



Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

This week has been one of the most wonderful weeks at school; so many amazing things have been happening. Yesterday morning I went for a walk around the school; Robin and Dove classes were outside having PE with Jack and Jake, Miller's Ark were here sharing their beautiful animals with our children, some of whom had never seen farm animals in real life, I had Walter on his lead, the sun was shining, the strawberries were ripening and everywhere was bursting with life. I have never felt so proud of the school and everyone and everything in it. I said to a colleague "I think we must be the best school in the world" and she replied "Yes we are, most definitely".



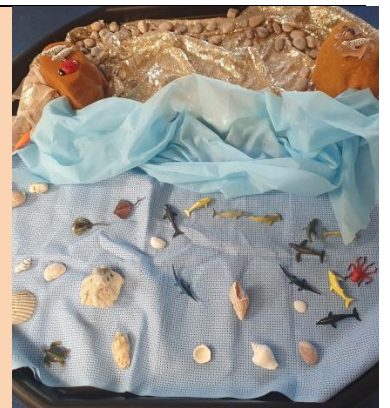
Walter at Walter

So Walter, our school dog, began his new role on Tuesday and he is doing a very good job indeed; he is trying very hard not to nibble anyone and likes to spend a lot of time sleeping as he is still only a baby. He has already learned where his base is and to use his crate properly. His training begins properly on Wednesday 16th June (next week) when myself and 7 other colleagues start to learn how to work with a school dog.



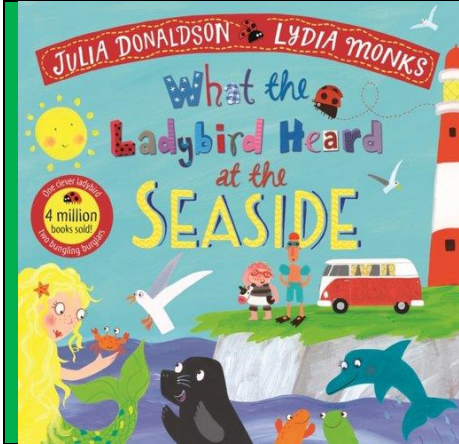
Our School

In Foundation Stage the children have been learning all about the seaside and have been sharing the book "What the ladybird heard at the Seaside" ~ some of our children have never been to the seaside so the amazing Foundation Team have done all they can to bring the seaside into school! I think you will agree that they have done a truly wonderful job and the children have loved every second.



Queuing for Ice Cream!





The children in Woodpecker even designed and built a beach side swimming pool!



Headteacher's Star of the Week

These wonderful stars have all received their awards for perseverance and resilience when working independently to show us what they can do!



Maypole Dancing

It is very important to us as a team at Walter to make the learning come alive; so that the children remember how and what they learned for years to come (or even for ever)! Mayday and May Bank Holidays have been around for all our lives, and of course we love them, but by having the Maypole Dancing, the children developed a deeper understanding of how people celebrated the summer in the past. I loved watching every class dancing; they were incredible as the dances were very complicated. I used to do Maypole dancing when I was at school and we used to get into a terrible muddle! But not our children.



Miller's Ark

It was an absolute joy having the farm to visit the children in Year 1 and we cannot wait until Monday when they come again for Year 2. The children loved seeing the donkeys, pigs, goats, sheep, goslings, chickens and Pompom ducks. All the animals were very well behaved and the children were impeccable; they were so enthusiastic and excited BUT knew they had to respect the animals and stay calm. The children learned so much about them, what they eat, the way they like to live, the noises they make, the names of males and females, the names of their babies. The children could stroke the animals which they loved doing! The representatives from Miller's Ark were extremely knowledgeable about the Key Stage 1 curriculum which made the learning even richer. My grandchildren came to visit too (as did Walter)! The Foundation Stage children had a good look from a distance too.



One little boy described the sheep as a “really big mamma!” she was a very big sheep indeed!

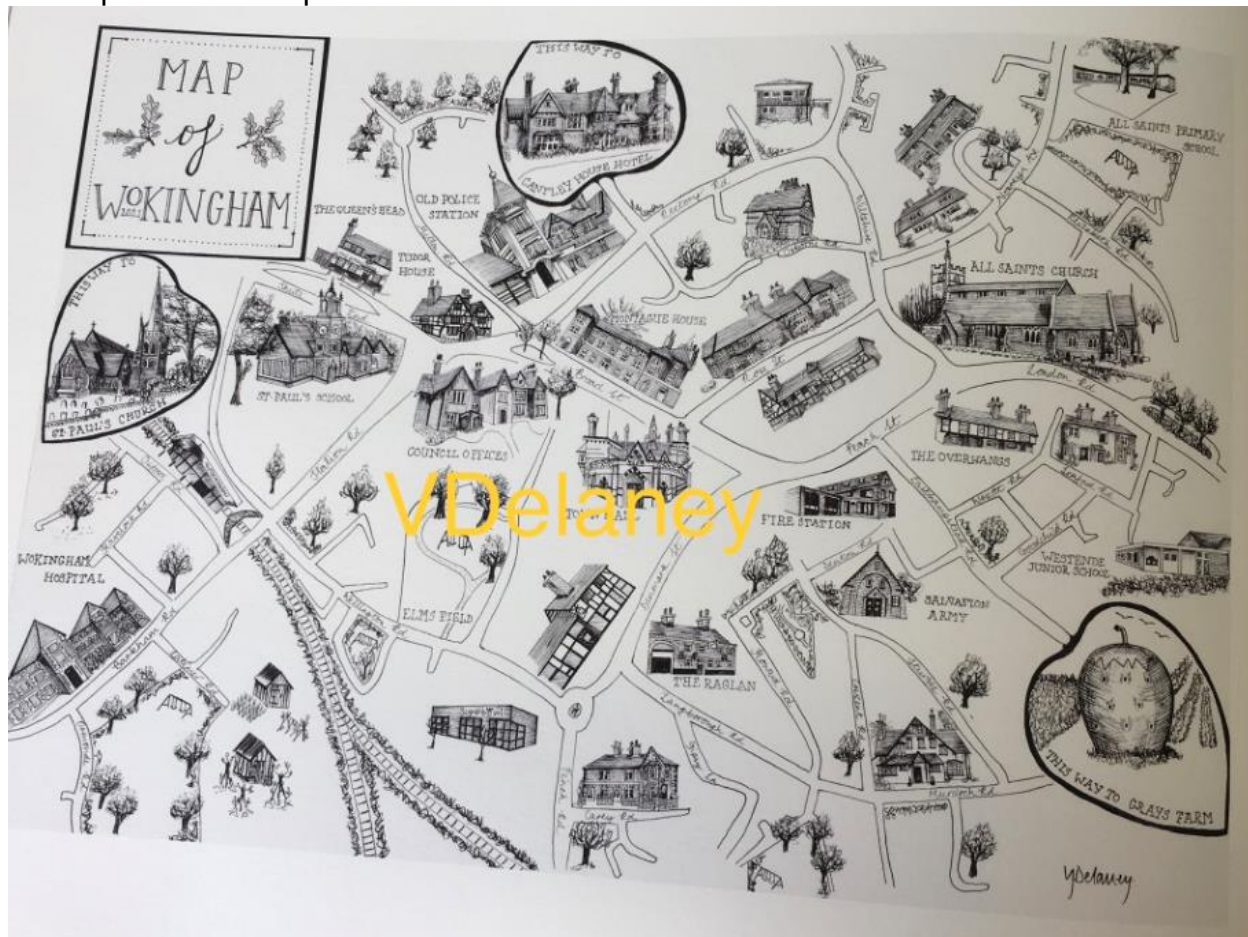
I strongly recommend visiting Miller’s Ark in Hook ~ I went with my family few weeks ago to do a recce and it was truly wonderful ~ we saw 10 baby donkeys and one was only three days old. You can enter the pens and stroke and hold the animals. It is really lovely.

Class Photographs

We will be taking class photographs on Tuesday 15th June (all day) so we would like all children to come in their school uniform. Sycamore will have PE on Thursday 17th instead. Thank you.

Map of Wokingham

Vic Delaney has produced the most amazingly beautiful map of Wokingham (as many of you know) ~ she has kindly donated 10% of sales to our PTA; so far she has raised £136.50 which is so incredibly generous and very much welcomed. The map sells for £65. If you like to purchase one please contact the school office for more information.



Ice Pops – Frozen Friday

The PTA will be selling ice pops after school today to help raise more money for computers!

Sports Days

We are also planning our Sports Days with Jack; please put these dates in your diaries but they may have to change or be cancelled depending on the weather of the 'Road Map'!

Key Stage 1: Friday 2nd July 2021 in the morning (start time to be confirmed)

Foundation Stage: Friday 9th July 2021 in the afternoon (start time to be confirmed).

Please contact me if you need to on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021-2022

14th June	Miller's Ark Y2
15th June	Class Photographs
21st-22nd June	Olympics Dance Workshop
30th June-5th July	Book Fair
2nd July	Y1 and Y2 Sports Day
9th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day
21st July	End of Term – finishing 1 hour early

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.