

Dear Walter Families,

The children have had a very busy week this week; including our fire practice! The sun has been shining until this afternoon and the children have loved playing outside.

#### The Travelling Book Fair

We have had a wonderful week selling books from the Travelling Book Fair; the school makes commission which we can use to buy books for our school. We have been able to choose some beautiful books to add to our story boxes and guided reading resources.



We will have our last sale day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March so please keep buying and don't forget to bring your book token from World Book Day. We have already sold over £500 of books!

We have got hundreds of cakes too; for our Bake Sale organised by our PTA!



#### **Comic Relief**

We will be selling red noses in aid of Comic Relief, they are £1.50 and we have a limited stock, so first come first served. You don't know which nose you are going to get so it will be a surprise! I have got my eye on the leopard!



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March we would love the children to come dressed in clothes that make them feel happy; dress up clothes, pyjamas, football kits, bright colours, absolutely anything goes. Please don't send them to school in very precious clothes as they could get spoiled at play times. We will have buckets at the start and end of the day if you wish to donate to Comic Relief 2022. Hopefully you received the flyer yesterday announcing our Comic Relief Talent Concert (now a competition). If your child would like to take part in the Talent Concert, please send a video (filmed on your phone) no longer than 2 minutes, showcasing their amazing talent. It might be singing, dancing, playing an instrument. They might want to tell a joke or perform a magic trick!

Please send the videos to:

Foundation Stage 1 & 2: please send your videos to Miss Rose on

Lauren.Rose@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Year 1: Lisa.Palmer@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Year 2: justin.lee@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Please can you send your videos by Monday 14th March at the latest as it will then give us time to put the concert together; then we hope will be able to share it with our families on Red Nose Day and in our school assembly. It is not a competition, purely a celebration. Obviously, this is a choice and not an expectation; and only film your child if they are happy to take part!

#### **Governor Day**

Today was our second governor day of this school year; our governors came to our whole school assembly to find out about how we keep our children safe and to learn about our

value of kindness. The children learned about the role of a governor and were able to ask some very tricky questions! The governors all received their first values badges! The governors then met with some of our wonderful teaching team to learn more about our BIG curriculum for little people! The children were able to talk about our Rainbow of Safety, perhaps you ask them what it is!



## Wokingham Library 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

We have received this information from Wokingham Library which may be of interest to some of you.

Shakespeare Week is a national annual celebration giving primary school aged children opportunities for enriching and early encounters with Shakespeare – his characters, stories and language. Shakespeare Week was created and is coordinated by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Why celebrate Shakespeare? Shakespeare is a named author on the curriculum in 65% of countries, studied by around half of the world's schoolchildren every year. He has been hailed as the UK's greatest cultural export, and the foremost reason why people are proud to be British. However, many British children encounter Shakespeare in their teens as a mandatory subject studied for exams. Many consider Shakespeare difficult and not for them, and so are unlikely to introduce their children to his works.

This is why Shakespeare Week is so important as it introduces children to Shakespeare in a fun and inspiring way. **Choose a fun book** to share with your child on Shakespeare from Wokingham Libraries...

Book recommendations **HERE** 

Book recommendations for adults HERE

Book recommendations for children HERE

#### **Stars of the Week**

Our governors remarked on how proud all our stars felt as they came out to collect their certificates. We are all so proud of them too!













## **Our Kindness Tree**

Today nine more leaves added to our tree; we have so many kind children coming to our school.





## **Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 18**<sup>th</sup> **March** is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief, we are hoping to sell red noses from school; more information will follow soon BUT we are hoping to have a virtual talent show!

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022** will be our Spring Parent Consultations evening from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022** our school will be closed for lessons and open for Parent Consultations; 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will have a creche facility for children to attend when their parents are meeting with teachers.

## **Pupil Premium Funding Changes**

There have been some changes to the requirements for families who 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! Please visit this link to see if your child may be entitled to the grant.

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 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-based Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit
- 5) Pension Credit.

Working tax credit

- 6) Support as a result of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit (if a household is earning less than £7,400 per year)

As stated previously, any child that is currently receiving free school meals is eligible for pupil premium funding. It's incredibly important that parents make the school aware that their child is eligible for this as it will automatically allow the school to receive extra funding that will go towards the betterment of their child's education.

Please contact Mrs Janes in the office to find out more or follow this link <a href="https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/">https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/</a>

#### And Finally,

Where's Wally? Can your work out where Wally is in our school grounds?



Judy Wheeler: Headteacher

# **Walter Infant School**



# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022-2023**

18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Foundation Easter Hunt
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 Easter Hunt
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Easter Hunt
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Parent Consultations
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Funny Bunny Competition Chocolate Tombola
7 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term (finishing 1 hour early)
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Parent Consultations
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Class School Photos

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.