



Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

The Reindeer came to School

On Monday the reindeer came to school; Iceberg and Hurricane visited our school for the whole day and it was truly wonderful. The children behaved impeccably; they asked such interesting questions and learned so much about reindeer. The fact-files produced by Year 1 are amazing!



Dress the Wokingham Christmas Tree

Once again, we are taking part in the Dressing the Tree Ceremony in Wokingham; schools are invited to present two decorations which will adorn the huge Christmas Tree outside the Town Hall in Wokingham for the festive holidays.



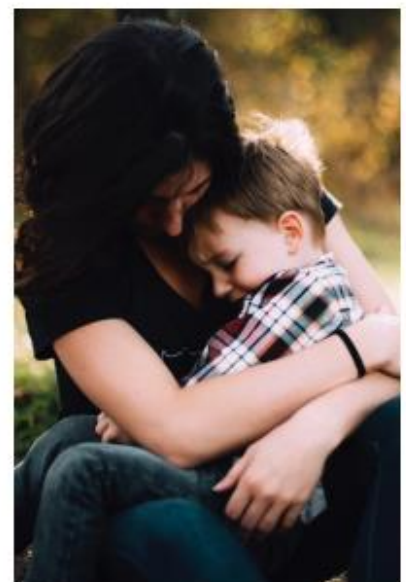
Bethan Johnson in Willow Class won (for the second time) with her amazing angel made from upcycled and recycled materials and Eleanor Baines from Sycamore class won also with her colourful and very charming penguin made from a plastic bottle! The children will take their decorations to the celebration on Monday 6th December.

Helping your child with Anxiety

I have been made aware of some training for Wokingham Parents that some of you may find useful; the feedback I have received is positive. It is an online course, two sessions of one hour each and free of charge.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A5muvJSmKwg0R413geyXLt0b42D-JoqV/view>

Managing your child's Anxiety



Managing Covid 19 and Outbreak Management at Walter Infant School and Nursery

We had a third class (Beech) reach the outbreak management stage of 10% of a close group e.g. class again; as we have 3 positive PCR test results in Beech Class.

Please be vigilant at all times:

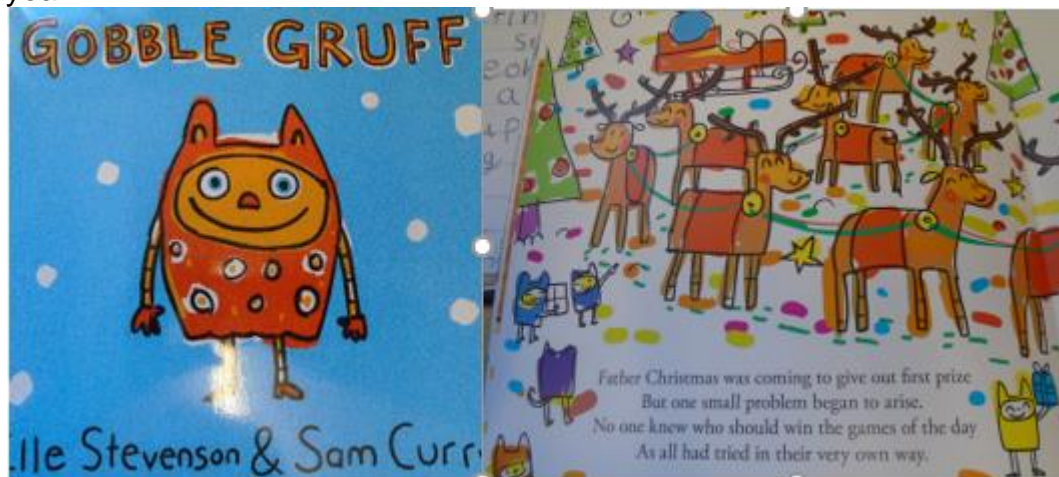
- Do not send your child to school if they are poorly
- If they have a runny nose and other cold symptoms, please arrange a PCR test or isolate for 10 days
- If they have a high temperature, please arrange a PCR test or isolate for 10 days
- If they have a positive LFT test, please arrange a PCR test or isolate for 10 days

Please do not delay in letting us know the test results; we need to know when we reach outbreak point.

If you are isolating as a result of a positive test and need help with food or fuel, please do not hesitate to contact us discretely via the school office either by phone 01189780825 or email admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Respect me for being me!

Our value this week is respect; we have been learning that we all different and all special and that we all have the right to be treated well and with respect. A parent has very generously donated a large number of copies of the book 'Gobble Gruff'; which is about a Gruff who is very different from all the other Gruffs! He learns how to celebrate his differences and how to be the best version of himself, which is what we hope for all our Walter Community. If you would like a copy of the book, please make a suggested donation of £1 and collect your copy at the beginning and end of the day on Monday. The money raised will go towards our outside reading area which will hopefully be constructed in the new year.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your own contributions to our Poppy Appeal Collection: we raised £161:83. The children in Year 2 have been learning all about the role of animals in World War 1 and have already produced some beautiful work, as has Mrs Wyatt.



Christmas is coming!

Please note a couple of changes on the 12 Days of Christmas Calendar.

Walter Infant School Presents

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

To make this festive season even more special,
Walter Infant School and the PTA will be hosting 12 wonderfully
festive activities, please note the change in dates.

1. Personalised Christmas Cards made by our children
2. Visit from Reindeers & Christmas Craft Bags
3. Christmas Jumper Sale **3rd Dec 3:15pm**
4. Chocolate Tombola
5. Christmas Raffle
6. Letters to Santa
7. Christmas Jumper Day & a Festive Christmas Lunch 10th Dec
8. Class Parties
9. Lightning of the Christmas tree with F2 Christmas songs, hot chocolate & mince pies **10th Dec 2:40pm**
10. Christmas Movies in class
11. Class Christmas Shows
12. Festive Bake Sale 3rd Dec 3:15pm

We are looking forward to celebrating with you!
...details to follow...

If you would like to help at any event please contact the PTA
walterinfantsptagmail.com

Christmas Raffle

Thank you so much to those of you who have already bought tickets; we are so excited by the wonderful donations of prizes, which now also include a Marks and Spencer Voucher, a John Lewis Voucher, a Bedtime Story Hamper, a Regency Festive Cheer Hamper with Red Wine and much, much more. Please support us by donating a prize and buying raffle tickets. Please sell them to friends and family too. We have plenty of tickets available if you need more!




Letters to Father Christmas

The children will have the opportunity to write to Father Christmas and will bring the information home on Monday; the cost for the reply is £3 per letter, if you would like your child to participate please follow the instructions. Each child that sends a letter will have a reply from Father Christmas as well as a small chocolate treat.



Managing Childhood Illnesses

This information has been shared with me by one of our parents; it might be a very useful session.



Managing Childhood Illnesses



NHS services are under significant pressure this Winter.

Join us for a live webinar lead by BBC Breakfast regular GP Dr William Bird. Find out what you can do to help your children, how you can access the health help you need, and how best to deal with childhood illnesses to relieve pressure on the NHS.

The webinar will include a Live Q&A with a local GP and Paediatricians Dr Ak Hussain and Dr Ravi Kumar from the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Tuesday 30 November
Time: 7pm
Where: <https://bit.ly/3HWxF86>

Everyone is welcome, please share the free event! We really hope you are able to join us.

Stars of the Week



Mrs Prickett was delighted to award the Star of the Week Certificates this week; she has taken particularly good photographs of all their lovely, smiling faces. Well done stars!

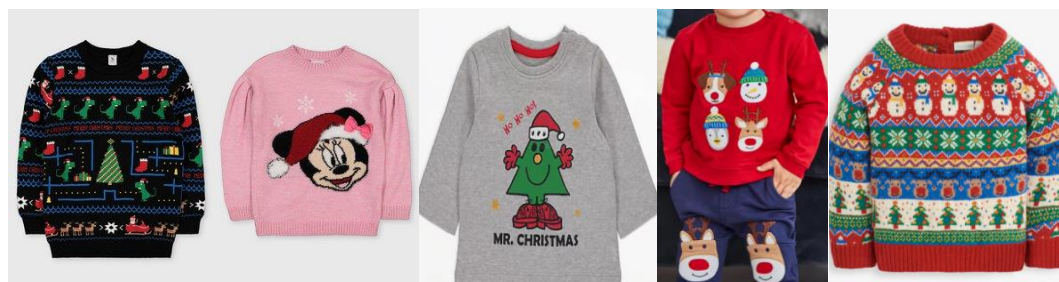




PTA Christmas Clothing Sale will now be on Friday 3rd November

Do you have any good quality Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, dresses or Pyjamas that your children have out grown? The PTA would love your donations for a Christmas clothing sale (ready for Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December!). The PTA appreciates your support. Thank you xx

Walter Infants Parent Teacher Association



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 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/>

Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher