



Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

We have come to the end of our first full week and what an amazing week it has been. All of our Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker children have joined us and the COVID 19 arrangements for drop off and pick up in Foundation have worked better than we could have imagined. I would like to thank all our new families for your co-operation at this momentous time in your lives!

The impact of COVID 19

I have been very impressed with the courteous behaviour of all our parents and children on and around our site and thank you for ensuring that you are socially distancing as much as you possibly can. I think we are all getting better and better! This is Mr Fennell; he is our site controller and responsible for ensuring the safety of everyone at the start and end of the school day. If he politely asks you to move it is because he feels that the area is not safe, so please could I ask that you follow his directions. Thank you.



Due to the current situation we are changing the way we would like you to report an absence.

If you need to report an absence, please send an email to this new address: absences@walter.wokingham.sch.uk by 9.00am at the latest?

- If your child has either a cough or temperature (37.8 degrees or above), they will need to self-isolate for 10 days.
- If your child is self-isolating for 10 days and they have a sibling, the sibling will need to self-isolate for 14 days as per government guidelines.
- If you get your child tested and the result is negative, your child can return back to school **if they no longer have symptoms**.
- **If further symptoms develop**, there will be a need to isolate again and a further test may be appropriate.

This is the information from the Department for Education:

What to do if a pupil is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

We have published a list of actions that early years, schools and further education colleges must follow in the event that a child or young person displays symptoms or if they confirm they have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). The action lists are sector specific and print friendly. They can be accessed using this link: [action list for schools](#)

Passwords

We are setting up a password system; If you are unable to collect your child for any reason, you will be asked to provide a password that we will store in your child's records. Whenever a different adult collects your child they will be asked to share the password with your child's teacher; if they do not know the password we will not allow your child to leave. We will only ever let your children leave with an adult; that means a person of 18 years or older.



Our first BLUE Values Badge!

Frankie in Sycamore Class was the first child at Walter to receive a new BLUE values badge, as he already has a white one! Frankie has shown resilience throughout the summer by achieving a personalised reading challenge. We are all so proud and pleased. Well done Frankie for being so resilient.



Stars of the Week

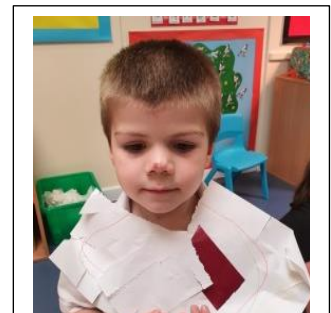
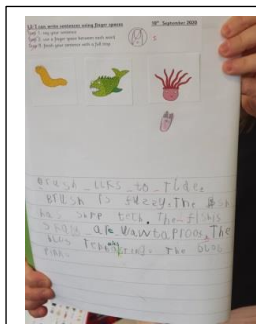
So here are our first 9 stars! They are all so well deserving. These children have been so kind and friendly as well as very hard working and helpful. Well done all of you!



What's been happening in school this week?

This has been an absolutely astonishing week; the children have been having a wonderful time and we have been overwhelmed by their positive behaviours for learning and their incredibly positive attitudes and dispositions. We are all so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Our new Foundation Stage children are so brave and so resilient; they have completely engaged with their new teachers and surroundings and have been having so much fun (whilst learning so much at the same time)!





Wrap Around Care

We have all our wraparound care facilities in place to ensure that your children can be safely taken care of in a secure and supportive environment from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm.

The day begins with our Rise and Shine Club led by Mrs Hemmings; this is a lovely calm and quiet start to the day, the children bring their breakfast and have the opportunity to play, draw, colour, read and chat until the school day begins. The session costs £5.50 per day.

In Robin, we have a lunch club for our 30 hours children; if you would like your child to attend at the beginning or end of your child's time in Robin the can remain at school until 12:30 pm or come into school at 11:30 am. The will need to bring their own lunch (as all Robin's do) and the session costs £5.50 per day. If you would like your 30 hours child to stay till 3:30 pm you can pay for an additional hour at school for £5.50 per day. The places are filling up fast. Please look on the website or telephone the school office on 01189780825 or email: admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

We now have our own after school club with Energy Kidz and it has got off to a flying start, you will need to book directly with Energy Kidz if you require a space from the end of the school day until 6:00 pm. Parents can book online at <https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/identity/Account/Login> or find out further information at <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/>.

Jeans for Genes Day

**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES.**



I would like to invite all our children and their families to take part in **Jeans for Genes Day** on **Friday 18th September 2020**. The children can come to school in jeans instead of the school trousers, skirts, joggers or leggings. If your child does not have jeans, they can wear any trousers, joggers, leggings or skirts they choose, along with their school polo shirt and jumper, as well as their regular school shoes or trainers.

Staff will also be wearing jeans and we hope all the Walter adults will too. We will place buckets for donations (of any amount big or small) for the **Jeans for Genes Day charity**.



Parents and Teachers Association at Walter Infant School and Nursery

From Rachel Cole, Our PTA Secretary;

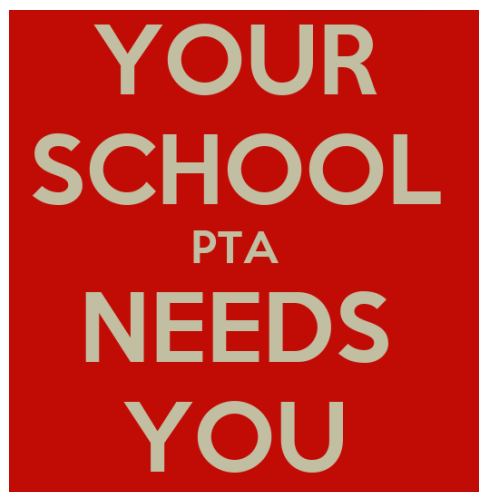
Our Annual PTA AGM will be held on Friday 2nd October at 230pm in the playground following all social distance guidelines.

We would like to invite any parents that would be interested in joining the PTA, as 3 out of 4 of our current committee members have to leave the PTA at the end of this year, as our children will be moving into St Pauls.

If you like to join the meeting or request any information about joining the PTA, please can you email walterinfantspa@gmail.com

We need to know exact numbers for the meeting to ensure social distancing. Please wear a mask

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.



Pupil Premium Funding

If you experiencing financial hard ship 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. If your family are eligible, we will be able to register you for the Free School Meals Voucher Scheme which is £15 per child.

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 2019 to 2020 will include pupils recorded in the January 2019 school census who are known to have been eligible for FSM since May 2013, as well as those first known to be eligible at January 2019.

There is always a very quick response and when you hear back we should be able to register you in time for the summer holidays.

Please also remember that we can help you in getting 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 OFSED 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.

Sponsor a Book to promote our Universal Values

Please visit our website if you would like to sponsor a book about Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority (BAME) cultures and traditions, please visit our website to view the books and make a donation if you would like to. I have attached the list to this flyer. Alternatively if you would like to donate a book from you culture we would love to receive it



And finally....

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, at any time with any questions or concerns. I will respond as quickly as I can head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Keep well and keep safe.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher