



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Today is our World Book Day; it has been a truly special day in school. I asked all the teachers to choose their favourite (or one of their favourite books) to read with some of the children. We began by having a Star of the Week assembly and then all the class teachers told the children about a book they were going to read in their classrooms, for anyone, from any class, to come and listen to the story. Mrs Bennette chose *The Smartest Giant in Town*, Mrs McDonough chose *What the Ladybird Heard*, Miss Rose chose *Shhh! We have a Plan* (a book I have never seen before) Miss Prickett chose *Zog and the Flying Doctors*, Mrs Bell chose *Giraffes Can't Dance*, Mrs Goddard chose *You Can't Take an Elephant on a Bus*, Mr Herliey chose *The Invisible String*, Mrs Starbuck chose a book written by her best friend, *Little Red Reading Hood!* Miss Veale chose *I'm Sticking with You* and Miss Palmer chose *I need a Wee!*



Julia Donaldson was a very popular choice with our teachers! She is a truly gifted author...guess which book had the most listeners? I will tell you at the end!







Rocket Phonics and How to Log on to Read the Books



We have recently purchased a new phonics and reading scheme, called Rocket Phonics. The children are using this daily in Reception and are thoroughly enjoying their new phonics lessons and reading books. The other year groups will be using this resource soon and are steadily transitioning over. The children can access resources, including e-books, at home using a computer, tablet or mobile device. The class teachers are busy setting this up for every child to be able to login. In a few days, your child will receive a username and password which will allow access. To find out more information about this new and exciting resource, please follow this shortened link for a PDF on how to use it at home <https://tinyurl.com/yckkdkzr>

The children can still access the resources and games on Phonics Play. You can login to the website by visiting www.phonicsplay.co.uk and typing in the username: *walter123* and the password: *walter123*.

Year One Scooter Training



We are pleased to inform you that we are offering scooter training for your child in the week commencing 20th March 2023. The training is open to pupils in Year 1. The main objective is to improve your child's awareness of road safety issues. The training will involve 15 children at a time on the playground for a 45 minute session.

The training is being organised and funded by Wokingham Borough Council and the instructor has DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) clearance. Your child will need to bring with them for the session:

- A scooter (labelled with child's name)
- A helmet (which must be of the correct size and fit properly and labelled with child's name)

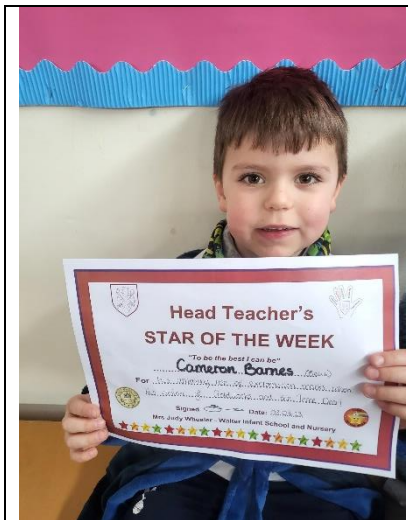
Please note that sessions are held outdoors. Please ensure that your child has some wet weather clothing e.g. a shower or waterproof jacket as a minimum. The training will continue in light to moderate rain but will be suspended if there is a heavy downpour.

Please can you email admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk if you are interested in your child taking part by Wednesday 8th February 2023 with their name and class.

Star of the Week

Our amazing Stars of the Week in their WBD PJ's: Well done all of you.





PTA Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who sent in cakes and baked goods for the PTA Back Sale; I could not make it, so I do not have any photos, but I have been told it was very busy and that lots and lots of cakes were bought. Thank you for supporting our amazing PTA.

Comic Relief Friday 17th March 2023

Please come to school wearing something red and if you are able to make a donation of £1 to Comic Relief to help children from all over the world, including the United Kingdom. Please do not buy anything special, if you don't have red clothes, and can't borrow any red clothes, just come in your own clothes. We will not be selling red noses this year as they are now £2.50 and not suitable for children under 7. You may be able to buy one for a 7 year old from Sainsburys or Amazon.



It's all about the JOKES!!!!!!



Please send your children into school with a very funny joke on Thursday 16th March; each class will choose the best joke and we will share the 10 funniest jokes on Friday Morning in Assembly. The class who has the biggest laugh will get an extra playtime!!!!!!

BREAK THE RULES DAY 24TH MARCH 2023

On Friday 24th March we will host our Break the Rules Day: more information will follow soon; all proceeds from the event will go to the victims of the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey in partnership with St Pauls. Lots more information will follow!!!! On Friday 24th March we will have our Break the Rules Day!!!!!!

WALTER INFANTS SCHOOL AND NURSERY

BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2023

Rules to be broken:

- wear school uniform
- no trainers
- no odd or crazy socks
- no chocolates in packed lunches
- no crazy hair or accessories
- no nail varnish
- no temporary tattoos
- only water in water bottles

Pay 50p for every rule you break, you can break as few or as many as you want. There will be buckets at the gate.

Thank you for your continued support

QUIZ NIGHT 7:30 PM 5TH MAY at WALTER INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

On Friday the 5th May we will be hosting our first ever Quiz Night: with the Coronation of King Charles in mind. Lots more information will follow but please get a babysitter and be ready for a Bring Your own Bottle night of fun! Teams will be 6 members, with a fee of £5 per player. There will be an opportunity to purchase sweet or savoury adult treat boxes to share on the table; more information will follow soon. I am sure some of the staff will be keen to take part too! This event is not for children of any age.

CIRCUS NIGHT AT WALTER AND ST PAULS 17th MAY 2023

The PTA associations of Walter and St Paul's have collaborated in arranging a Circus Night Experience for our families; more information will follow soon. Please see the poster below. There will be 3 opportunities to experience the circus and £8:00 per ticket, with a bundle of 4 tickets reduced by 2 pounds. If you and your family are excited by the opportunity of seeing acrobats and more, keep the 17th May 2023 free. Lots more information will follow from the PTA. There will be three performances with 200 tickets available for each show.



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. Don't forget about Walter's Pantry.

Apply for the Household Support Fund if your child gets free school meals

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support this winter.

Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. **We know this could be even more important as people struggle after the festive period.**

[Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

Note you do not need to apply again if you have already had a successful application since October this year.

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

The amount you get in total depends on the number of children in your family who receive free school meals:

- One child - £120
- Two children - £210
- Three children - £315
- Four children - £420
- Five children - £525
- Six children - £630

You can follow this link for support from Wokingham Borough Council [Cost of living help - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

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 sessions, 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/>

And Finally,

It was..... I need a wee!

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher