



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

I would like to thank everyone for their patience today, as we have had no internet for more than 24 hours, our technical support have informed us that our systems are working as they should be and the issue is with the CLOUD! Fortunately, my internet is working from home so I am able to ensure that we have our weekly communication, thanks to Mrs Janes, who will be sending it out from home!

We have been very busy this week and it was so lovely for all our children to take part in the national Well-being Week; the children have been talking about the importance of their personal well-being and the well-being of their friends and classmates. They have experienced a series of whole school assemblies, culminating in our whole school assembly today, when we focused on how we as a school community look out for others, as a values-based school. It was wonderful to hear a little girl from Year 2 say that she feels happy when she can help someone else and that she also feels proud of herself.

I asked the children why we had been wearing yellow, and many were able to articulate that we need to be aware of others, who do not feel okay, and what to do when they do not feel okay either!

It is such a privilege to work with such amazing children and to know that they have the confidence and self-awareness to talk to our school staff when they know things are not okay. We always share with the children that it is okay not to be okay! Mrs Bell led an assembly on how important our well-being is on Thursday, when we all wore yellow!

It's okay
to not
be okay



I am a fan of an acrostic poem and shared this with our children in assembly today:

WELL-BEING @ WALTER

- **W** ~ we all belong together
- **E** ~ everyone matters
- **L** ~ lively playtimes
- **L** ~ lovely resources
- **B** ~ beautiful classrooms
- **E** ~ excellent teaching
- **I** ~ interesting lessons
- **N** ~ no-one left behind
- **G** ~ getting along together

Bags to school

We have asked that if you are able, for you to send in a bag to school; on Friday 18th October, drop off arrangements will be shared later in the week. It is a great opportunity to sustainably recycle any fabric items that you no longer have use for, even if they have seen better days, old bedding and towels, clothes that are past the use by date, it doesn't matter if these items are shabby, as it is all about weight. I am including my old playground coat, it is no longer wearable, but by golly, it will weigh a lot. This is an opportunity for us all to have a clear out and raise money for the school!

Up on the Roof!

Mrs Pugh was able to go on the roof at school to assess the works that have been happening since the summer; she was extremely pleased with the workmanship and also took photos of our beautiful grounds. I am so jealous that I wasn't available to see for myself, but I am hopeful that I will be able to soon. We are now awaiting the installation of our new solar panels.





Phonics and Reading meeting for Foundation Stage 2 Parents (Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker)

We are holding a meeting for all parents who have children who have joined our school into Foundation Stage 2: (Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker Classes) at 2:45 pm on Monday 14th October, when we will be able to share with you how we teach reading at Phonics at Walter. We would love to see all our parents with children in those classes, and who knows how much you might learn too!

Fund-Raisin

We are so lucky to have such a dedicated PTA (Please come along to the AGM on Friday 18th October in school); they have come up with a amazing idea, where by we can fill raisin boxes with change, there is no minimum amount required, 10p to £1

WE'RE FUND - RAISIN AND WE NEED YOUR HELP



EAT YOUR
YUMMY
RAISINS AND
FILL THE BOX

DO JOBS FOR
YOUR FRIENDS,
FAMILY AND
NEIGHBOURS
OVER THE
HALF TERM
AND EARN
SOME COINS

IF YOU CAN'T FIT
THEM ALL IN, PUT
THE REST OF THE
COINS IN AN
ENVELOPE

FILL YOUR RAISIN
BOX WITH COINS
NO MINIMUM
AMOUNT

**RETURN IT TO SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
ALL THE MONEY YOU RAISE
WILL HELP THE SCHOOL**

St Paul's School Tours



If you know any prospective new parents who may be interested in a tour of our school, we are now taking bookings.

Tour dates are:

9am Thursday 28th November

2pm Friday 29th November

Due to high demand, we have added a further date of 9am Wednesday

20th November

Prospective parents can book a place on a tour via TicketSource using this link: [Click here to book on our tour](#)

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2025 please do book onto one of Walter Infant School's tours: www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school

Our Harvest Festival

As you know, we will have our Harvest Festival on Friday 25th October; we are asking, if you are able to that, you will donate items for the Wokingham Foodbank and to our Walter's Pantry. Some of our families rely on Foodbank vouchers, as do many Wokingham Families, so it would be wonderful if you could donate the following items:

Wokingham Foodbank are asking for these donations during the month of October:

- Long life milk
- Tinned fruit
- Hotdogs
- Tinned pies
- Snacks (eg. cereal bars, crisps, noodles)
- Rice pudding
- Long life fruit juice
- Hair conditioner
- Toilet roll
- Size 6 and size 7 nappies

For our own pantry: Walter's Pantry

We are asking for donations of meals that can be cooked on a stove top, such as pasta, pasta sauces, tinned meat and tinned fish, as well as tinned vegetables and fruit, boxes of cereals and breakfast bars, long life milk, biscuits and crisps and tooth paste, and baby wipes.

We will share the items between Wokingham Foodbank and Walter's Pantry.

Car Parking around the school

Unfortunately we have received further communication about people parking irresponsibly and blocking driveways. Please can you be mindful about where you park and do not block residents driveways – thank you.

Stars 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 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/>

Children who receive Pupil Premium Funding in school can attend an after school or morning club (excluding Junior Adventures), free of charge. Please speak with Mrs Hemmings in the office to see what is available. Unfortunately, we do not have any more spaces for I-Rock at the moment.

Walter's Pantry

We have a fully stocked pantry in school; including the ingredients to make a stove top evening meal, breakfast as well as nappies, toothpaste, baby wipes etc, for any of our families who are struggling to make ends meet at any point during the week. Please do not hesitate in speaking to Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in person or via telephone or email if you need a little help. You will be able to choose the things you need, discretely, whenever you need to.



Walter can help!



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



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2024



Date	Event	Time
14 th October 2024	FS2 Parents Reading and Phonics meeting	2:45 pm
15 th and 17 th October 2024	Year 2 trips to Lego Land	All day
18 th October	PTA AGM PTA Halloween/Diwali Packs/Candy Floss	2.30pm After School
21 st and 23 rd October 2024	Parent Consultations – Face to Face	3:30 till 6:30 pm
22 nd October 2024	Flu Immunisations Y1 & Y2 African Drumming Workshop	Am All Day
26 th October 2024	PTA ~ Cake Sale	After School
28 th October 2024	Half Term	
11 th – 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
11 th November	Remembrance Day	
29 th November 2024	Christmas Fair	3.30 – 5.30pm
10 th December 2024	Beech Class Nativity – For Parents	2pm
11 th December 2024	Larch Nativity – For Parents	2pm
12 th December 2024	Oak Nativity – For Parents	2pm
18 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children)	
18 th December 2024	Christmas Lunch	11.30 – 1pm
18 th December 2024	Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For Parents	2pm
20 th December 2024	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	

Further dates to be added. All Dates may be subject to change. Please continue to check the website calendar and the Friday Flyer.