is available. Remember you can use your £1 voucher towards the cost of the books. The teachers have already selected some beautiful books to enhance our book corners and story boxes. The more books we sell, the more books we can buy for our school so please support us if you can. So if you were looking for any of these you might be in luck.....



World Book Day

#WorldBookDay



World Book day yesterday was a truly wonderful day; the children had to stay inside all day due to the very wet weather but this did not dampen their spirits one bit! Ms Rees began the day with a fabulous assembly about sharing books with each other and joyful laughter followed as the whole school joined in with The Wonky Donkey! We had lots of parents coming in to read to the children (some even came in their pyjamas); the children loved it (as did the parents) so thank you to all of you who came in yesterday and on Wednesday. I will be posting all the pictures from World Book Day on the website.





Stars of the Week

This week most of our stars were described by their teachers as AMAZING! They have also demonstrated resilience, perseverance and excellent behaviours for learning. You will notice we have sisters from Year 2 and Foundation 2, so there will be a double celebration tonight!



Coronavirus

We have had an assembly on Empathy today as that is our value for this week: as part of that assembly we talked about understanding other people's feelings. The children have a very good understanding of empathy and this led on to us talking about our other values, including kindness. We have had several issues arising as a result of the children hearing or seeing information about the coronavirus which has

resulted in some children having their feelings hurt and becoming upset; I have shared some slides with them and told them that coronavirus is an adult worry and that they just need to make sure they catch their coughs and sneezes and that they wash their hands for 20 seconds (the length of time it takes to sing the 'Happy Birthday' song twice). We have taught the children that 'anybody' can catch a virus, no matter where they live or come from, the language they speak or the colour of their skin. We have also explained that they have had viruses in the past and they all got better!



Please read the following information carefully. Thank you.

Public Health England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

<p>If you need to cough or sneeze</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch it with a tissue Blow it Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser 	<p>You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breaks & sport activities Before cooking & eating On arrival at any childcare or educational setting After using the toilet Before leaving home 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

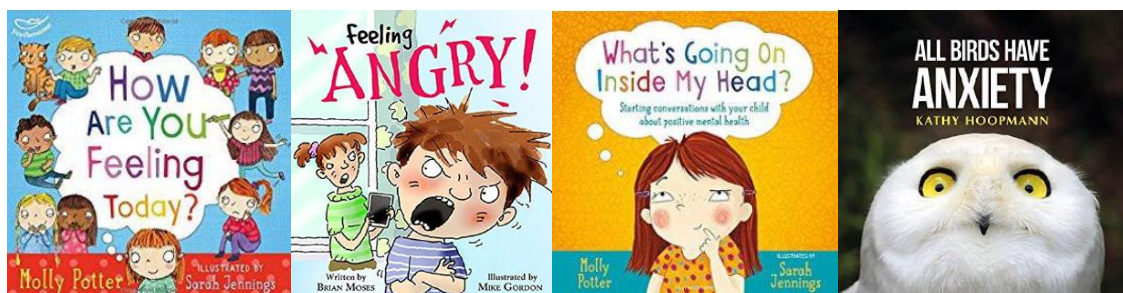
If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call NHS 111 for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings: [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self-isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

Books for Well-being

I would like to say a great big THANK YOU to the PTA who have kindly paid for a new set of books that promote positive mental health and address issues which can concern our children. Mrs Prickett has put together a book box for adults to access when issues arise.



Wool for Pom-Poms

We are hoping to make a wonderful pom-pom rug in our Rise and Shine club for children to share books and toys on; if you have any wool of any colour that you no longer need we would love to receive it. Also if you would like to make and donate pom-poms for our rug please speak to Mrs Hemmings. Thank you.



Magic Show for Foundation Stage Two

'Fred in the Shed' is coming to school on Thursday 12th March to do a magic show for Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker classes. It finishes at 4:20 pm so please collect your children then. Last year it was fantastic!



Tesco Blue Tokens

I am delighted to say that Tesco Customers can use blue tokens to vote for our School Garden Project; we are hoping to develop our garden so that it is a haven for wild life and a fantastic stimulus for writing, science, maths and art. You can start voting from 1st April; please tell all your friends and family.

Goodbye....

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Analiese; she is off to a wonderful new school and we would like to wish her and her family a fond farewell and good luck.



And finally....

If you have any concerns that you might need help with please remember that you can contact me on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk at any time.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020-2021

4-9th March 2020	Book Fair
12th March 2020	Magic Show for F2
27th March 2020	iRock Concert
1st April 2020	Parent Consultations
3rd April 2020	Parent Consultations
30th April 2020	Y1 Birdworld Trip
4th May 2020	Maypole Dance Workshop
20th June 2020	Summer Fair
1st July 2020	Y2 Woolley Firs Trip
2nd July 2020	Y2 Woolley Firs Trip
17th July 2020	Last day of term

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

There will be other exciting events such as school trips that are not yet in the diary. We will let you know dates as soon as we can.