

Dear Walter Families,

I hope everyone who has celebrated Eid this week were able to see friends and family to celebrate together. The children were excited about Eid coming and shared what they would be doing with the friends and teachers.



Today we have looked at the value of honesty; the importance of telling the truth! Why not ask your child about the story of the Emperor's New Clothes! At the end of the assembly I shared this poster which I thought might be a useful resource to have at home too.



Our Beautiful School

This week I have been lucky enough to observe teaching and learning in some of our classes and I have never felt so proud; I have seen the most wonderful examples of outstanding teaching and the children have been able to articulate and demonstrate the amazing progress they have made and their excellent knowledge and understanding of the English and Maths Curriculums. I have seen that the dedication and care that goes into planning and resourcing our BIG Curriculum for little people means that the children LOVE learning and have made rapid progress from their starting points. Here are some of the things that have happened this week.







Map of Wokingham

Mrs Victoria Delaney, mummy to Patrick and Luke, has drawn the most incredible map of Wokingham: it is so beautiful and something that I am sure many of you would wish to purchase for yourselves or friends and family. I have ordered a print for our school! It is £65 for an unframed A3 'Giclee' print on the highest quality art paper. Mrs Delaney has very generously offered to donate 10% (£6.50) from each print sold to help towards updating our School Computing Suite. Please contact the school office for more information.



Headteacher's Star of the Week

Here are 10 stars who have been shining brightly in school this week..



Census Day

Thursday 20th May is school **Census Day**, please ensure that you pre-book a packed lunch for your child as this will really benefit the school. You can choose from a ham and tomato baguette, a cheese and tomato baguette or our top favourite a fish finger sandwich. Please follow the instructions sent yesterday by Mrs Janes. I will be reading this book in my assembly!!!!





Up and Coming Events

On Friday 28th May you will be able to collect your orders for Krispy Kreme Donuts; you can pre-order 12 glazed donuts for £10 (which is a very good offer I understand), from the PTA by following this link: <u>www.pta-events.co.uk/walterinfantspta</u>.

If you would prefer to pay cash, please pop your cash in an envelope, with your child's name and class on, and post it in the letter box outside the school office. Each box has 12 original glazed doughnuts and costs £10. There are only 40 boxes

available so please order early to avoid disappointment. The doughnuts will be available to collect from the playground after school on Friday 28th May 2021.



Break the Rules Day 2021

Also on Friday 28th May we will be holding our first ever BREAK THE RULES DAY! Children (and staff) can come to school determined to break a rule or two! For every rule the children break they have to pay 50p! We will send out a list of rules that can be broken, here are some examples:

- You must wear school uniform (come to school in whatever you like)
- You must have a healthy packed lunch (sweets or chocolates in your lunchbox)
- You must have tidy hair (you come to school with crazy hair)
- No nail varnish (you can paint your nails any colour you want to)

- No temporary tattoos (you could display a temporary tattoo)
- Only water in your water bottle (squash for one day only!)

We don't actually have school rules at Walter, we have expectations for behaviour and we would still expect that they will be maintained throughout the day. This will be a really good fun day, but also a day that reflects all our school values.



Exciting Activities coming up in the Summer Term

You will have received an email this week telling you all about our exciting activities which will be taking place in school during the summer term. Sadly we are not able to have any school trips so we have brought the trips to us!

- On **Tuesday 8th June Year 1 and Year 2** will be dancing around the Maypole (please make a voluntary contribution of £3 via the website, if you can).
- On Thursday 10th June Year 1 will have the farm coming to school: Miller's Ark ~ this will be so exciting as the children will be able to meet lots of animals from the farm, but in our school playground! (please make a voluntary contribution of £3 via the website, if you can). ~ the same will be happening for Year 2 on Monday 14th June.
- On **Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd June** (as part of our Music and Dance week) the children from **FS2**, **Year 1 and Year 2** will all take part in a dance workshop about the Tokyo Olympics (please make a voluntary contribution of £3 via the website, if you can).
- Please contact Mrs Janes (in complete confidence) if you will not be able to make a contribution.

Sports Days

We are also planning our Sports Days with Jack; please put these dates in your diaries but they may have to change or be cancelled depending on the weather or the 'Road Map'!

Key Stage 1: Friday 2nd July 2021 in the morning (start time to be confirmed) Foundation Stage: Friday 9th July 2021in the afternoon (start time to be confirmed).

Class Calm Boxes

We now have Class Calm Boxes to help children who are feeling anxious, worried or unhappy during the school day. We hope the contents of the boxes will be calming and relaxing for children who are feeling stressed. These boxes have things like lavender bags, fidget spinners, kaleidoscopes, hedgehog rings and lots of other objects that are recognised to stimulate our senses and to helpful mindfulness

We also have some wonderful new books to help children talk about things that worry them or concern them. Some of our children have experienced difficult times in the last year or more and we want to be able to do all we can to help them feel less anxious and calmer.



If you are worried about your child please contact us so that we can find ways to offer support and help.

Tripod grip for writing and mark making

A tripod grip is the best way to hold a pencil; it helps to develop stamina (so that we can write for a longer length of time), it aids letter formation and it puts the least amount of pressure on joints and muscles. Children who do not have a tripod grip find writing more difficult and tire more quickly. Their handwriting is also usually more untidy and more difficult to read. Please help your child to hold pencils, pens, crayons and felt tips in a tripod grip.



Have a wonderful weekend; hopefully you will be able to see friends and family. Please contact me if you need to on <u>head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u>

Best wishes Judy Wheeler: Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021-2022

28 th May	Break the Rules Day
28 th May	Pick up your pre-ordered Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
31 st May-6 th June	Half Term
7 th June	Inset Day – School Closed
8 th June	Maypole Dance Day
10 th June	Miller's Ark Y1
14 th June	Miller's Ark Y2
15 th June	Class Photographs
21 st -22 nd June	Olympics Dance Workshop
30 th June–5 th July	Book Fair
2 nd July	Y1 and Y2 Sports Day
9 th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day
21 st July	End of Term – finishing 1 hour early

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

There will be other exciting events that are not yet in the diary. We will let you know dates as soon as we can.