



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

This week has been wonderful but so busy; the children have been working and playing so much and the teachers have all been getting to know them even better. Thank you to all of you who had adhered to the restrictions imposed on us all due to the pandemic. We also have several Health and Safety rules that need to be followed too. There are several things that I would like to remind you all about:

- Please do not permit your children to scoot or cycle in the playground; we have had accidents in the past and the start and end of the day are very busy.
- Please do not feed your children in the playground; we worked so hard to achieve our Healthy School Award. Please do not open any snacks until you have left the school site.
- We can only allow one adult per family to drop off and collect; please do not be offended if we have to remind you of that at the start or end of the day.
- Please do not arrive early (or late). There is a 10 minute window for each year group, please ensure you do not arrive before or after your allotted time to reduce the number of people on site.
- You are welcome to wait in the field across the road.
- Please ensure that your telephone and email contacts are up to date, we have had some difficulties contacting parents when needed.

COVID 19 update for this week

We have been asked to report our COVID related absences to Wokingham Borough Council; we already keep our own records and send numbers to the Department of Education each day, but this is in addition so that Wokingham develops a picture of COVID related absences from schools.

Please remember that if your child starts a new, persistent cough or has a high temperature 37.8 degrees or above, they must not come to school. They must isolate for 10 days or have a Coronavirus test. They can return to school as soon as they receive a negative test result. Please email absences@walter.wokingham.sch.uk with any absence.

It is very important that we all follow the rules to avoid an infection coming into school. If you have any questions related to COVID 19 please follow this link or contact me directly. [action list for schools](#)

You can read more how we are responding to the pandemic on our website. If you are isolating you can access our year group home learning packs; these include 10 days of activities that relate to the curriculum and will boost knowledge and understanding. The resources are only for children who are isolating. If your child is absent from school with a different illness they are not expected to work from home; they need to rest and get better as quickly as possible.

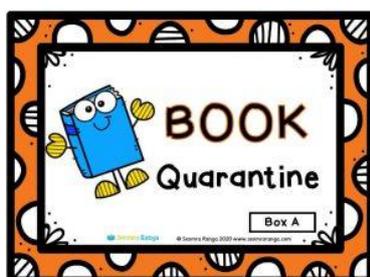
Stars of the Week

Here are this week's wonderful stars; I know the teachers had a very hard job choosing stars this week as all our children have been shining so brightly since the term began! This week we have scientists, authors, athletes, mathematicians and kind and caring friends! Well done all of you!



Reading Books

Year 1 and Year 2 children have begun taking home reading books today; you will have received a letter explaining how this will operate in school. Please keep the books at home until next Friday. If you are concerned about the assessment process or the book band we have placed your child on, please do not hesitate to contact us.



What's been happening in school this week?

We have been enjoying outside learning this week with mathematics, science and English lessons taking place in the sunshine! We have been astonished by the children's skills and knowledge this week; they are so keen to learn and to share their success. We

have been marvelling about the children's excellent behaviour, good manners and positive attitudes. It is so much fun to be in school!



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**FOR THE 1 IN 25
CHILDREN WHO HAVE
A LIFE-ALTERING
GENETIC DISORDER**



Thank you so much for your extremely generous donations for Jeans for Genes Day; so far we have collected **£351.40** which is more than we have ever collected before. Jeans for Genes is a wonderful charity and I know they will be delighted to receive our contributions. It is very important for our children to develop and show empathy for others which is why we choose to raise money for some charities.



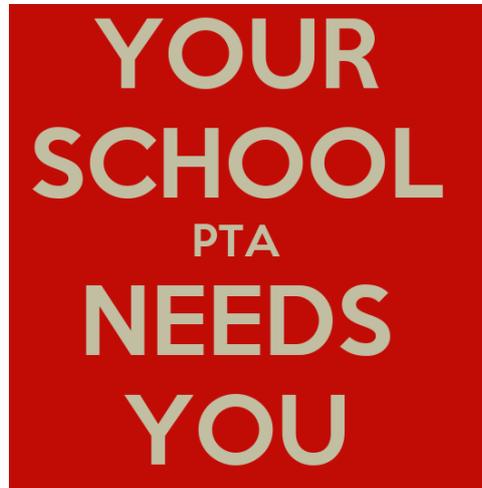
Parents and Teachers Association at Walter Infant School and Nursery

Please could you let us know if you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting of our PTA on Friday 2nd October 2020. Please could you email

admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk to let us know. We have to have 8 members to be

quorate and our joint chairs and our secretary will only be with us for another year. I hope you will be able to attend.

As a school we are very reliant on our PTA for fundraising to buy the extra resources and fun items that the budget doesn't always allow for; PLEASE help us by joining our PTA and helping to support the school and raise funds. You will also meet lots of new people and establish new friendships. We are all looking forward to seeing you on the 2nd of October.



Parent Governors for our School

We will soon be inviting parents to make an application to be a parent governor which will lead to an election. If you are interested in this very fulfilling and worthwhile role that will be of huge benefit for our school, please email me on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk for more information.

Pupil Premium Funding

If you are experiencing financial hardship please get in touch with us; we may be able to help. If you have had a change to your circumstances, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding? If you contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the office they will be able to send you a form to complete.

You may be able to claim if you are in receipt of:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

The Pupil Premium for 2020 to 2021 will include pupils recorded in the January 2020 school census who are known to have been eligible for FSM since May 2014, as well as those first known to be eligible in January 2020.

Please also remember that we can help you to get food parcels from Wokingham Food Bank so please speak in confidence to the staff in the school office on admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk or 01189780825.

Parent View

Parent View is on our website, it is an OFSTED Questionnaire for parents to answer questions and comment on their child's school. The Governors of our school are very keen to understand the view of our parents, so please complete the questionnaire if you

are able. Here is the link from the website:

https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/have_your_say/370747 then click on the parent view address on the landing page. Thank you.

And finally....

I hope you are able to have a wonderful weekend in the sun. If you need to contact me please do not hesitate: head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Keep well and keep safe.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher