



## Walter Infant School and Nursery

# Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

### **Industrial Action 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

At this moment in time, I am unable to share with you whether our school will be open or closed on this day; as soon as I can I will inform you. It will be necessary for you to have plans in place, if our school is closed. There are further national strike days planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March, again, I do not have any information to share with you as to whether the school will be open or closed. As before, please be prepared to make arrangements in anticipation of the school being closed.

### **Update for parents re: unwanted behaviours in school**

This has been a busy week full of highs and lows; it has been great to be back at school and there have been some very exciting events and lots of new learning which I will share within this flyer. But, we have sadly had some unwanted behaviour; some of our children have been behaving in an unacceptable way at playtimes. We have had some rough play on the football pitch and some children have been using our play equipment in the wrong way, with an intent to hurt other children. I led a whole school assembly this morning on how we expect our children to behave at playtimes. Sadly, some children still chose to play in the wrong way! I have explained to the children that rough play or unkind behaviour will result in consequences; I would be grateful if you were able to take the opportunity to ask your children about our assembly and the sort of behaviours that we want to stop at school. I would like to stress that it is a small number of children. I have explained that we have allowed the football play to continue at the start of the day, but if they cannot play fairly in football during the day that we will OBVIOUSLY have to stop the additional opportunities for football until they can demonstrate that they know how to be sensible, safe and fair players.

## PLAYING FOOTBALL AT SCHOOL!



In addition to this, the children have heard that we will not tolerate name-calling, rude behaviour such as sticking out tongues, laughing when someone is hurt or shouting at people! These behaviours have been rare but there is a definite increase and some children are frightened and reluctant to share their concerns with adults. I have explained today that they must tell an adult in school when they have been scared, hurt or teased so that we can address the matter immediately. If your child shares a concern with you, please email me immediately on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) as all our children need to feel happy and safe in school.

### **Well-being Week (Children's Mental Health Week)**

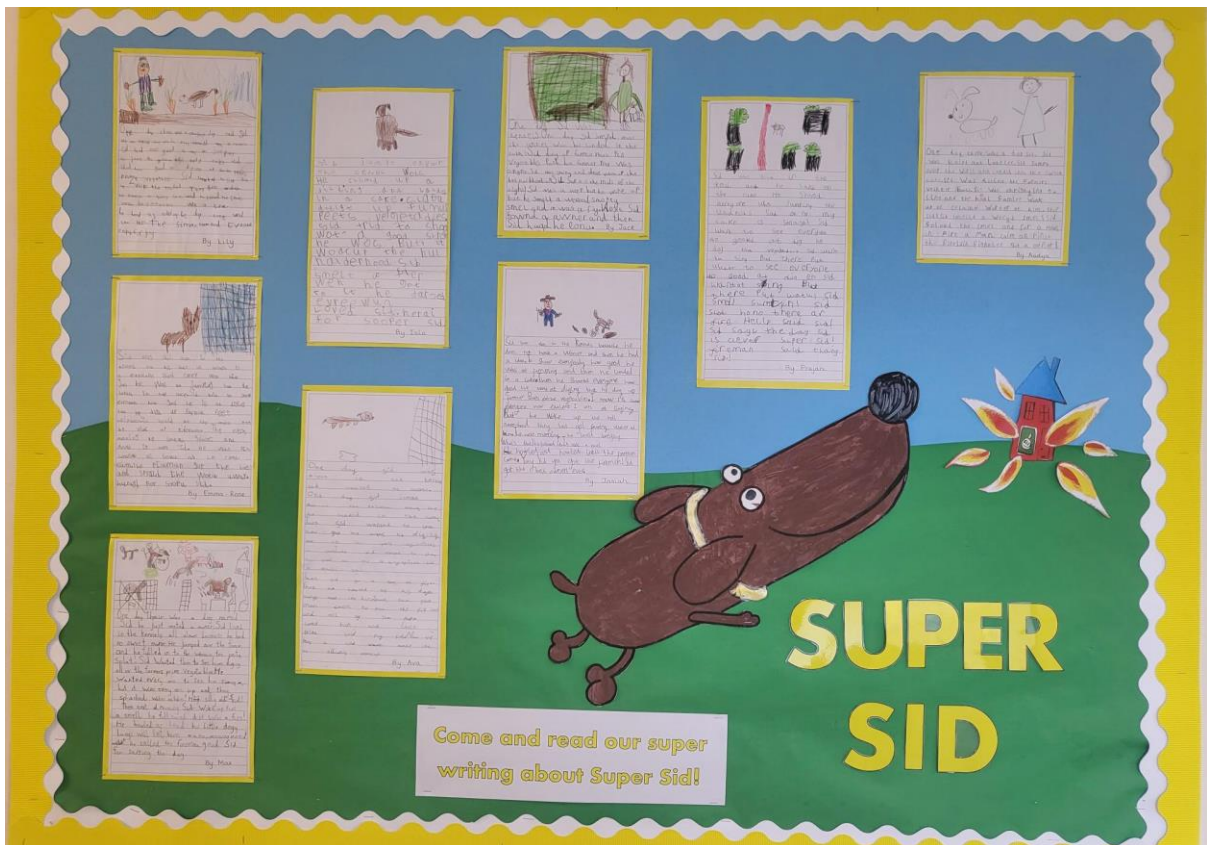
The Invisible String was a wonderful book to share with our children during well-being week; below are the Year 1 displays of the truly magnificent work and examples of how much the adults working with your children care about making our school a wonderful place to learn.

#### **Oak Class**





We have also had some amazing work inspired by a book called Super Sid; the children published their independent writing and it was FANTASTIC!



This is Year 1 writing, their handwriting is wonderful and they have demonstrated that they can produce extended writing with a variety of sentence types; I could not feel more proud!

### Goldilocks and our Crime Scene!

On Monday we arrived in school to see that we had been visited by an unwelcome intruder!!! Goldilocks had come into school and wreaked havoc in the Year 1 classrooms! The pictures below will demonstrate the chaos in the rooms; we were all very shocked. The children were able to write reports, including detailed descriptions of what had happened and we are hoping that the crime will soon be solved due to their detailed wanted posters of the culprit.





## Gymnastics in Year 1

Year 1 began a new gymnastics PE programme of study this week devised by Miss Palmer, they are learning to use their bodies in ways they may not have tried before and to develop their travelling and balancing skills, which will lead to an increased use of our wonderful gym apparatus in school. I was so impressed by the children's ability and how imaginative they were able to be! There are surely some Olympians within this group!



## World Book Day 2023 FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

World Book Day is on March 2<sup>nd</sup> when we will have an exciting menu based on the Harry Potter Books: However, we will be celebrating World book Day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**. We would like the children to come to school in their pyjamas ready for a bed time story. We have done this before; it is great fun and it means no one has to go to the expense of buying or making a costume. All the children will receive a £1 Book Token! All the teachers have chosen their favourite bedtime story to read to the children; on Friday morning we will learn who our Stars of the Week are and then the teachers will share with the children the books they have chosen: The children will then choose which book they want to listen to. It will be interesting to see which book is the most popular! Watch this space!

[What is World Book Day](#)



### Help with Sanitary Care

Mrs Prickett (who now leads our Rise and Shine Club which is AMAZING and definitely worth using for your children in the morning before school begins as they have such a lovely time for £5.50 a day!) has been made aware of a Wokingham Based Project that assists women and girls with sanitary products. These products can be very expensive and we are all aware that during this cost of living crisis, self-care can be bottom of the list when you have children!



The Cowshed

20 February at 21:17 · 🌐



We are thrilled to be partnering with [Wokingham Borough Council](#), [Wokingham Borough Libraries](#), and [All Yours](#) to provide free period and hygiene packs in all the libraries across the Wokingham borough.

Through our partnership with [The Hygiene Bank Reading](#) we have seen the effect first hand that hygiene poverty can have on an individual's wellbeing and self-esteem. Therefore we are really passionate about this project.

If you are in need of toiletries or sanitary products they will be free to collect from any Wokingham borough library. Please just ask at the desk for one of these beautiful hand decorated bags. We will also soon be launching a page on our website so watch this space ❤️



These are not live links!

### **Parent Teacher Association PTA**

We have the most wonderful PTA and we are always keen to welcome new members; we have lots of events planned to raise funds for our school, and we are also very keen to work in partnership with St Paul's Junior School to raise money for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

# **WOOOOOOO HOOOO! PTA BAKE SALE ON WORLD BOOK DAY FRIDAY 3RD MARCH**

## **BAKE SALE**



On **Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March** (our World Book Day Celebration) we would like to request that all families bake sweet and savoury treats to sell to raise funds to enhance the children's experiences within our school: Please bring your home made (or not) treats in for the children and their families to buy at the end of the day. We would love to receive cupcakes, flap-jacks, tray-bakes, buns and savoury treats such as samosas, pizzas etc all **NUT FREE**. Please deliver your goods on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the morning or at anytime throughout the day before the sale which will commence at 3:15 (hopefully in the playground depending on the weather). Our bake sales always make a huge amount of money which is always spent on all our children in school.

### **BREAK THE RULES DAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March we will host our Break the Rules day: more information will follow soon; all proceeds from the event will go to the victims of the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey in partnership with St Pauls.



WALTER INFANTS SCHOOL AND NURSERY

# BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2023

## Rules to be broken:

- wear school uniform
- no trainers
- no odd or crazy socks
- no chocolates in packed lunches
- no crazy hair or accessories
- no nail varnish
- no temporary tattoos
- only water in water bottles

Pay 50p for every rule you break, you can break as few or as many as you want. There will be buckets at the gate.

*Thank you for your continued support*

### **QUIZ NIGHT 7:30 PM 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY at WALTER INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY**

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> May we will be hosting our first ever Quiz Night: with the Coronation of King Charles in mind. Lots more information will follow but please get a babysitter and be ready for a Bring Your own Bottle for a night of fun! Teams will be 6 members, with a fee of £5 per player. There will be an opportunity to purchase sweet or savoury adult treat boxes to share on the table; more information will follow soon. I am sure some of the staff will be keen to take part too! This event is not for children of any age.

### **CIRCUS NIGHT AT WALTER AND ST PAULS 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**

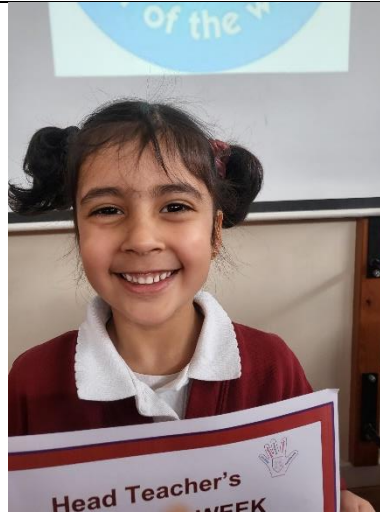
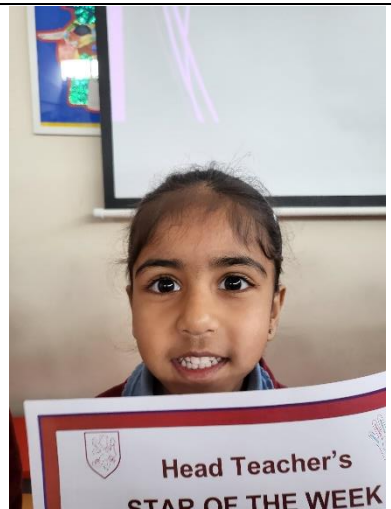
The PTA associations of Walter and St Paul's have collaborated in arranging a Circus Night Experience for our families; more information will follow soon. Please

see the poster below. There will be 3 opportunities to experience the circus at £8:00 per ticket, with a bundle of 4 tickets reduced by 2 pounds. If you and your family are excited by the opportunity of seeing acrobats and more, keep the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 free. Lots more information will follow from the PTA. There will be three performances with 200 tickets available for each show.



### Star of the Week

Our AMAZING Stars of the Week! Look at those smiles 😊





### **We can help!**

If you are struggling to provide anything essential for your child's well-being, such as pyjamas, coats, shoes, socks, underwear, school uniform, bedding etc please ask us as we are here to help. We do not want any of our children to miss out on the basic fundamentals that they are all entitled to. As before, please just ask. Don't forget about Walter's Pantry.

### **Apply for the Household Support Fund if your child gets free school meals**

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support this winter.

Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. **We know this could be even more important as people struggle after the festive period.**

[Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

**Note you do not need to apply again if you have already had a successful application since October this year.**

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

The amount you get in total depends on the number of children in your family who receive free school meals:

- One child - £120
- Two children - £210
- Three children - £315
- Four children - £420
- Five children - £525
- Six children - £630

You can follow this link for support from Woking Borough Council [Cost of living help - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

## **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,**

Have a wonderful weekend, I am so sorry that this flyer has been delayed; if you need to contact me please email me on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)

**Judy Wheeler: Headteacher**