



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We have had a really good week at school; the children are settling in quickly to their new environments and routines. I have seen some amazing work and even better playing! This school really is such lovely place to be. The school photographer visited yesterday and was so impressed by all our children.

Noah

I was chatting to Noah and his teacher Miss Prickett and he told us all about his amazing mummy. He was so proud! Today he made a wonderful presentation to his whole class, telling them all about his mummy and showing photographs of the many medals she has won kayaking. I couldn't resist taking this picture to share with all of you.



Late Arrivals

If you arrive after the children have gone into school and there are no members of staff on duty, please bring your children to reception so that you can sign them in on our new system, which will register them and record the reason for the late arrival. For safeguarding reasons, please do not choose to enter the school building via any other entry point.

Foundation Stage Picnic

Our brand-new PTA committee hosted the Foundation Stage picnic for the families of the children in Foundation Stage. It was a huge success (especially as the weather was in our favour) and the PTA were successful in raising **£174.18** which will help towards activities and resources for the children, for example, we have the reindeer visiting in November!

We rely heavily on the money raised by the PTA, so please help us if you can by becoming a member.

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the Walter Infant Parent Teacher Association, to be held on Friday 6th October 2023. The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held in the school at 2:30pm and will finish in time for the end of the school day.

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school. The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year.

Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role. If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please speak to Laura Clark or email walterinfantspa@gmail.com.

As our PTA is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination, please read the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee – What you need to know (CC3)'. A copy of the booklet can be found on the Charity Commission website. Please email us at walterinfantspa@gmail.com to let us know if you are planning to attend or if you would like to nominate yourself for a position on the committee. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 6th October 2023.



Jeans for Genes Day

The children have had a great time today; learning about how they can help others by enjoying wearing their jeans in school after donating. We raise money for charities in school as part of our Character Education Curriculum:

How well do we promote the value of volunteering and service to others?

- Are age-appropriate expectations of volunteering and service to others clearly established?
- Are opportunities varied, meaningful, high-quality and sustained over time?
- Do volunteering and service opportunities contribute to breaking down social barriers in making pupils civic-minded and ready to contribute to society?

Mrs Bell led an assembly for the children in Key Stage 1. Why not ask your Year 1 and 2 children what Jeans for Genes is about?

We have collected £239.64 ~ Thank you all so much. We are able to claim Gift Aid

of 25% so in total we will donate **£300!**



International Day for Older People: Non-Uniform Day Friday 29th September

We will be supporting WADE Wade – Wokingham and District Association for the Elderly (wadecentre.org.uk) which is a day care centre for older people in Wokingham. We would like all the children to come to school in their own clothes as a Non-Uniform Day and make a donation, if possible, to support this local charity. Please do not feel pressured; we would like the children to come in their own clothes with or without a donation.

Miller's Ark

Miller's Ark came to school on again on Tuesday for all the children in Foundation Stage; they had a wonderful time and were very excited to see and touch real animals. I was so impressed by their kind and sensible behaviour.





Star of the Week

We have 9 stars of the week this week as one star was absent; we are delighted to award our first stars in Foundation Stage.





Packed Lunches

I have been asked to remind you not to include sweets or chocolate in your children's lunches (we are happy for them to have a chocolate biscuit but not chocolate bars or buttons). Please also remember that we are a NO NUTS school and no items of food including nuts is permitted on site. That includes, chocolate spread, peanut butter, pesto etc.



Lunchtime Controller Vacancy

We are very keen to appoint a Lunchtime Controller to work with our youngest children; if you are interested, please contact Mrs Pugh on finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk for an application pack.

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.

Walter's Pantry

Don't forget about Walter's Pantry; you can collect food to cook a hot stove top meal each day, collect breakfast for the following morning, or pick up necessary sanitary products, such as toothpaste, nappies, toothbrushes etc. We would be very grateful to receive boxes of cereal, if you would like to donate to the pantry.

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 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 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/>

And Finally,

Have a lovely weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher