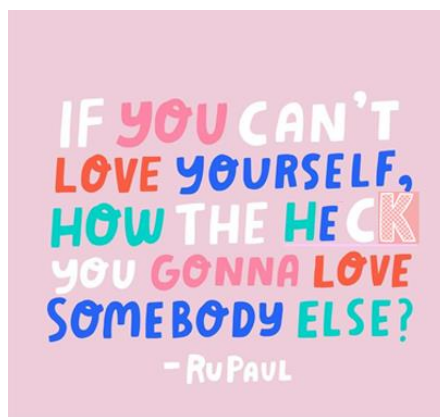




# Friday Flyer 2022

Dear Walter Families,

Welcome to the start of the summer term 2022; I cannot believe that we have begun the final term of this academic year! It has flown by so quickly. We had a wonderful assembly this morning where all 9 classes were singing together along with all our staff. The assembly was about being the best we can be! We all agreed that we have to take time to look after ourselves and make sure we can make small changes that make us feel happier, healthier, calmer and the best 'ME' we can be. In the words of Ru-Paul



The children have been so amazing this week; I have told them all they can have an extra day off this weekend and that they don't need to come to school until Tuesday! They were delighted.

## Lunchtime Controller Vacancy

We have one and possibly another vacancy for a lunchtime controller at Walter Infant School and Nursery; if you would like to be considered for the role please contact Mrs Janes in the Office and she will be able to send you a Job description and an application form. We are a very happy school and the children are delightful and exceptionally well behaved.

## What's been happening in School?

Joshua in Magpie Class took part in the Reading colour run for the charity First Days. The track was 2.5km long and he did a marvellous job running most of the way. He also really enjoyed getting covered in paint! Wow! Well Done Joshua!

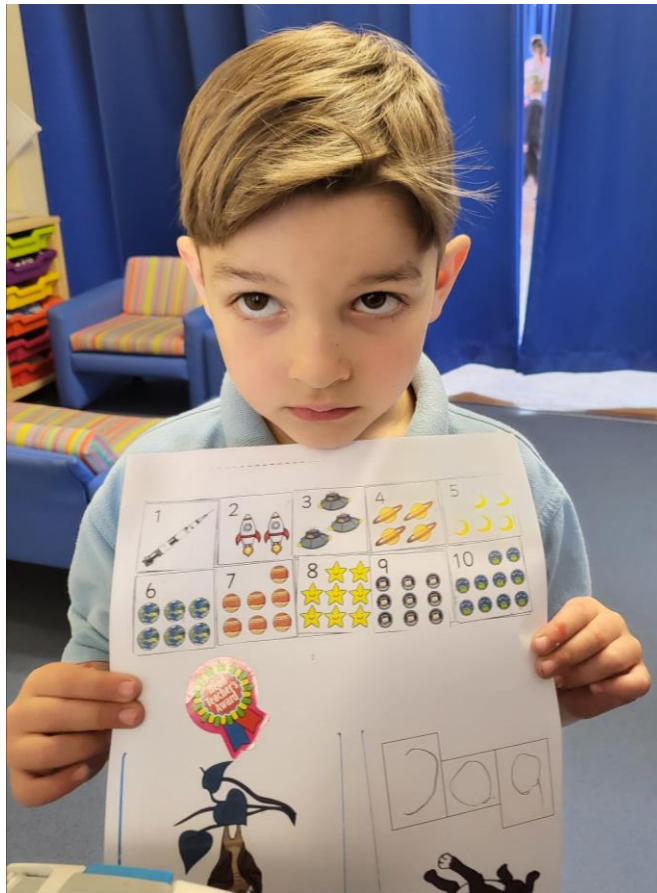


James in Beech Class climbed all the way to the top of Mount Snowdon (with his mummy); it was a very difficult climb and James raised £2000 for Cancer Research! A truly remarkable feat!



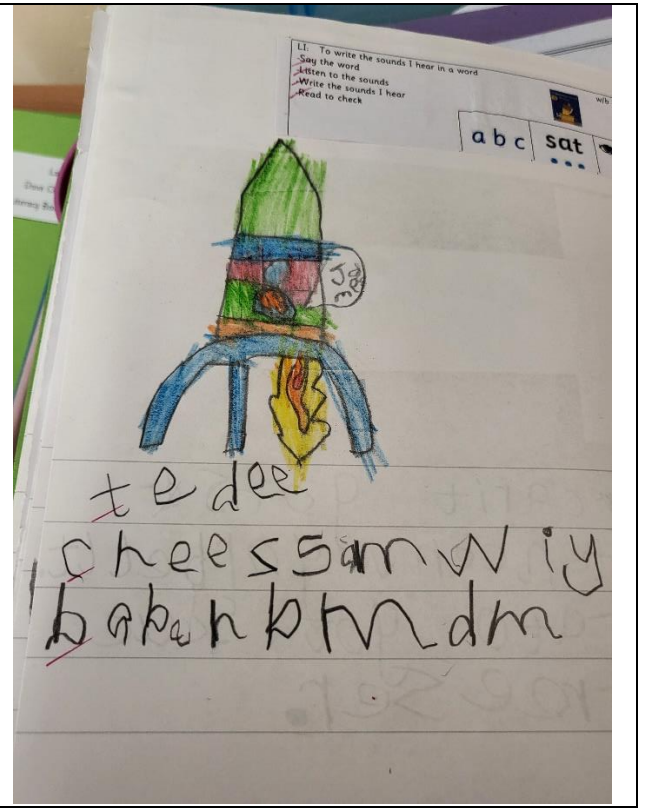
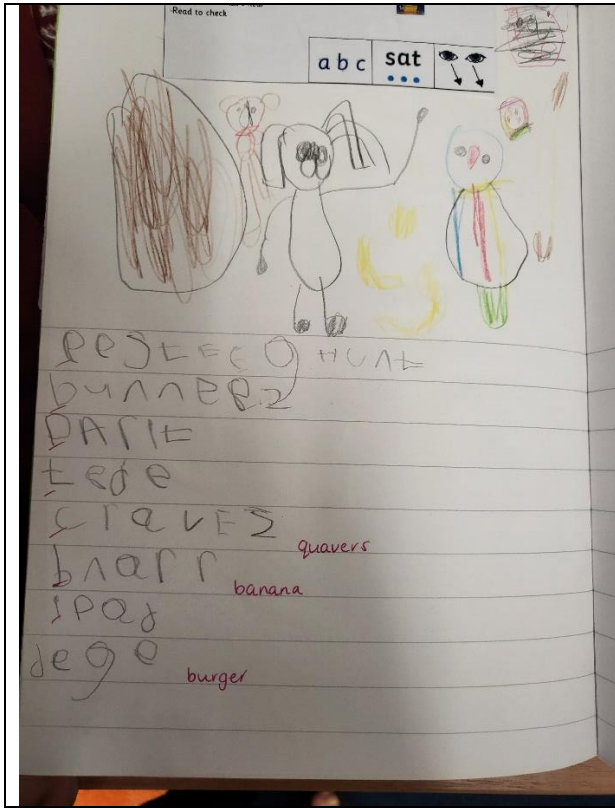
Jerricho had an amazing time this morning and produced some incredible work for Miss Rose; we were very pleased with his resilience!





Foundation Stage 2 have been learning all about space this week which they have loved; they shared the book *Whatever Next* and wrote lists of what they would take with them on the journey to the moon!





In Robin Class I was able to listen to Noah talk about the bears he had be organising in size order; he was making the most accurate comparisons and using the correct positional and mathematical language. Well done Noah!



Sonny loves dinosaurs! He was inspired this week to do his best ever writing and we are all exceptionally proud to see his improved handwriting and excellent punctuation. Well done Sonny; you are a 'writeasaurus!'





### Miss Jones

I know you are all going to be delighted when I inform you that Miss Jones is expecting a baby; this is truly wonderful news. Miss Jones will be with Pine Class until the end of the summer term so do not worry and she will return for a couple of weeks in September before the baby arrives. I am sure you will all be sending her your congratulations and best wishes.



### Oxford Road Closure

We have been informed by a local resident that Oxford Road will be closed from 08:00 am 18:00 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022; it is likely that many of you will need to make alternative arrangements for dropping off and collecting from school. Walter and I will need to get up very early!

### Very Important Visitor

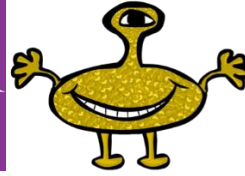
We were extremely proud to welcome Jude Ragan OBE to our school this week to lead a training session on how to support young children who are on the autistic spectrum. She was so impressed with our approach and facilities and praised all of the staff very highly. We will continue to learn from the experts as we want to provide the best opportunities we can for all our children.

### Bird World Trip for Year 1

Year 1 will be visiting Bird World on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May; this is our first Year 1 trip for some time so we are all delighted that we can begin our adventures off site again. If you have not yet returned the necessary paperwork you must do so on Tuesday at the latest.



## Phonics Meeting in School



We would like to invite parents and carers to attend a meeting to find out more about the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th May 2022. The meeting will take place in the school hall at 2:45 pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting will be recorded and shared on the school website.

The meeting will be an opportunity for us to share information about the screening check, our arrangements that will be in place in school and how you can support your child at home. We hope you will be able to attend.

Sorry for sending out the wrong information earlier today.

## Raising Money for the victims of the war in Ukraine

As you know, our wonderful school councillors would like all our fundraising for the summer term to be for the children who are suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine. Our first project will be collecting all your copper coins. From May 3rd we will have a collection bucket available in the entrance to school for 1p and 2p coins so please start saving them up for us to donate to help the children of Ukraine.



We will soon be launching a very exciting project to raise more money to help.

## Stars of the Week

You may notice that we have many more boys than girls as stars this week; I think there were some very enthusiastic boys writing about dinosaurs and space! Not only did we award star of the week certificates today, we also gave out SO MANY values badges that I have to order more!





## Summer Uniform

Please remember if you are struggling to buy summer uniform that we are here to help; do not hesitate to get in touch. The PTA are also able to help if you would prefer, they have good quality used summer dresses, polo shirts and shorts. Our summer uniform is already being worn by some of our children; it consists of a navy blue, pale blue or white polo shirt with grey, navy or black shorts or a pale blue and white checked summer dress or culottes/shorts (there are so many options). Some children choose to wear cycling shorts under their dresses. As it gets sunnier, children should wear sun hats and sun glasses. Please make sure everything is named.



## Parent Consultations

If you were unable to attend for a parent consultation with your child's teacher, please make a new appointment as soon as possible. We are very keen to have a 100% uptake. Thank you.

## Pupil Premium Funding – could you be entitled?

There have been some changes to the requirements for families who 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! Please visit this link to see if your child may be entitled to the grant.

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-based Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit
- 5) Pension Credit.  
Working tax credit
- 6) Support as a result of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit (if a household is earning less than £7,400 per year)

As stated previously, any child that is currently receiving free school meals is eligible for pupil premium funding. It's incredibly important that parents make the school aware that their child is eligible for this as it will automatically allow the school to receive extra funding that will go towards the betterment of their child's education.

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,

Sadly, my poor old mum has fallen foul of Covid 19 too; she is resting in a nursing home close to school so Walter and I paid a visit yesterday! He was so pleased to see her and he leapt on top of her (carefully placing his feet either side of her and not hurting or disturbing her). After checking she was okay, he curled up under the bed (something I have never seen him do before). He is such a kind and sensitive dog!



Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend. See you on Tuesday.

**Judy Wheeler: Headteacher**

## Walter Infant School



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022-2023

<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Birdworld – Year 1
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Phonics Meeting – Year 1

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

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