



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

TWO YEAR GROUP BUBBLES ARE CLOSED AT OUR SCHOOL

It was with great sadness that we had to close our Year 2 Bubble on Tuesday morning; we have tried so hard to make sure that our school is COVID 19 free so it was devastating to hear that one of our wonderful children had been infected with the virus. Thankfully the child is fully recovered and we cannot wait to see all our Year 2 children back in school on Friday 20th November.

Thank you for all your kind words and support; at times like these it means more than ever! Thank you also for the yummy treats for the staffroom!

I have just received news that sadly a child in our Foundation Stage has tested positive with COVID 19; I am sure you will join us all in wishing the child a speedy recovery. The child did not present with COVID symptoms in school. I have been in contact with Public Health England and we have been told that we have to close the Foundation Stage 2 Bubble as it is not possible for our very young children to socially distance and we cannot guarantee that the child has not had skin on skin contact or coughed in the face of another child.

We will continue to be as careful as we can but we need your help:

Please do not send your child to school if they seem to be poorly and...

- If anyone who lives in your household or who shares your support bubble presents with symptoms of COVID 19 or is awaiting a test result, **EVERYONE** in the household or bubble must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is received. If a **positive test** result is received all other house members must continue to isolate for 14 days after the symptoms first appeared. A negative test result (whilst someone in the household is positive) will not change the isolation time.
- If you are a childminder or informal care giver you must follow exactly the same rules as above as the children you are caring for will have had more than 15 minutes contact and are effectively part of your household. Everyone that has been in contact with your household bubble must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is received. You **do not** wait for a positive test result.
- If you are a child minder (or informal care giver) you must inform our school if you develop symptoms or are awaiting a test result so that we can ensure that the parents of the children know that they have to isolate until a negative test result comes through. If the test result is positive all children in your care must continue to isolate for 14 days. Other members of their households do not need to isolate as they are contacts of contacts.
- **PLEASE OBSERVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY SO WE CAN TRY TO AVOID ANY HARM COMING TO ANYONE IN OUR SCHOOL.**

Covid 19 Symptoms are:

- **a new, persistent cough**
- **a high temperature (37.8 or above)**
- **loss of taste and/or smell**

You could have all or just one of these symptoms

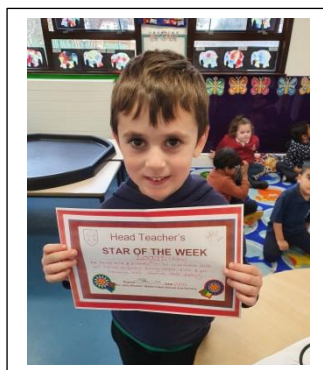
Please:

- wash your hands regularly
- use anti-bacterial hand gel
- wear a mask to and from school and on the school site (not children or if you are exempt)
- please socially distance
- please leave our site as soon as you can
- do not meet anyone outside of your household/support bubble (unless 1:1 socially distancing)
- do not have visitors into your home

December 2nd will soon be here; if you need any financial help for food or school supplies please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are in crisis, do not hesitate to contact us. admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk or head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Stars of the Week

Here is our Robin Star of the Week...



I have awarded all of Year 2 a virtual Star of the Week as they have had to miss two weeks off school. Thank you all for working hard; we can't wait to see you on Friday 20th November!

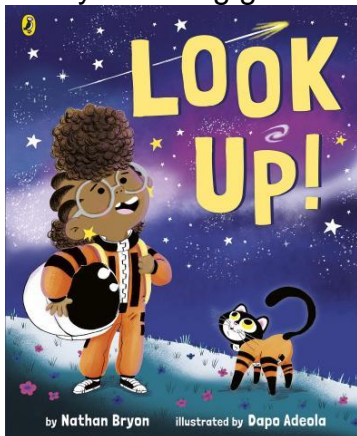


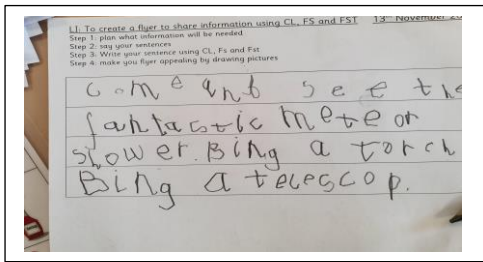


Our Foundation Stage Stars and Year 1 Stars have really been showing that they are Walter Rainbows; we have wonderful writers, resilient readers, amazing artists as well as kind, caring and hardworking pupils showing that they want to be the best that they can be.

What has been happening in school?

This week has been very busy in school; Year 1 has been learning all about SPACE! There are astronauts and space ships everywhere; it is extremely exciting. They have been learning about a little girl called Rocket who wants to visit the moon! You will notice that it is one of our new BAME texts and has been a huge success as an inspiration for a variety of writing genres.





Children in Need

Wow! What a wet start to the day, but that did not deter our children at all; they all bounced into school in their sports gear ready for a very active day! You can see from these pictures that, as usual, our wonderful staff has made sure that there is lots of fun to be had and the children have learned all about our value of empathy as well!



With 1/3 of our school unable to take part, we have still raised an incredible £214.19 Thank you so much to everyone who made a contribution.

Louise (Mrs Cook as we call her) our school cook's Dad donated lots of juggling balls to school yesterday; we found out we had one super juggler (and it was not me)!



Well done Mr Herlihey – you were amazing!

Catching Up

A wonderful parent came up with the idea of providing a chance for the Year 2 children to have a 'Catch up' via teams with their classmates and so that is what we are doing. We have sent out an invitation for a 'teams meeting' for your child to attend. If you haven't done so already, please email your preferred email address to teams@walter.wokingham.sch.uk. You can use Microsoft Teams on your mobile phone.

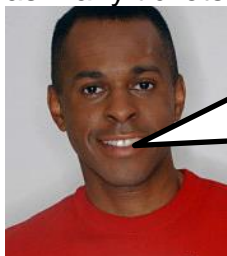
The teachers will sort out the children into two groups and email with one of the following times for your child to attend.

We will run the sessions at the following times, which will be chosen by your child's class teacher:

- Pine Class - Monday 10:00 or Tuesday 10:00
- Sycamore - Monday 11:00 - Tuesday 11:00
- Willow Class - Monday 1:30 or Tuesday 1:30

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your raffle tickets and thank you to those of you who have requested more! We are so delighted that you are supporting us so well. It is very exciting. We now have the donation of a John Lewis Hamper worth £60 and some Tropic Products so the prize list is getting better and longer! Please sell as many tickets as you can – as they say.....



**You have to be
in it to win it!**

Reindeer

All being well, the reindeer are coming to school on Monday 7th December 2020. Each child will get to meet the reindeer and learn so much about them. Sadly we will not be able to invite parents and siblings to meet the reindeer due to COVID restrictions. We will be asking for a donation of £2 per child or £3 per family to see the reindeer which will be payable through the school gateway; payments will go live on 23rd November.

The PTA will be selling reindeer craft packs so that your children can carry on their fun and learning at home; watch out for information on how to order a pack for your child soon.

Bags2School

We collected so many bags, thank you to everyone who contributed. We made £161 for the PTA! FANTASTIC! That will help towards our climbing frame!

Parent Consultations

Please make your telephone appointment to have a progress update with your child's teacher: Mrs Janes sent information out to all parents this week. If you have not received anything please contact Mrs Janes directly.

And finally....

Have a wonderful weekend. Please contact me if you have any questions or queries.

head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Keep well and keep safe.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher