



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Governor Day

Today was our Governor Day; a day when many of our governors are able to come into school and look at and learn about different aspects of our school.

In our assembly, I asked the children if they felt safe in school and there was a resounding YES! Which was great; we talked about our Rainbow of Safety and I was amazed by how articulate they were and how much they knew. I thought it would be a good idea to share it with all of you as I haven't done so for a while. We have a new signing in system, which some of you will already be familiar with; after our visitors have signed in, we allocate a lanyard with our expectations and evacuation procedures, each colour is symbolic. Our children knew the significance of each colour; I was so proud.



BURGUNDY

**ALL OUR TEACHERS AND SUPPORT
STAFF WHO ARE DEDICATED TO
KEEPING YOU SAFE!**

RED

**Work men and women who have
come to do jobs in school! We do
not talk to them and they don't talk
to us!**

GREEN

- **People who come to help in school who we can be on our own with!**

YELLOW

- **People who come to help in school BUT we must not be on our own with them!**

BLUE

- **Volunteers who come to help in school who we can be on our own with!**

ORANGE

MEMBERS OF OUR PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION WHO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL AND PROVIDE EXCITING EVENTS FOR US TO ENJOY!

PURPLE

GOVERNORS: WHO HAVE THE JOB OF MAKING SURE YOU ARE SAFE AT ALL TIMES AS WELL AS HAVING THE BEST TIME!

The Governors also met with our wonderful school council; the children had worked with Mrs Bell to compose some questions to ask our Governors: here are some of the children's questions and the responses from the Governors!

Max asked: Can you tell me 2 things you think could be improved at Walter?
The Governors replied: A new roof and more play equipment.
We are having a new roof in December and the gymnasium equipment for the playground is booked to be installed! PHEW!

Eiliyah asked: Can you name the 5 school values?
The Governors were able to!

Bryony asked: Can you talk about any learning that happens in school?
The Governors replied: Phonics and writing ~ they really enjoyed looking at all our writing displays.

Our next School Council meeting will be about our school Christmas Fair!

Dates for your Diary

It is so hard to believe that it is November already! Christmas will be here in no time at all at this rate! So I thought I would share the dates of the very exciting events that we have coming up over the next few weeks. Our term is going to be jam-packed!

Tuesday 7th November: Pine Class Assembly @ 2:45pm

Wednesday 8th November: Sycamore Class Assembly @ 2:45pm

Thursday 9th November: Willow Class Assembly @ 2:45pm

Monday 13th November is the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week, beginning with 'odd socks day' when we ask the children (and adults) to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate that we are all different and that is OKAY! (Actually it's truly wonderful).



What is Odd Socks Day 2023?

Odd Socks Day is an annual event that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion. It is a light-hearted and symbolic gesture that serves as a reminder that being different is something to be proud of. Participants are encouraged to embrace their individuality and support others in doing the same.

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/odd-socks-day-2023/#:~:text=When%20is%20Odd%20Socks%20Day,up%20against%20bullying%20and%20discrimination>

Monday 13th November!!!!!! **REINDEER DAY!!!!!!!**

This is always one of my favourite days in school; the reindeer from Riverways Farm in Twyford come to visit for the day. The children learn all about them, what they like to do, what they eat and drink...there is some excellent new learning for parents about carrots!



Parents, carers and siblings will be able to meet the reindeer at the end of the school day; lots of photo opportunities to share with family and friends locally and across the world!

Diwali Celebrations

Diwali begins this year begins on Sunday 12th November:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/life-style/diwali-2023-date-when-is-diwali-deepawali-in-2023-9005878/>

We will be celebrating Diwali by having some Indian Dance lessons, from the experts, as well as learning about the origins of the festival.

These fabulous sessions will take place on the 15th and 16th November:

15.11.23	Day 1-Wednesday
9.00-9.45	Yr2- Pine
9.45-10.30	F2 - Woodpecker
10.45-11.30	Yr1 - Oak
1.10-2.00	Yr1 - Larch
2.10-3.00	Yr2 - Sycamore

16.11.23	Day 2 -Thursday
9.00-9.45	F2 - Magpie
9.45-10.30	F1 - Nursery
10.45-11.30	Y1 - Beech
1.10-2.00	F2 - Dove
2.10-3.00	Yr2 Willow

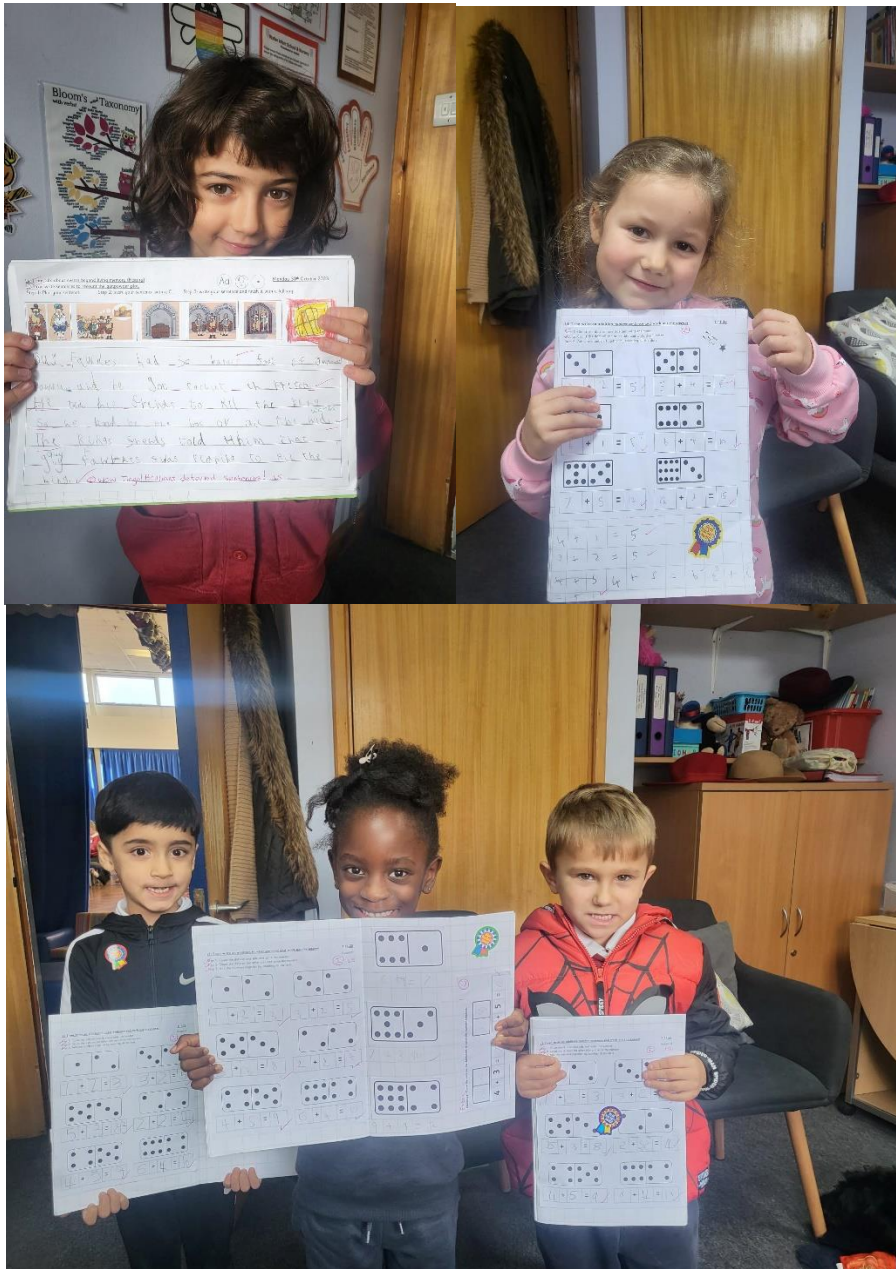


Friday 17th November: This exceptionally busy week ends with Children in Need Day 2023; when the children can come to school in spotty and dotty clothes (add a few stickers to a plain T-shirt) or a few spots of face paint (please don't buy anything new unless you want to support the charity) ~ we will have buckets for donations, but there is no expectation to contribute.



Headteacher's Awards for Exceptional Work

These children in Year 1 have been working so hard in their English and Mathematics lessons and have made exceptional progress from the start of term and we are all so proud of them! Tiago remembered so many facts about the Gunpowder Plot and used excellent vocabulary within his carefully composed sentences. Ava, Charlie, Shameer and Aminata were all able to add two numbers together all by themselves and record the numbers correctly. Well done all of you.



Star of the Week

Here are our wonderful stars of the week; well done everyone!





Bonfire Night!

Please take care on Bonfire Night and follow the Firework Code!

The poster has a vibrant, multi-colored background with white stars. The title "Our Firework Code" is written in a large, bubbly font at the top. Below the title are several safety instructions in all caps:

- NEVER play with or throw fireworks
They are explosive and can hurt you
- ONLY adults should light or hold fireworks
- WHEN you are watching fireworks, stand well back
- NEVER go near a firework that has been lit.
Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- If you have a pet, make sure it is safely indoors as
fireworks might frighten it or make them run off
- If you are given a sparkler**
 - ALWAYS wear gloves
 - HOLD the sparkler away from your body
and don't wave it around. You could burn
yourself or somebody else
 - WHEN your sparkler goes out,
don't touch it. It could still
burn you
 - NEVER give sparklers to
a child under five

At the bottom right, there are two cartoon children in winter clothing. The boy is holding a lit sparkler. The website address "www.upsondowns.co.uk" is printed at the bottom left.

And finally,

If any of us remember all of the things for the weeks ahead it will be a miracle. I will be sending out a calendar of events from now until the end of term next week as we finalise our plans for Christmas.

Have a wonderful weekend and please keep safe.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

7th November	Pine Class Assembly
8th November	Sycamore Class Assembly
9th November	Willow Class Assembly
13th November	Odd Socks Day!
13th November	Reindeer Day!
17th November	Children in Need Day
24th November New Date to come	i-Rock Concert
1st December	Christmas Fair
15th December	Last day 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.

