

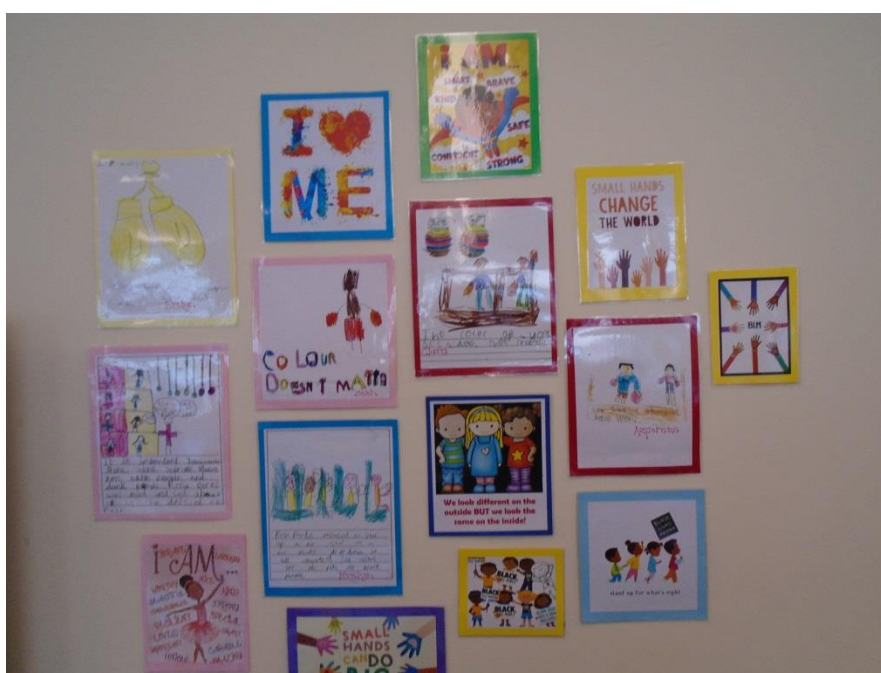


## Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

Yesterday we were visited by our School Improvement Officer, Mrs Stopforth, for the first time since the pandemic. Mrs Stopforth commented on the wonderful behaviours for learning, the exceptional work on display and how beautiful and well-resourced our school is. She noted how much all the adults care for the children and the passion and enthusiasm everyone has to ensure our children are safe, happy and love learning. I was extremely proud of everyone in the school as we visited from class to class and I would like to thank my amazing staff team for working so hard to provide a wonderful education for our amazing children (each and every one of them).

October is Black History Month so we will be learning about people of colour whose actions have affected the world and made a difference for us all. The children will learn about black people from History who are role models for all of us to learn from, for example Rosa Parkes who stood up against apartheid and segregation and Len Johnson who was banned from competing in boxing events because he did not have two white parents!



### Star of the Week

We have 10 wonderful Stars this week; many of whom have received their certificate for excellent work during their lessons. We have excellent authors, accountants and artists



### Kindness Leaves

Today we had our first whole school (FS2 – Y2) assembly on our value of kindness. We have had several incidents since the start of term where some children have not behaved in a kind way, examples of this have been kicking, pushing, hitting, biting and saying things to hurt the feelings of others. In our assembly we discussed having kind hands, kind feet, kind teeth and kind words. All the adults in the room were astonished at how articulate the children were. I asked what kind hands would do and the children could share so many ideas, hugging, holding hands, high five, fist bump, making a heart, sharing, playing, the list went on! They knew how they should use their feet, they could say that teeth were just for

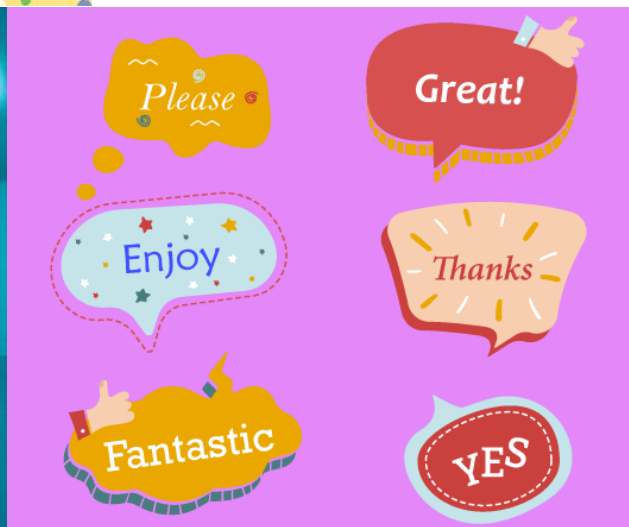


eating and could give examples of how they could use their words carefully, for example “That’s FANTASTIC work!”, “Would you like to play?” and “I can be your friend!” When Logan received his kindness leaf he was so happy that he gave Miss Prickett a huge hug bringing a tear to the eyes of all the adults! The children at this school are amazing.



Kind Hands Don't Hurt

We have kind legs and feet.

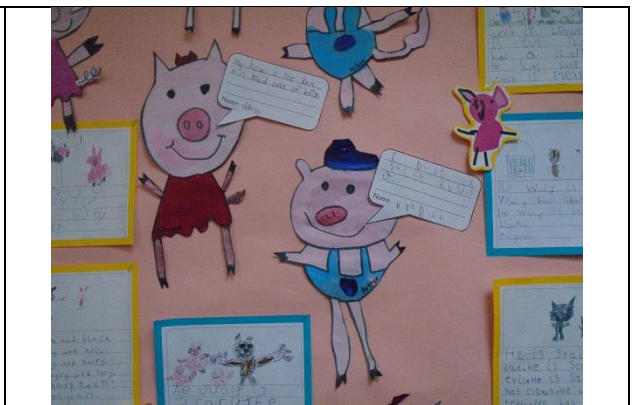


We learned that not only do we have to be kind to each other, we have to be kind to animals, plants, our school and of course the planet. Roxby has drawn me a beautiful image of the world. Thank you Roxby!

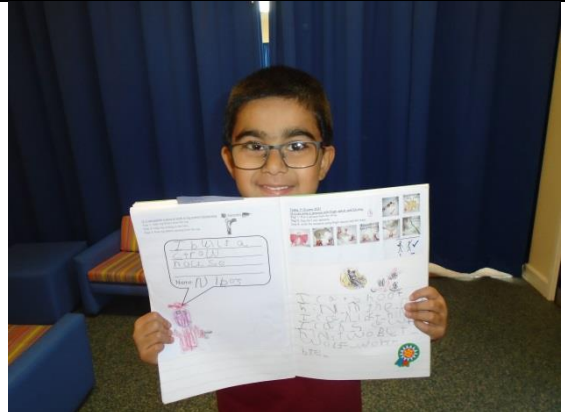


### What's been happening in school this week?

Year 1 have been learning all about the properties of different materials through the story of the Three Little Pigs! They have learned so many scientific facts and vocabulary as well as producing amazing pictures using paint and the computer as well as the most brilliant writing. There are pigs and wolves everywhere!







Year 2 have produced the most amazing work writing about space and the way back home and Mrs Wyatt has built the most incredible aeroplane!!!



This incredible drawing was produced by Sujay in Willow Class; he even gave up some Friday Fun time to finish it! The children have been learning about the rainforest and I think you can see from this illustration that Sujay has a very good idea of what a rainforest looks like.





Foundation Stage have been learning how to control a football in PE and I was astonished by how skilful they were. Jake was very impressed.



### **Lunchtime Controller Vacancy**

If you are interested in working as a lunchtime controller please visit our website ([Vacancies](#)) to see our advertisement for a new recruit.

### **COVID 19 Updates**

This week has seen a large number of COVID 19 positive cases in Wokingham. We are still managing to keep the number of positive cases very low and we would really like to keep it that way as we do not want to close any classes or for any of our children to have to work from home again. Therefore, we will continue to be extremely vigilant to avoid an outbreak in our school.

Please do not send your child to school if they have a high temperature (hot and clammy to the touch), if they have a persistent cough or if they have lost their taste or smell (not easy to detect in a young child). If you child presents with any of these cluster symptoms, please do not send them to school:

**1 ('flu-like' with no fever):** Headache, loss of smell, muscle pains, cough, sore throat, chest pain, no fever.

**2 ('flu-like' with fever):** Headache, loss of smell, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, **fever, loss of appetite.**

**3 (gastrointestinal):** Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, **diarrhoea**, sore throat, chest pain, no cough.

**4 (severe level one, fatigue):** Headache, loss of smell, cough, fever, hoarseness, chest pain, **fatigue.**

**5 (severe level two, confusion):** Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, cough, fever, hoarseness, sore throat, chest pain, fatigue, **confusion**, muscle pain.

**6 (severe level three, abdominal and respiratory):** Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, cough, fever, hoarseness, sore throat, chest pain, fatigue, confusion, muscle pain, **shortness of breath, diarrhoea, abdominal pain.**

**If your child is waiting for a PCR result (even if they do not have symptoms, we would like you to keep them at home, just in case, until you receive a negative result. We would like everyone to be cautious, be careful and be kind.**

If we believe your child could have Covid 19 because of how we feel they present; we will telephone you to collect them from school as quickly as possible. We would appreciate it if you accept our decision graciously and respectfully and that you take your child for a PCR test. They can return to school as soon as they are well and have a negative result. If we are concerned about a child after they return to school the process will begin again.

**BE CAUTIOUS, BE CAREFUL, BE KIND.**

Covid-19 is still with us. Keep on protecting our communities.



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### Contacting Teaching Staff

One of the things we have decided to maintain from COVID 19 is sharing the email addresses of our teachers so that parents (carers) can contact their child's teacher directly; the teacher will get back to you as soon as they are able to.

Class and Teacher	Email contact
Robin Miss Samantha Potter	Samantha.Potter@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Dove Mrs Jessica Bennette	Jessica.Bennette@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Magpie Miss Rebecca Prickett	Rebecca.Prickett@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Woodpecker Miss Lauren Rose	Lauren.Rose@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Beech Miss Jasmine Veale	Jasmine.Veale@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Larch Miss Lisa Palmer	Lisa.Palmer@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Oak Mrs Amy Stevens	Amy.Stevens@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Oak Ms Stephanie Rees	Stephanie.Rees@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Pine Mr Justin Lee	Justin.Lee@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Sycamore Mr Andrew Herlihey	Andrew.Herlihey@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Willow Mandy McDonough	Mandy.McDonough@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Heather Pimm	Heather.Pimm@walter.wokingham.sch.uk



### **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 sessions, 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/>

### **And finally**

Don't forget to book your Parent Consultation. Please contact me if you need to on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

**Judy Wheeler: Headteacher**