

Walter Infant School and Nursery Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families.

What a busy week; I cannot believe how quickly the time is flying by and that we are only a few weeks from the end of the summer term. On Wednesday, Mrs Buchanan came into lead an assembly for the Year 2 children, in preparation for transitioning into Year 3 at St Paul's in September. She read the story "Look Up" and answered lots of very important questions. The children will start to visit St Paul's next week so that they will become familiar with the buildings, the playgrounds, the classrooms and meet their new teachers.

We also had the meeting for the parents joining our school in September, which went extremely well. We are not expecting as many children as usual because of the falling birth rate nationally. If you know of any body who is looking for a foundation space for their child in Wokingham, please direct them to us!

Foundation Stage Sports Day

This afternoon we had our Foundation Stage Sports Day: it was fabulous to see so many parents, carers and grandparents. Our new ticketing system worked so well.







International Refugee Week

This week is International Refugee Week 2024; on Tuesday morning Mrs Gibbs, who works for Oxfam, came into school to teach our children about the Refugee Crisis in the World. She explained what refugees are and that 4 out of 10 refugees are children! We watched a very informative video and the children were able to ask very comprehensive questions and share their own opinions.



If you would like to see the video with your children so that you can find out more too, follow this link...<u>Refugee animation | CAFOD (youtube.com)</u>



Roman from Foundation Stage drew the most amazing picture of Paddington Bear who was of course a refugee from Peru many years ago!



Summer Fair at Walter Infant School and Nursery



OWN CLOTHES DAY

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

IN EXCHANGE FOR:

CAKE/BISCUITS

A BOTTLE (OF ANYTHING)

TEDDIES

ON THE DAY

SAT 22ND JUNE

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SIGN
UP TO HELP ON STALLS

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ALL DONATIONS STILL WELCOME

THANK YOU! THE PTA

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WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Our Summer Fair is tomorrow Saturday 22nd June, starting at 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. This will be the first Summer fair for our new Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and is an incredibly large and complex event to host. It is also our biggest fundraising event of the school year and with the present 'Cost of Living Crisis', we are more dependent than ever on donations and fundraising to ensure that we can provide the wonderful education and opportunities we provide to make our children's education be as memorable, as exciting and as much fun as it can possibly be. We are hoping to buy more outside gymnasium equipment, some for Foundation Stage and some more for the main playground as the children love it so much; so, we would all be so grateful if you are able to help us as much as you can.

Information from Wokingham Borough Council

Attached to our Flyer today you will find a leaflet from Wokingham Borough Council about their clean air project:



Tisha in Magpie took part in RideLondon

Tisha had an interesting week. It started with her participating in RideLondon (2nd year in a row) on Sunday where she did a bike ride on popular London streets of 9 miles. Her resilience helped us reach the finishing line. She was very excited to pass through Big Ben and London eye. Well done Tisha!



Excellent Work in School

I am constantly amazed by the quality of work our children produce and their wonderfully positive attitudes to learning; Henry, Lottie, Rosa, Gabriel and Elsie have tried very hard to be the best writers they can be! Well done all of you!





Amelie in Dove Class has met all her targets with her amazing writing; she is definitely ready for Year 1! Well done Amelie.

Gus in Willow drew the most amazing ship in memory of his Opa; he has included all 21 sails! Well done Gus and Happy Birthday!



Doodle Bug

lan from Doodle Bug came into school on Monday to work with the children in Year 2: they were learning about having a positive attitude, a Growth Mindset and how to draw, following instructions. Ian was extremely impressed with the children and the staff, who also attended a training session at the end of the day.

Here are some comments from lan's report:

"Not every school I work at is a true and genuine reflection of their core school values in my humble opinion but I certainly believe that your school is. The resilience levels across all of your Year 2 classes are very impressive and the strategies, methods and effort you have made to achieve that, have and are paying very big dividends. I also thought that your other core values are being promoted well as I was treated with great respect by your pupils yesterday and for Key Stage one pupils they also impressed me with their manners, behaviour, respectfulness and kindness.

At some schools I am impressed with how the pupils work with me, at others I am impressed with how they conduct themselves and behave but at your school yesterday, I was equally impressed by both of those aspects combined.

From my perspective, I genuinely do not believe that children can impress me as much as your pupils did yesterday without having excellent role models so just as your pupils deserve great credit, that also means that all of your respective staff deserve it as well.

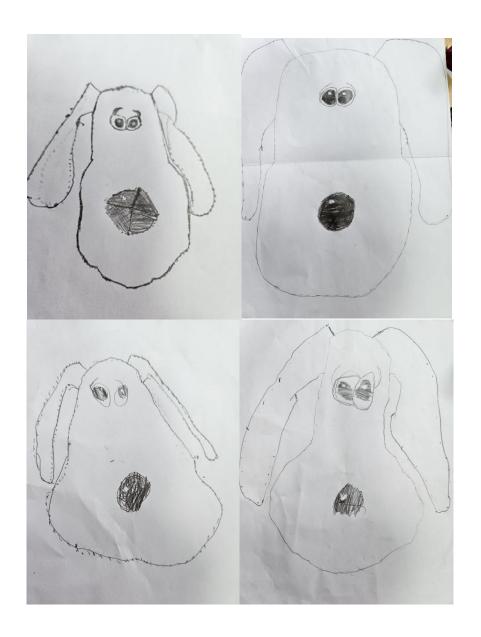
Every conversation I had with a different adult yesterday left a very positive impression on me, they were all keen to participate in the sessions (not the case at every school I visit), prepared to listen to my thoughts and future suggestions and I was also greatly impressed with just how well they support your pupils as and when required.

I also found your staff to be flexible with regards to the timings, approachable and committed, positive individuals, both in their respective classrooms and in the Staff session after school.

The fact that many of the elements I assessed yesterday were collectively impressive across all three of your Year 2 classes, reflects that those individuals are working well as a team due to how consistent and impressive those elements were/are, with the Word Knowledge and Vocabularies of your pupils being a prime example collectively.

You are giving your pupils a great start with regards to their education and laying some fantastic foundations which can be built on as they go to their Junior School."





Star of the Week

Here are our amazing children who received Star of the Week certificates for going above and beyond all our expectations. Well done all of you.









Kindness Leaves

Our value for this week has been kindness and we have awarded Kindness leaves and Values badges to the children who regularly behave kindly in school. Ask your child if they got a Values badge today!

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Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who has already bought and sold raffle tickets; we are so pleased that you are able to help us raise as much money as possible. There will be lots of fabulous prizes, including a summer holiday hamper, provided by the staff!



We also have Pirates Landing Tickets, BirdWorld Tickets, a Hamlet Voucher, a Lashes and Brow Treatment, an MOT worth £54!!! Wellington Tickets, a week at Just Play Sports Holiday Club and much, much more!

Sports Day

Key Stage 1 will have their Sports Day on Friday 28th June in the morning at St Paul's School; please make sure you have seen all the information. Remember to make sure you wear red, white, blue or green!

School Uniform for September 2024

If your child is moving to St Paul's Junior School in September and is entitled to Pupil Premium Funding, please ensure that you speak to the school about school uniform as they may be able to help provide school jumpers and other essentials.

If your child is staying here and has Pupil Premium Funding, please let me (Mrs Hargreaves) or Mrs Bell know as soon as you can so that we can make sure your child has every thing they need for the first day of term.

Have a wonderful weekend and hopefully we will see you all the Summer Fair.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

Friday 21 st June	Non-uniform day for Summer Fair Donations
Friday 21 st June	FS1 & 2 Sports Day 1.00pm-3.00pm (Robin, Dove, Magpie, Woodpecker)
Saturday 22 nd June	Summer Fair 11.00am-2.00pm
Friday 28 th June	KS1 Sports Day 9.00am-12.00pm (Year 1 & Year 2)
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 2 Production – book tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 2 Production – book tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school
Thursday 11 th July	Year 2 Production – book tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/walter-infant-school
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 2 Leaver's Disco – more details to follow
Friday 19 th July	Year 2 Leavers Assemblies