



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the spring break. We are all feeling refreshed and raring to go full steam ahead into our longest term of the school year.

The Weather!!!!

The weather this week has been very changeable and we have been blown around, soaked, frozen and sun burnt all in five days! Some children have come to school without coats. We go outside in all types of weather and until the weather becomes warmer and drier, every child needs to have a suitable coat in school. If you are unable to provide a coat, please let me know as I am sure we will be able to help.

Break the Rules Day!



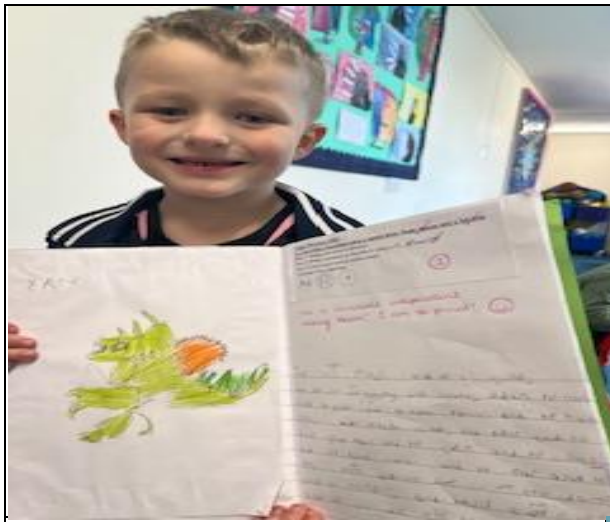


So far, we have raised **£352!!!!!!!!!!** The children have had a wonderful day. I cannot believe how rebellious they can be! Thank you for the very generous donations. The green buckets will be left out at the end of the day for any further donations!!

Our BIG Curriculum for LITTLE people!

We have had a great start to the summer term; the children have come back to school ready to learn and have already realised some amazing achievements in lessons. It is very important to us that celebrate the children's successes in all lessons; this week I have seen the Robin's doing some amazing gymnastics with Jack and Jack. Year 1 children have been dancing about feelings and all loved creating dances to Happy by Farrell! Year 2 have begun their paintings of Starry, starry night (by Vincent Van Gogh); and they are spectacular and they are not even finished!

We have a wonderful curriculum at Walter and I am so proud to see how all our children thrive in the different subjects and topics they learn about. If you would like to know more about our BIG curriculum for little people, please check it out on the school website.



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"To be the best I can be"



Walter Infant School and Nursery is an equitable, safe, secure and happy place to learn; our children grow as individuals in a stimulating and exciting environment which values respect, empathy, kindness, honesty and resilience.

Our BIG Curriculum!

Rationale

Our BIG Curriculum! At Walter Infant School and Nursery, we consider ourselves to be a **"BIG School for LITTLE PEOPLE"**. We have designed a **'BIG' curriculum** to excite, inspire and foster a desire to learn; we want our children to know more about the world around them and to be happy, confident and successful. We will encourage them to be the best that they can be!

Summer Uniform

Lots of children have already started wearing their summer uniform, although there were some rather cold legs when the wind was blowing a gale on Wednesday (or Windsday as Winnie the Pooh would say)! We are very happy if the children would like to wear navy or black cycling shorts instead of leggings during the summer months. There is so much variety available for summer uniforms in the supermarkets at the moment, including little checked play suits. Please be mindful that these can be tricky to get off in a hurry when going to the toilet (especially by yourself when you are 4 or 5 years old) so much as they are super fashionable, they may not be ideal for our youngest children.



These play suits may be very difficult to take off if a younger child is trying to go to the toilet by themselves.



These could be a good alternative with a polo shirt.



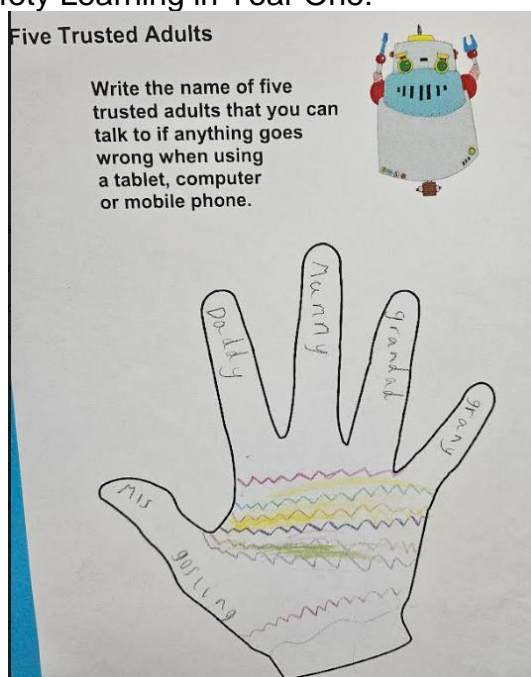
Please contact the PTA for second hand uniform on walterinfantspa@gmail.com or enquire in the school office. Please also remember that we are happy for the children to wear white, sky blue or navy-blue polo shirts. Please do not send you children to school in open-toed sandals, as these can be dangerous when running and climbing.

The Start and the End of the School Day

On Wednesday afternoon, at the end of the school day, Mrs Bennette and Mrs Hembrow were alerted by parents as a one of our children had climbed to the top of the fence behind the football goal. He was above head height and needed guiding carefully down to safety. Mrs Bennette could not see his adult to call for help. The little boy then ran to where his adult was standing, some distance away. It is very important that all our children are supervised by an adult in charge before and after school. We do not want to discourage the children from having fun at the start and end of the day, but if we do not feel the environment is safe we will need to reconsider our arrangements.

5 Trusted Adults

In our assembly today, our children learned about who keeps them safe; they have tried to think of 5 trusted adults that they know will keep them safe at all times. This is part of our Online Safety Learning in Year One:



Please can you support your child's understanding by talking to them about the trusted adults in their lives, for example parents, grandparents, teachers, adult friends and relatives.

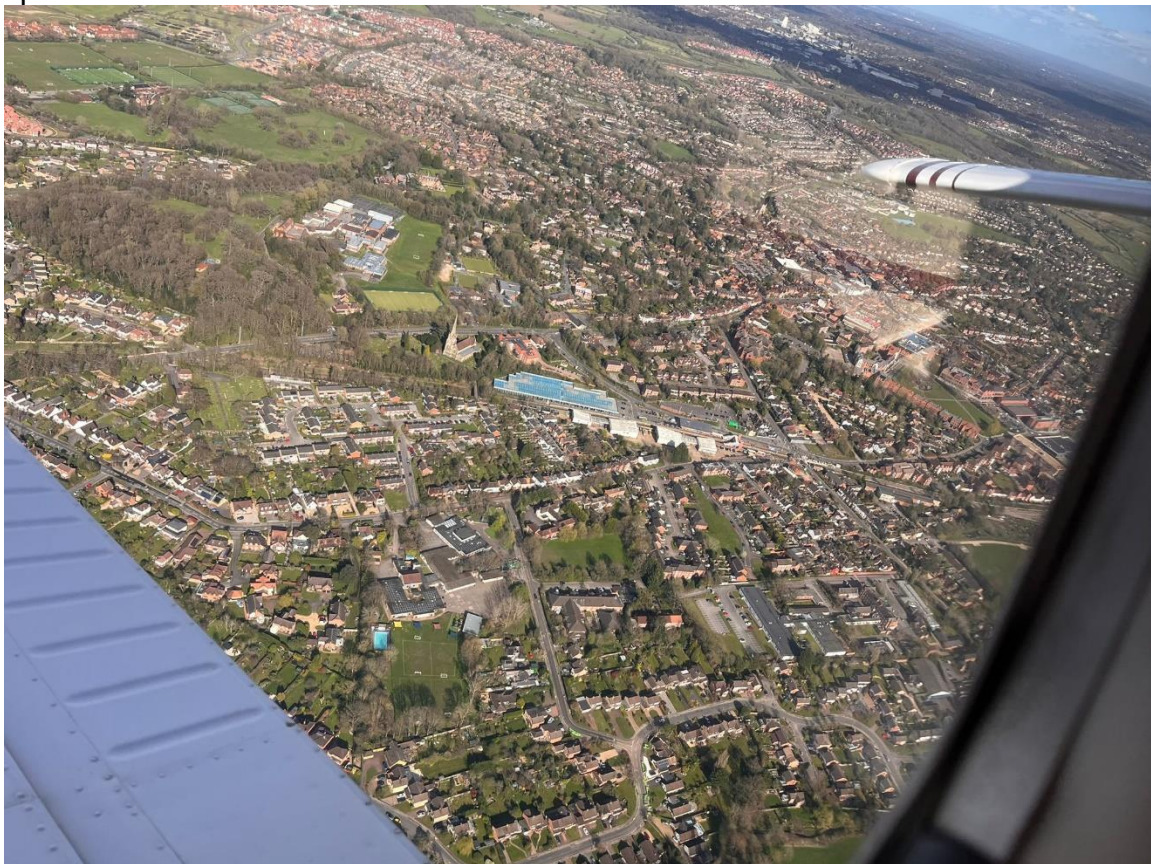
Madeleine in Year 1

Madeleine has been so inspired by our values and our curriculum that she set about showing her knowledge and resilience over the spring break; she collected litter for two hours using her own litter picker and made her own hot cross buns, which took a really long time and certainly tested her value of resilience. Well done Madeleine.



Walter Infant School and Nursery ~ a bird's eye view!

Rosie, one of our ex-pupils went soaring above Wokingham with her grandad in her grandad's plane! They took a photograph of our school as they flew over. Can you spot it?



This might help!



Slapped Cheek Syndrome in School

Yesterday I sent out an information sheet about Slapped Cheek Syndrome; including a link to the NHS website. Slapped Cheek Syndrome is a very common virus in young children and you may not know your child has it until the rash appears, which is when it stops being contagious! <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/> The first sign of slapped cheek syndrome is usually feeling unwell for a few days. Symptoms may include: a high temperature, a headache, a runny nose or a sore throat. Please do not send your child to school with a high temperature (38C or higher).

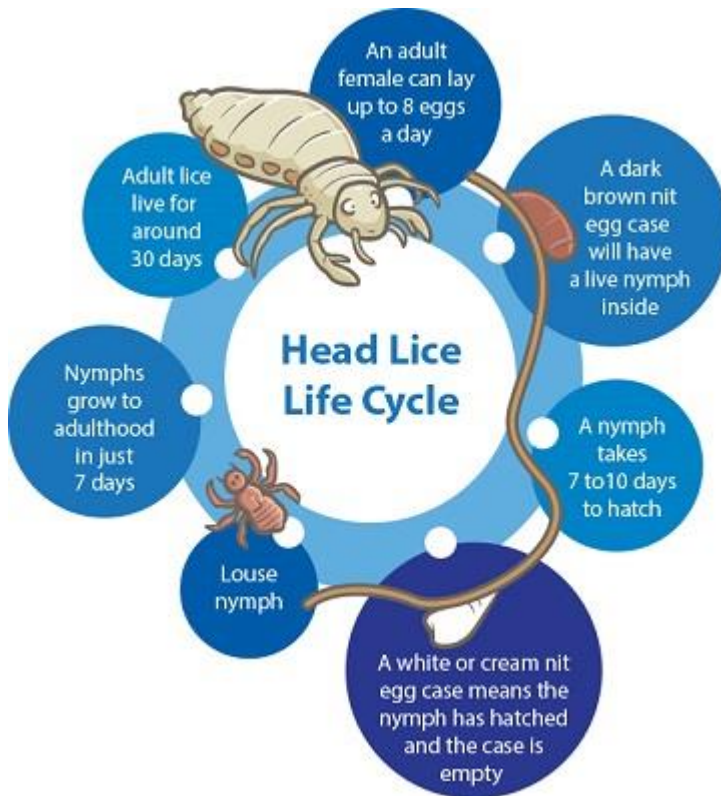
Head Lice in School

We have quite a few cases of headlice and nits in school; headlice can spread very quickly through a class of children but can also be quickly eliminated if everyone works together to get rid of them! Please follow this link for further information. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

If everyone checks their children for headlice and nits today and treats the problem straight away we should be a lice free school on Monday. So, let's all get Bug Busting!



Bug Busting



Bags to School

Please bring as many bags of bedding and clothing (that you no longer need) as you can to school on Friday 26th April. The more we have the more money we make for the children. These are the items that Bags to School Collect and distribute around the world, to people who need them!



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts



Soft toys



Household linen



Household curtains

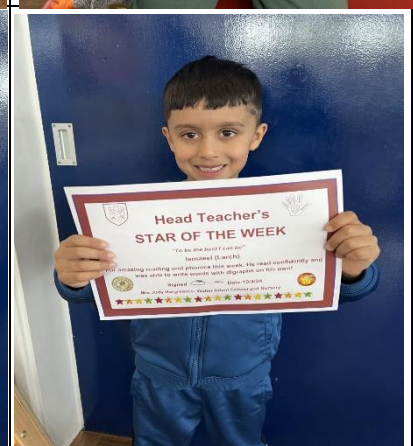


Household towels



Household bedding

Star of the Week





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 provided 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 via
admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

If you have anything you need to send/discuss with any member of staff, please email admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk and this will be sent to the relevant person for a response.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

29th April	International Dance Day
9th May	Maypole Dance Workshops
15th May	Y1 Trip to Beale Park

Please note that these dates are subject to change.