

Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Welcome back Year 1 and Year 2 and last year's Robin families and welcome to our new families whose children are joining Dove, Woodpecker and Magpie Classes; it has been so lovely to welcome them into school today for their Stay and Play session and for us to welcome so many parents for our first ever family meeting in the hall. I can hear lots of chatter and laughter as I type. Walter is absolutely loving meeting everyone.

The children in Key Stage 1 have been amazing yesterday and today; they have come back remembering all our Walter Values and demonstrating all our expectations for learning. All the staff are delighted with their new classes and we have all had a fantastic start to the term. It is a joy and a privilege to lead such a wonderful school.

Walter Infant School and Nursery is a Values Based school and all the adults and staff show our values everyday and behave within our expectations, making our school a safe and very happy place to be.





Here are our expectations for behaviour at Walter Infant School and Nursery:



Our school motto is: To be the best I can be.

School Clubs

We have a wide variety of clubs that happen after school: On Monday we have Spanish and Tennis for KS1, on Tuesday afternoon we have 'Streetdance' for Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2, on Tuesday evening, we have 'Stageability' (a drama club for 5-18-year olds), on Wednesday we have KS1 Multi-skills, on Thursday we have KS1 football, Foundation Stage Sports Club and French. On Friday morning we have gymnastics for Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2, we have I-Rock and Tennis for Key Stage 1 after school. All details on how to book clubs are on our website under Parents – Clubs – Activity Club Information.

We also run a breakfast club called Rise and Shine, which is led by Mrs Prickett and opens at 7:30 am until the school day starts when they are taken to their classrooms. We also have an after school club run by Junior Adventures Group which is in our

hall and for Walter Infant School children only: <u>Breakfast, After-School & Holiday Clubs</u> Junior Adventures Group



In our most recent Parent's Survey, from July 2024, one parent felt that we needed to increase our variety of clubs so it would be wonderful to hear from any club providers who might be able to offer a different provision for our children.

The School Calendar

You will be able to find our school calendar on our webpage and we will always include a list of diary dates in our Friday Flyer starting from the 13th September 2024; we have a jam-packed term planned and I am sure there will be many more exciting events happening as we journey through the autumn.

Our School Garden

We are very keen to redesign our school garden, with help from our amazing children and I wondered if there were any landscape gardeners within our community who might be interested in putting our ideas into action.

We are also very interested in finding grants or sponsorship to improve our environment inside and outside and our budget (as I am sure you are aware) will not stretch as far as it used to. So, if you are aware of any community projects that sponsor or support schools, we would love to know.

We can help!

If you are struggling to provide anything essential for your child's well-being, such as pyjamas, coats, shoes, 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.

Walter's Pantry

Don't forget about Walter's Pantry; you can collect food to cook a hot stove top meal each day, collect breakfast for the following morning, or pick up necessary sanitary products, such as toothpaste, nappies, toothbrushes etc. We would be very grateful to receive boxes of cereal, if you would like to donate to the pantry.

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 provided 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 nurture, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one 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 <u>https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/</u>

And finally,

Have a wonderful weekend.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher