



Friday Flyer 2022

Dear Walter Families,

I cannot believe it is the 1st day of July; this year has flown by and now we have less than 3 weeks left until the end of term. I hope it will be packed full of fun and learning and that the children enjoy all the exciting events we have planned for July. Next week we have our author days and Miller's Ark visiting!

Rumble in the Jumble

The School Councillors in Year 2 are very keen to run a stall at the Summer Fair alongside their teachers. They would like it to be a "Rumble in the Jumble" (jungle). We did this a couple of years ago and it was very successful. We would like every child to bring a soft stuffed toy (in perfect condition) that they do not play with so that it can be chosen by a new owner who will love it and care for it and make sure it gets played with! The Year 2 School Councillors will do all their own marketing, decide on their price points, arrange the stall, engage with the customers and collect the money, issuing the correct change. They are VERY excited. Please could every child from Nursery to Year 2 bring in a toy looking for love from **Monday 4th July 2022**.

Rumble in the Jumble!



Soft toys and teddies only please!

If you are a parent or carer of a Year 2 School Councillor and will be coming to the fair, please could you let the School Office know what time your child will be able to work on the stall. Thank you so much.

Addington School Prom!

We were so honoured to be invited to take part in the Addington School Prom. Miss Veale had taught 9 Year 1 children to play the African Drums and to sing and dance to "Down in the Jungle". Yesterday we all went to Addington School in Woodley and it was truly one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life. We were one of three visiting schools and we were the youngest performers by far! I was so proud of our children I thought I might burst. They all did a superb job and were a credit to the school (and their mummies who had all come along too). We watched the two other visiting schools who were really good too and then we were treated to a performance from The Addington School Singing Superstars Choir! Every child performing had Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, but they didn't let anything hold them back from performing like the superstars they are. It was so wonderful to watch; to see the children singing their hearts out to a huge audience of hundreds, and really enjoying themselves.



Gymnastics

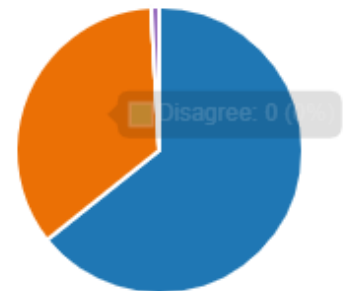
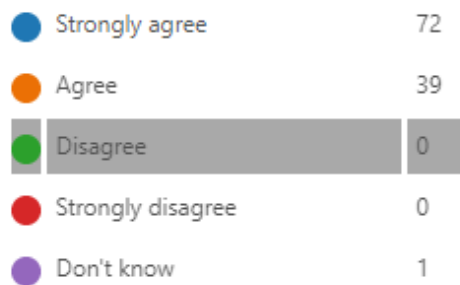
Lots of children in Year 1 and Year 2 do gymnastics with Mrs Meadowcroft every Wednesday morning; which they all love. I can definitely recommend signing your children up for a early morning gym class. It is great fun and the children have learned so much. This week some children received certificates and medals for the achievements. Well done all of you!



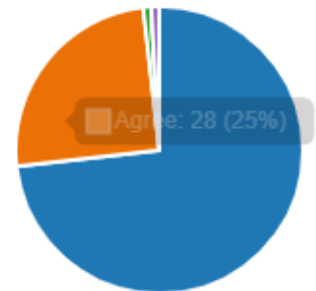
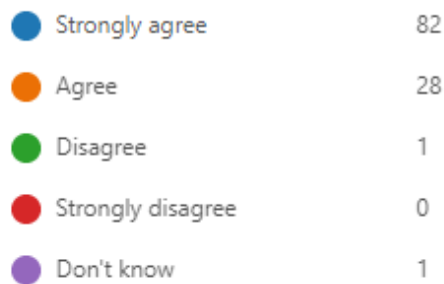
Parent Survey

Thank you so much to the 112 parents who took part in our parent survey; below you will find the results.

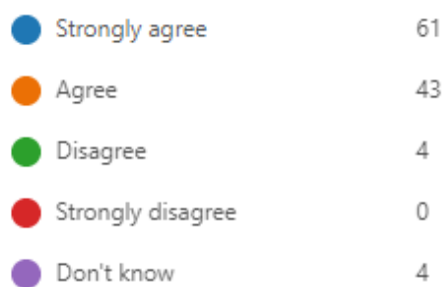
1. My child is happy at this school.



2. My child feels safe at this school.

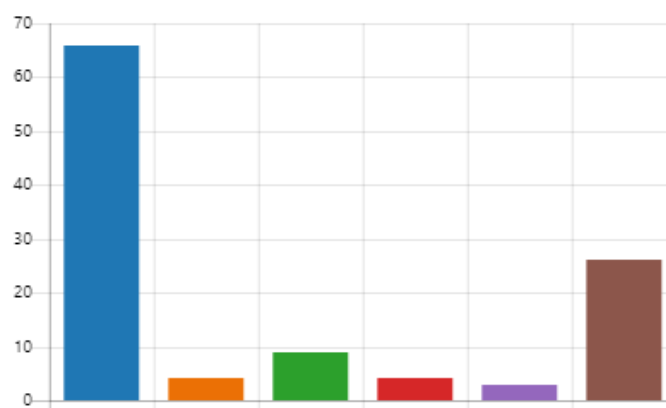


3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the matter quickly.

My child has not been bullied	66
Strongly agree	4
Agree	9
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	3
Don't know	26



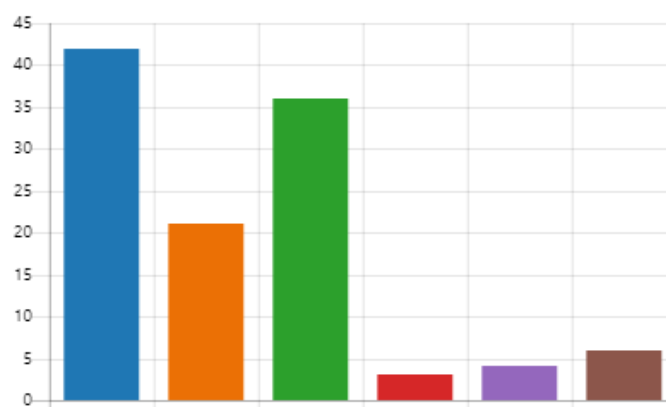
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

Strongly agree	46
Agree	57
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	3



6. When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.

I have not raised any concerns	42
Strongly agree	21
Agree	36
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	4
Don't know	6



7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities?

● Yes	4
● No	108



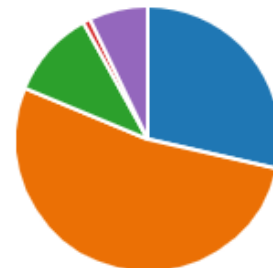
8. My child has special educational needs and/or disabilities and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

● Strongly agree	1
● Agree	1
● Disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	1
● Don't know	1



9. The school has high expectations for my child.

● Strongly agree	32
● Agree	59
● Disagree	12
● Strongly disagree	1
● Don't know	8



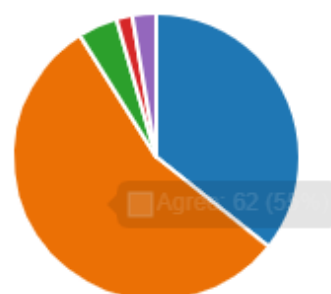
10. My child does well at this school.

Strongly agree	43
Agree	63
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	2



11. The school lets me know how my child is doing.

Strongly agree	40
Agree	62
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	2
Don't know	3



12. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

Strongly agree	44
Agree	54
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	12



13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.

Strongly agree	43
Agree	51
Disagree	7
Strongly disagree	2
Don't know	9



14. I would recommend this school to another parent.

Strongly agree	70
Agree	34
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	3



15. The school offers a good range of clubs and activities for my child.

Strongly agree	44
Agree	43
Disagree	14
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	10



16. I feel children have been supported and protected as much as possible during the COVID pandemic.

Strongly agree	53
Agree	42
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	4
Don't know	10



17. The Covid 19 Pandemic and Lockdown had a negative impact on my child.

Strongly agree	11
Agree	45
Disagree	35
Strongly disagree	4
Don't know	17



18. The school provides good learning activities and links for my child to learn from home.

Strongly agree	20
Agree	50
Disagree	17
Strongly disagree	4
Don't know	21



19. The school keeps parents up to date about how to keep young children safe online.

Strongly agree	31
Agree	64
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	10



20. The school teacher my child about how they can keep themselves safe online.

Strongly agree	16
Agree	53
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	41



These charts allow us to see where we are doing well and what we need to do to improve; we are always striving to be better so your opinions really count.

Some of the comments made were delightful and we were so pleased to read about all the things you like about the school.

Some of the things that are not so good we have already started to change: for example, we have amended the school lunch menu so that it is much more child-friendly and certainly less spicy. Hopefully this will mean the children enjoy their lunches more. We always discourage the children from choosing a jacket potato everyday (we don't even have jacket potatoes on Wednesday)!

Some parents wish we had more homework; the children are expected to read every night, as they progress through school the expectations for homework increase, for example spelling tests. Our children are very young and we want them to have lots of fun, rest and relaxation when they are away from school, as well as fresh air, exercise and lots of opportunities to cycle, run, climb, play, swim and so much more. Some parents think the homework is just right, some would like it to be less!

Some parents think there are too many emails, some think we should communicate more and some wish we sent fewer messages.

“Reduce the amount of correspondence as it can be overwhelming at times”

“Good communication with parents”

“General communication is great and helps organise the children / parents activities”

“Appreciate text messages for urgent news alerts”

“More frequent communication”

I agree that some weeks we send out a large number of emails; I try to condense day to day information in the Friday Flyer, but sometimes we feel we need to send reminders so that children do not feel left out or disadvantaged, e.g. own clothes days. At this time of year (Summer Fair) there are lots of emails, but we do rely on your support to raise money for the school. We will try to get the balance right for everyone.

Next week I will share some of your more specific comments and what we might be able to do to improve things for our children and their families.

One parent sadly commented as something to improve:

“Talking to parents in a respectful tone, especially the head teacher”

I would like to apologise to this parent personally, as the survey was anonymous, this is my only opportunity. I cannot recall an event where I may have been disrespectful, but I am truly sorry. I like to think that, as respect is one of our Five Values, I demonstrate it all the time. I will try harder.

Stars of the Week

We have ten shining stars this week; each and everyone of these children has tried their hardest to be the best that they can be and we are all very proud of them.



Miss Veale also awarded Star of the Week certificates to our troupe of drummers!



NOT LONG NOW!!!!Walter Infant School and Nursery's SCHOOL FAIR! Saturday 9th July 2022

As you know the PTA are working so hard to get organised for our Summer Fair; this is our biggest fundraising event and we are hoping to raise more money than ever this year. Thank you to so many of you who have signed up already. If you have not done so yet, but are able to help, please follow this link.

Volunteer opportunities for the Summer Fair on Saturday 9th July 2022 are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/8FD8D

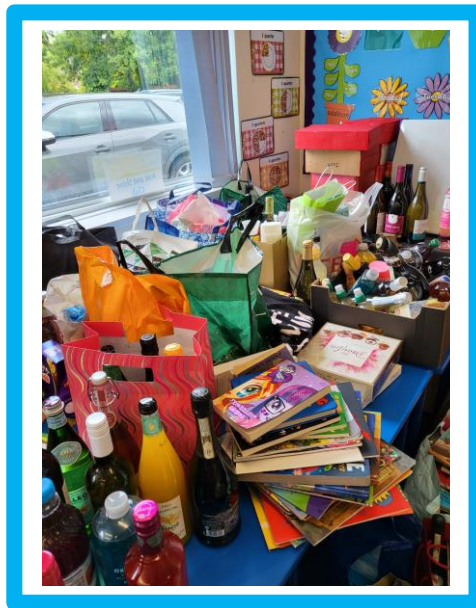


Summer Fair 2022

Volunteer signup sheet

volunteersignup.org

Thank you so much for the very generous donations to the Tombola's; we could open our own shop!



We still need raffle prizes, so if you have something wonderful that you can donate that would be amazing; in the past we have had micro scooters, Legoland Tickets, Marvellous Tickets, Hair Salon Vouchers and so much more.

Year 2 Leaver's Disco

Our annual Year 2 Leaver's Disco will take place on **Thursday 14th July at 4:30 pm**; this is always organised by our PTA and the Year 2 children love it! Please could you let the PTA know if you are able to help. It is really good fun and will be a very happy memory for you to share with your child. walterinfantspa@gmail.com



Bodhi the Pirate Dog

We are very excited to announce that Bodhi the Pirate Dog, and it's owner, children's author Alison H. Simpson on **Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July 2022**. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet a real-life author and her dog Bodhi (I think Walter will enjoy the visits).



Please follow this link to buy a copy in advance:

Please place your order by Wednesday 6th July at ~

www.bodhithepiratedog.com/shop giving your child's name, class and the school address as the delivery address. (PayPal and Card payments accepted) Books are £8.99.

If the delivery charges are not automatically deducted, please use discount code **SCHOOLVISIT**

If you would like any books signed, you can add a note to your Paypal payment or email alisonhsimpson@hotmail.com to confirm the name(s) you would like the book(s) signed to. Cash/card payments can be accepted after school, but it's advisable to place your order **beforehand**.

We already have a copy for each class and it is lovely.

Wokingham and Emmbrook Girls Football Club

A few girls in school, Isla and Eloise, just to name a few, play for Wokingham and Emmbrook Girls Football Club. Their club are always keen to promote and find new players, they are currently looking for under 8s, if your child is interested, please get in touch via this link <https://www.wefc.club/news/u8-girls-wanted-2711233.html>

Dates for your diary

- 5th and 6th July Author Day
- **7th and 8th July Miller's Ark Visiting school**
- 8th July I-Rock Concert
- FS Sports Day Monday 11th July in the afternoon.
- **9th July (Saturday) School Fair**
- 12th and 13th July Year 2 Performance "The Bee Musical"
- 14th July Leavers Disco 4:30 – 6:00pm
- 19th July Leavers Assemblies (Y2) x 3
- 19th July End of Term~ finishing an hour early

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