



Walter Infant School and Nursery

# Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This morning I led an assembly linking to our topic of 'Healthy Me!' which is part of our Personal, Social, Relationships and Health Education Curriculum. We shared a story which focused on eating the correct food, making good choices and telling the truth. The story was based on how the Honesty Hedgehog came to have his name.



It has come to my attention that some children are not eating their lunches in school, sometimes it is because they are hurrying to get out to play, but more often they are saying they don't like what they have chosen. The caterers at our school provide wonderful food, which is cooked and prepared freshly each morning, many of the staff choose the school dinners as they actually do taste nice! We have adjusted the menu to be more child friendly and we have a number of choices each day.

I asked the children to put their hands up if they choose a jacket potato every day; there were quite a lot of hands. I asked them to keep their hands up if they didn't like jacket potatoes and at least 12 hands remained in the air. It seems they like the beans and cheese, or even the tuna and salad, but not the potatoes!

Please could you ask your children what sort of things they find difficult to eat at school and let their teachers know, we can then ensure that we help them to choose something they like eating. We have a long day at school and we talked about how we feel when we are hungry; we agreed that it didn't feel good at all and we certainly did not have any energy.

I then asked the children to put their hands up if they had come to school without eating any breakfast; the class teachers looked to see which of their children put up their hands. We spoke about the importance of having some healthy food to eat before coming to school. The class teachers have spoken to the children individually and some parents have been contacted.

Please ensure your children have a healthy breakfast: here are some recommendations!!!!



Alternatively, a glass of milk and a bowl of cereal is more than satisfactory and will keep your children going until snack time! Try to make it sugar free.



We have cereal and milk in our pantry if you are struggling to provide everything each day.



## Lunar New Year

We have been learning all about the Lunar New Year and on Monday and Tuesday every child in school had the opportunity to learn about some of the customs and traditions that are celebrated during the Lunar New Year and they learned to perform some traditional dances; the most exciting being a dragon dance. 2024 is the year of the dragon and the children have been learning the story of how the years got their names. The children in Foundation Stage have also been ordering the animals and learning ordinal numbers from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. The order of the animals was decided by a race across a river, the first year being named after the animal who won. It was the rat! You could ask your child how the rat became the winner of the race!



This is the tough tray in Magpie; every class has a set of the animals!









### Drama4All

On Thursday we were joined by the Drama4All Company; the children in some of our classes had the best time ever learning all about the Wild West!



### Excellent Work in School



Isla drew me the most beautiful hearts and flowers and really made my day! Lottie wrote her sentence all by herself"



The children in Year 2 are learning all about Sir David Attenborough ~ Jidenna has produced the most exceptional fact file and wanted to show it to Walter! Walter was very impressed!



**Lear**

Lear has had his very long hair cut and has donated it to The Little Princess Trust to make a wig for a poorly child. Well done Lear; you are so kind and thoughtful!

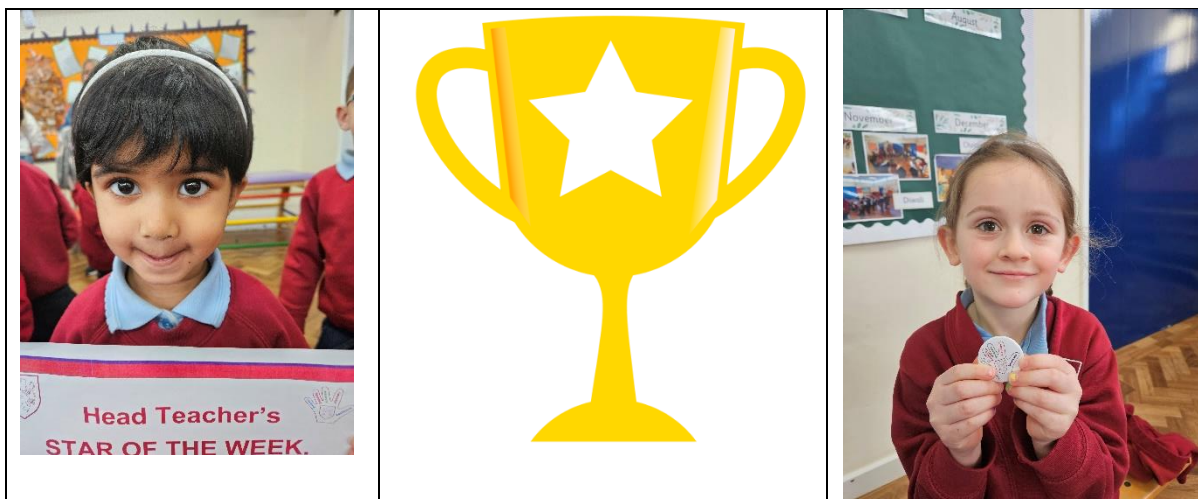


## Star of the Week

Here are our amazing stars and an extra one from the week before half term; well done everyone.







**If you are struggling to provide all you need to at the moment; we can provide Food Vouchers for the Foodbank and fuel vouchers.**

### **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.

### **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 provided 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 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/>

Please check out all our future dates on the calendar on our website. Have a great weekend.

**Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Governor Day
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent Consultations – 3.30pm-6.30pm (more details to follow)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Photographer
<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent Consultations – 3.30pm-6.30pm (more details to follow)
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	i-Rock concert for parents of i-Rock children
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of term (finishing one hour early)

Please note that these dates are subject to change.