



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

I cannot believe we only have two weeks left until we break up for the Summer and our amazing Year 2 children move onto Junior School. The Year 2 children and staff, as well as myself and Mrs Bell, all went to St Paul's today to watch the dress rehearsal of the Year 6 Leavers Performance. It was fantastic; if you are due to watch your child soon, you will be very impressed.

Parking at the start and the end of the school day

I am disappointed to have to share the following information from Mrs Bell, who received a visit from a local resident in school this morning:

Unfortunately, parents from our School, Meadow and St. Paul's have been parking in a way that inhibits access and egress to our neighbours drives. Although this is not the responsibility of the school management team, we have been asked to request that parents only park in the legally defined places and that they do not obstruct people's driveways and the pavements. Thank you.

Sensory Circuits

Four days a week, quite a large group of children from all year groups attend a Sensory Circuits session in the school hall at the start of the day. A few weeks ago a specialist from Foundry visited the school and was so impressed by our circuits and our wonderful children, saying it was the best Sensory Circuits session she had ever seen and asking if she could send other professionals to school to see our sessions in action; the following has been written by Mrs Bell after once such visit yesterday:

This week we had Jenny Chapman, an Early Years Advisor from Wokingham Borough Council, visit us in school. She looked around our school and was very complimentary of all of our learning spaces, commenting on how she could clearly see the purpose for each area. The basis of Jenny's visit was to see sensory circuits; she saw the setup, the children in action as well as the

clearing away of it. Jenny was in awe of what she saw - the children demonstrated they knew exactly what they were doing and all completed their circuit with enthusiasm and resilience. Jenny commented on how it is evident all members of staff work together to ensure the children's needs are met in a timely and efficient manner. We are so proud of our team!

Year 2 Photographs

The deadline to order the Year 2 photographs is Wednesday 10th July 2024. Please speak with Mrs Hemmings in the school office if you would still like to place an order. They are so lovely, and have been taken by one of our wonderful parents!



The Year 2 School Disco

The Year 2 School Disco is run by our PTA and takes place on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 4:30 pm. The children can come dressed up to the nines in their favourite clothes, but please consider their footwear and this will hopefully be outside and dancing energetically for the whole event! Please follow this link if you have not already booked.



Emergency Services

The observant ones amongst you will have noticed that we have been visited by the emergency services twice this week; by the paramedics on Monday due to a choking incident. Thank you so much to Mrs Donato who speedily called an ambulance and to Mr Morris, who chased after the ambulance after it travelled past the school. Fortunately, the child was absolutely fine after their very thorough checks. We were so impressed by their speed and kindness.

On Thursday we needed to seek the help of the Police Force, who were also absolutely incredible, and we felt so supported. They said that we had done exactly the right thing and have also agreed to visit the school to talk to the children about the role of a police officer next year! It is important that we all work as a team for the care, safety and support needed for our children and our staff. Sadly, members of staff were viciously verbally abused by visitors to our school site and this behaviour will not be tolerated.

The School Roof

The school roof project is progressing extremely well and everything is on track to be completed before the start of the term in September. Luckily for us, we are now able

to replace the roof of Robin as well, so we are delighted and would like to extend a huge thank you to Wokingham Borough Council.

Foundation Stage 2 Assemblies

This week the children from Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker performed for their families, sharing their learning over the last year. They were so brave and so confident and we felt so proud of each and every one of them. Thank you to all of you who came to watch.



I-Rock

Today we had another fantastic I-Rock Concert, to celebrate the children's achievements this ter. I am told, as I was unable to attend that it was superb, and

well attended, thank you. I am so glad to be able to share some photographs with you from the star-studded event.





Parent/Carer Survey

Every year in the summer term, our governors send out a Parent/Carer Survey; the link has been sent to you all this week with a deadline to complete it by Friday 12th July 2024. The information we receive from the survey helps us to evaluate our practise, to understand your views of the school and to learn what it is we do well and what we need to do better. The survey is anonymous and your views are extremely important to us. Pleas could you find the time to complete the survey, it does not take very long, before the deadline. We also ask our staff to do the same.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7kkUbV8v4kKKrpNPMDEeRyxhsvdYQhhBhr7QjbbQuAVUNjdVMUIZSVdEWE9aVdhdVUUhPTjdSWDBGVY4u>

Star of the Week

Here are our amazing stars of the week; all of these children have shone brightly and tried to be the best that they can be.



Empathy

Our assembly today was about empathy and understanding how other people might be feeling; I explained that I was feeling a little sad as I knew I would soon be saying goodbye to the Year 2 children. At the end of the assembly, Amber said that she too was feeling a little sad as she was going to miss me and coming to Walter Infant School each day. Sophie saw that her friend was unhappy and immediately came to comfort her. I felt so proud!



If you would like to see a little excerpt of our assembly, which made the children and the staff laugh; follow this link...https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_1Rt1R4xbM



MARK RUFFALO: Tell them about the word empathy.

If you are struggling to provide all you need to at the moment; we can provide Food Vouchers for the Foodbank and fuel vouchers.

We can help!

If you are struggling to provide anything essential for your child's well-being, such as pyjamas, coats, shoes, socks, underwear, school uniform, bedding etc please ask us as we are here to help. We do not want any of our children to miss out on the basic fundamentals that they are all entitled to. As before, please just ask.

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 nurture, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one 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/>

I am very happy to share your children's success outside of school, send me the photos and the context and I will post them in the flyer.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

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| Tuesday 9th July | Come and meet my new teacher 3.20pm-4.00pm |
| Tuesday 9th July | Year 2 Production – book tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school |
| Wednesday 10th July | Year 2 Production – book tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school |
| Thursday 11th July | Year 2 Production – book tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school |
| Tuesday 16th July | Year 2 Leaver's Disco – 4.30pm-6.00pm |
| Friday 19th July | Year 2 Leavers Assemblies Pine 9.30am-10.00am Sycamore 10.15am-10.45am Willow 11.00am-11.30am |

Please note that these dates are subject to change.