



Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

This has been a very turbulent week; filled with massive highs and huge lows. As you may know our Sycamore Bubble has closed; sadly we will not be able to say a proper farewell to our wonderful Sycamore children but there will be a Zoom Call next week. Sycamore Class have been amazing all year and we will miss them all so much.

Sadly also, Miss Prickett has to isolate due to track and trace so is unable to be with Magpie Class for the last few days of term!

You may also know that St Paul's have closed bubbles and isolating staff too. As do so many other school in Wokingham and nationwide, so we cannot stop taking precautionary measures. Mrs Taylor and I have agreed on this message for both schools:

The number of Covid-19 cases in our borough is increasing, the impact of which is being felt across our two schools, with class bubbles having to close and a growing number of additional pupils and staff having to self-isolate. It has been heart breaking to send pupils and staff home who will not be returning before the end of term, many of whom are due to be leaving our schools next week.

In consultation with Governors, and for the safety of our pupils, their families and our staff, we will be maintaining all of our existing control measures up until the end of the term. You will appreciate how disappointed we are that we have to change some of our plans for our leavers and transition arrangements for all of our children, including the Y2 to Y3 pupils. To ensure that our schools remain as fully open as possible, we are asking all parents to do the following:

- **If you believe that you or your child may have COVID 19 symptoms, including cold/hayfever symptoms, a sore throat, headache or temperature, please do not risk the safety of other pupils and staff by sending your child to school. Arrange for a PCR test, only sending your child back once a negative result has been received.**
- **If you believe you or your child may have had extended contact with an adult or child who has a positive PCR test result, please do not risk the safety of others by sending them in. They should self-isolate for a period of 10 days;**
- **If you, your child or anyone else within your household receives a positive Lateral Flow Test result, please do not send your child to school until you receive a negative PCR test result.**

The safety of our school communities comes before everything and whilst COVID 19 can be mild or present with no symptoms, for some, including children, it can be a dreadful illness with far reaching consequences.

**Thank you for your ongoing support,
Mrs Taylor & Mrs Wheeler**

Eid

Some of our families and some of our staff team will be celebrating Eid next week so we will not be seeing them in school as they will be having a wonderful time feasting and having fun with their families. We would like to wish all our Muslim Families a very happy festival. Eid –al-Adha!



If you would like to find out more why not follow this link to the BBC website:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdt/bk/articles/zhjif4j>

Thank you for our Amazing Syrian Feast

Luckily for all of the adults at school, there is a tradition from Syria for families to share a feast with the teachers and other staff in school to say thank you. We would all like to say thank to Mr and Mrs Alsayd, as well as Ahmad and Sham for presenting us with a feast fit for royalty. It was so delicious and everyone enjoyed every morsel. A few photos to whet your appetites!



Circus Skills in Foundation Stage

The children in Foundation Stage had a fantastic time learning to juggle, spin plates, walk on stilts and special pedal boards and to balance all sorts of things on their hands. They learned so quickly! Unfortunately the circus skills teacher had not yet mastered the skill of juggling! But Mr Herlihey was on hand to save the day with his amazing juggling! I was so impressed by the Big Top that Mrs Bennette and her team had created in the garden.



Mood Bears

Our Mood Bears have been hugely successful in helping some of our children talk about their feelings and worries. I saw that there were now two more bears so please welcome Angry Bear and Calm Bear!



Values Stones for our Beautiful Garden

Blake's mummy has made us the most beautiful stones for our garden; I am quite overwhelmed by how incredible they are. Mrs Janes says they are too beautiful to go outside, but they are varnished. Thank you so much Zoe!



Year 2 Leaver's Disco

Thank you so much to the PTA for working so hard to organise a Leaver's Disco for our wonderful Year 2 children during a pandemic! Dan the Music Man was great; he socially distanced from the children but was still very much an active part in the event. The children were in their class bubbles with some extremely kind parents from each class, who helped to ensure the children had a safe and fabulous time. The decorations were stunning!

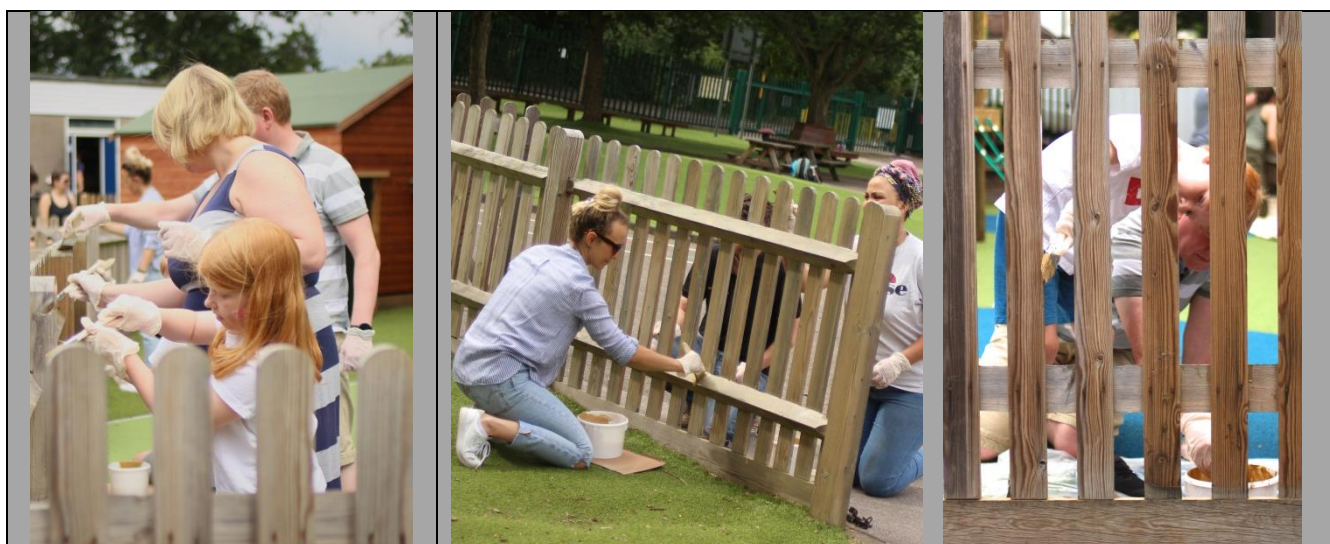




Jaidan had been dancing non-stop for almost two hours!
There was an extra special visitor who came to see just what was going on!

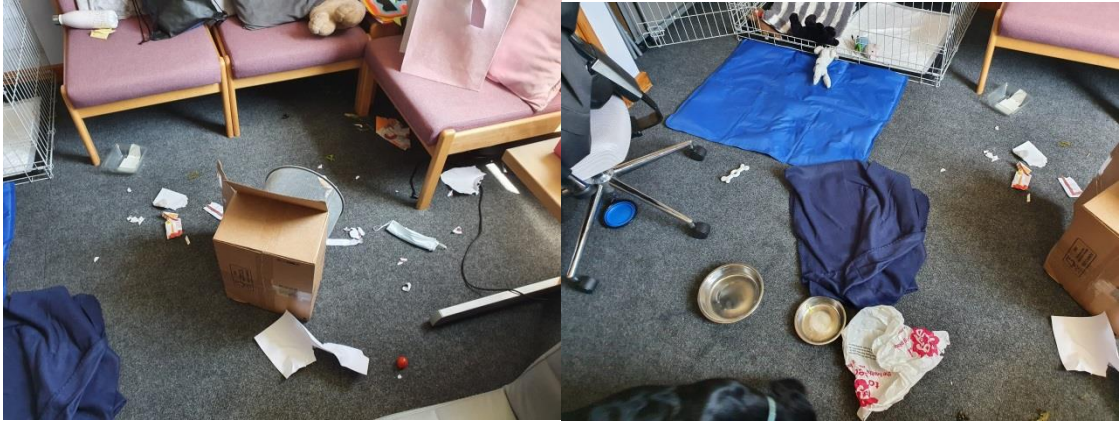


The PTA painting the Fence!



Surprise events in school!

Many of you will know that since I joined Walter Infant School and Nursery we have had lots of strange visitors and events in school; we have had tigers drinking all the water in the taps and eating all the food in the fridge! We had Goldilocks breaking chairs, cutting dolls hair, eating all the porridge and writing all over the tables. We had had space ships and aliens leaving the underpants everywhere and not long ago we had a tree in the garden with so many things stuck in it, including the kitchen sink. Today I walked in to my office and thought that another tiger had been in! Look at the evidence....



After a thorough investigation I discovered the culprit! That will teach me for leaving a half-eaten salad in the bin!



Leaver's Ceremonies

The Year 2 Leaver's Ceremonies will take place on Tuesday 20th July 2021. There will be a ceremony for each class:

9:30 – 10:00 Pine Class

11:00 – 11:30 Willow Class

We will be singing, dancing and celebrating the children's time here at Walter, the last two years of which have been very different from expected and our children have been so strong, so brave and so resilient.

We are happy for 2 adults from each family to attend (as well as any **younger** siblings below school age). You will be able to take photographs, but please do not publish photos of other people's children on social media sites.

As sadly, Sycamore Class will not be able to have their Leavers Assembly we would like to invite an adult from each household to collect the children's belongings, certificates and more from school on Tuesday between 10:15 and 10:45 am unless you are also isolating. Perhaps a friend could collect your child's things, including their school report. If you cannot arrange to collect your child's things, please let the office know so that we can make an alternative arrangement.

Vehicles

The children in our Year 1 Classes have been designing, making and evaluating vehicles that move; each one has axles and can be pushed or pulled! I think you will agree that the

designs are amazing and the children have proved themselves to be very successful designers and engineers.



Clubs in September 2021

We will have lots of extra-curricular clubs starting again in the Autumn term, to find out more please follow this link:

https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/web/activity_club_information_/10190

Rise and Shine Breakfast/Lunch Clubs

Please can you remind parents about booking for Rise and Shine Breakfast Club and Robin Lunch/Extra Hour Club. Rise and Shine Club will also be available to our Year 3 Leavers. If there are children who would like to come to Rise and Shine or Lunch Clubs, who haven't been before, please could the parents email me on the finance email address so I can register them and they can then book their sessions from 1st September. The following link to the school website page gives details of how to book sessions online:

https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/web/walter_breakfast_lunch_and_extra_hour_clubs/10194

Headteacher's Star of the Week

So here are the last stars of the week for this year: to be honest I believe that every single child and every single member of staff deserve to be star of the week as everyone has been so brave and resilient all year. But these lovely people are definitely the shiniest stars in school today! Well done all of you.







'My New Class' Afternoon in KS1

Hello Year 1 and Year 2 Parents and Carers,

As you know the Government Roadmap was halted and we have had to make a number of significant changes to our plans.

So, just like last year the children will not be going into their new classrooms until the **1st of September 2021**.

- **Children joining Year 1 will come to school at 1:15 pm on Wednesday 1st September 2021 and stay until 2:45 pm.**
- **Children joining Year 2 will come to school at 1:30 pm on Wednesday 1st September 2021 and stay until 3:00 pm.**

The Year 2 teachers will be visiting the Year 1 classes to read stories and answer questions, so that they are familiar with who their new teacher will be and which class they will be in.

Have a lovely weekend. Please contact me if you need to on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher