



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Our School Christmas Fair is coming up so quickly; the staff at Walter organise the Christmas Fair, with the support from our wonderful PTA. It is happening on **Friday 29th November 2024 at 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm.**

I must apologise for the complete failure of the COUNTDOWN!!!! I got the BUG, that is going around!!!! YUK! I never get bugs! But this time I got it from a child from a different school (not even one of my grandchildren)! We will resume the count down on Monday!

So many of you made the most wonderful contributions and we are so very grateful, but it is possible, that some people were unable to contribute a donation from the category they had been asked to donate to. That is understandable, and we can learn from that in the future.

As a school we are dependent on Fund Raising to enhance our children's experiences throughout the school year. If it were not for all of you, we would not be having the reindeer in school on Monday! Unfortunately, we do not receive sufficient funding to have visitors to school, to have beautiful toys in the classroom and to have amazing equipment for playtimes, we can't make your children's start in education as magical and memorable as it is without your support.

TOMBOLAS!

An amazingly exciting game, with the possibility of a lovely prize!

We LOVE a TOMBOLA at Walter! We are the Kings and Queens of Tombolas!

If you are able to donate a bottle of something lovely, a candle or a diffuser, or some delicious Christmassy chocolate to boost our prize collection, we would be so appreciative. We do have some amazing prizes already but we do need more! I feel so grateful for what we have received already, and I do recognise that times are very hard for all of us, but the more money we make as a WALTER Team, the more we can do to make your children's experiences in school even better. I would love to be able to say that we can continue to provide the wonderful resources the children use in the classrooms and playgrounds, without your support, but sadly I can't. We have fewer children in school than we have had before, due to the lower birth-rate in Wokingham, and we will be dependant on finding different funding opportunities to support our children in their learning: **WE NEED YOU!**



ELFRIDGES!

Our School Council (your children) have also chosen to run a stall for presents for the adults they love!

So they would also be so grateful for any brand new, unwanted gifts you may have that we can recycle for our presents stall, which is being run by our wonderful **School Council for the first time ever!** The presents will be beautifully wrapped, with a blank gift tag and organised into gifts for female, male or any gender categories, ready to be placed under the tree for Christmas Day.

RAFFLE!

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

This year we have better prizes than we have ever had before! BUT we have also got the lowest sales of tickets we have ever had so close to the start of the fair. We have received so many donations for raffle prizes and cannot thank the donators enough. Mrs Janes continues to update the list of prizes that we have for you to win!



A Kwazii Tonie!



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A MASSIVE SIMBA

- A Brand New Fitbit!
- £25 Station Fish Bar Voucher x 2
- £25 Chinese Takeaway Voucher x 2
- Afternoon Tea for Two
- Boishakhi Restaurant Voucher
- Honey B Beauty Voucher
- Birdworld Voucher
- Therapycise Voucher
- Yoga Class x 2 Voucher
- Art Hamper (donated by ex-pupil Daniel Hemmings)
- JAG Voucher
- I-Rock Voucher
- Stageability Voucher
- Spanish Bilinguasing Voucher
- Tennis Club Voucher
- Earrings from Strange the Jewellers
- £20 Henry Street Voucher
- Christmas Treats Hamper
- Movie Night Hamper
- Family Games Night Hamper
- Disney Encanto Deluxe Figurine Playset
- £100 Car Garage Voucher (Wokingham Tyres/Edmunds Exhaust)
- A barbie doll
- A spiderman toy
- Children's books by famous authors
- And much, much more!!!! Including an enormous Groot



PLEASE SELL AS MANY TICKETS AS YOU CAN TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY! REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT. Tickets cost £1 and the draw will take place at 5:00pm at the fair. Please put the tickets and the money in the school post box as soon as you can as we need to ensure every ticket is included in the draw.

Letters to Father Christmas

We will be placing a posting box for Elf Mail next week; please include £3.00 postage in your envelope as postage to the North Pole is required. All children writing to Father Christmas will receive a personalised reply. The elves have been booked to collect the letters on the 6th of December! They come in the middle of the night BUT the post box will close at the end of the school day!

How do we pay?

PLEASE BRING MONEY!

Cash is the easiest way; most games will cost 50p. Tombola tokens are 20p each or 6 for a £1. Nothing will be expensive! But, we are of course fundraising to enhance your children's experiences in school.

There will be hotdogs, fizzy drinks, candy floss, popcorn, marshmallow snowmen, our amazing cake stall, run by our PTA, tattoos and glitter tattoos, a fantastic lucky dip, guess how many sweets in the jar, games to play, Christmas music, photo opportunities, and of course, Guess the Name of the Toy!



For the first time ever, we will have **scratch cards**, to win a family game; there will be 6 games available to win and each scratch card will cost £1.

We will have a photo booth (not an actual booth) opportunity for children to use props and for parents/carers to take a picture, this will be for a chosen donation into the honesty bucket!

There will be lots of games to play, as well as hot dogs and soft drinks, Christmas Tattoos, Guess the Name of the Toy, a Cake sale run by the PTA, Candy Floss and Sweet Treats, a Lucky Dip, **PRESENTS FOR PARENTS** priced at £3.00, a mystery gift for mums, dads, uncles, aunts, grandparents, the presents will already be wrapped for the children to buy and take home for Christmas Day. We will have Christmas Book Stall selling Christmas themed books, brand new, for £2.00, they are great stocking fillers! Or wonderful gifts to give to your children or other members of your family.

Reindeer in school!!!! Monday 25th November

This is truly the most wonderful day in school and we have requested that the reindeer stay in school so that you can visit them at the end of the day with your younger and older children. Any children coming to visit must be accompanied by an adult for Health and Safety, or should I say Elf and Safety. Please come along at the end of the school day, but only take photos of your own children or children whose parents have given you permission to take photographs.

Every child will be able to meet and greet real life reindeer in school, they will go in classes and have an opportunity to engage with the Reindeer from Riverways Farm and learn so much about them!

REHOME AND SUSTAIN OUR ENVIROMENT!

Rumble in the Jumble

Please support our School Council. They **LOVE** running a stall to raise money for school. Three of our Councillors will be chosen to be Christmas Elves to work on our Rumble in the Jumble Stall: We know that your children will have many soft toys and teddies that they no longer love; if these are in mint condition, we would love you to donate them to our school councillors, who will be running a **Rumble in the Jumble** stall to raise money for playground toys. Please do not send over loved toys, as we will not be able to sell them! The toys will be priced according to size from £1 to £3. We already have some beautiful toys, thank you so much for donating them, including a huge Peppa Pig! But we **NEED** so many more. Please start bringing them in on Monday. Thank you from our School Council.



There will be no entry fee to the fair!

We will also have some stalls run by private contributors, which might help you with Christmas Shopping List!

PLEASE BRING EVERYONE YOU KNOW ALONG TO OUR FAIR TO MAKE IT THE BEST CHRISTMAS FAIR EVER!

Very Important Dates for Your Diaries

Year 1 Nativities

Beech Class - 10th December at 2.20pm

Larch Class - 11th December at 2.20pm

Oak Class - 12th December at 2.20pm

Year 2 Annual Christmas Extravaganza!

18th December 2.15pm start

Foundation Stage Christmas Presentations

Friday 13th December at 9.10am

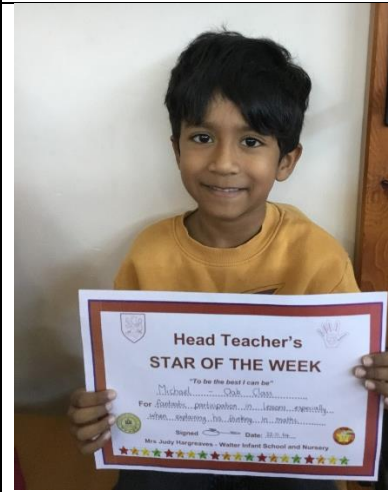
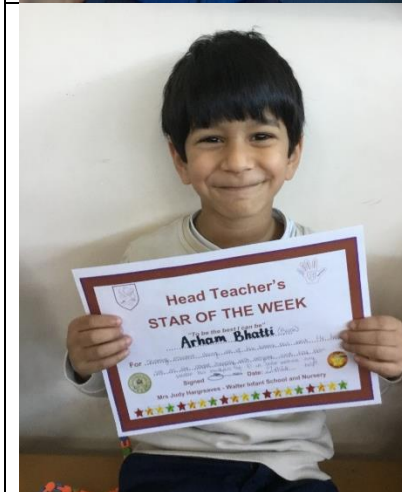
On the **17th December**, 30 Year 2 children, will represent the school as a choir at Westoak Care Home, across the road, where they will sing the songs they have learnt for Christmas!

I-Rock Christmas Festival

If your child is a member of I-Rock, the rock festival to celebrate their achievements, will take place on Friday 6th December in the school hall at 2:30 pm.

Stars of the Week

Mrs Bennette was lucky enough to present our star of the week certificates this week; here are our shining stars.





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 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 nurture, 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/>

I am very happy to share your children's success outside of school, send me the photos and the context and I will post them in the flyer.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2024

Date	Event	Time
25 th November	Reindeer visit	All Day
29 th November 2024	Christmas Fair	3.30 – 5.30pm
6 th December 2024	iRock Concert	2.30pm
10 th December 2024	Beech Class Nativity – For Parents	2pm
11 th December 2024	Larch Nativity – For Parents	2pm
12 th December 2024	Oak Nativity – For Parents	2pm
13 th December 2024	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing	9am
18 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children)	
18 th December 2024	Christmas Lunch	11.30 – 1pm
18 th December 2024	Y2 Singing Extravaganza – For Parents	2pm
20 th December 2024	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	

Further dates to be added. All Dates may be subject to change. Please continue to check the website calendar and the Friday Flyer.