



Friday Flyer 2022

Dear Walter Families,

We have had a very busy four days in school this week; the school photographer came on Thursday and praised us on how well behaved and polite our children were so we feel very pleased. Look out for the proofs, coming soon. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding, we may be able to help you purchase a photo.

Thank you so much for the many kind messages after by altercation with the bind weed plant! I am feeling much better now.

Thank you also for your amazing cooperation at the start and the end of the school day; everything seems to be operating smoothly again after some initial hiccups.

Please do not give your children snacks on the school playground; for many reasons listed below:

- We are an accredited Healthy School and it is important to all of us that we stay that way which is why we do not allow any sweets in school
- We do not want additional wrappers and packets on our school site
- We do not want to attract unwanted wildlife, such as rats into the playground
- Some children do not have snacks and may feel upset when they see others having them
- Your children will be able to wait for a few minutes before they have something to eat!

Please remind anyone who may be collecting your child instead of you. Thank you.

Mrs Prickett popped in today with her new addition Barney: Walter was delighted to see him!



Covid 19 is still with us!

You will be aware that Covid 19 has not gone away! We have recently had 5 members of staff who have contracted the virus, some of whom have been very poorly. We have also had 5 children who have also contracted the virus. There is no requirement anymore for you to test for Covid 19, that will be your choice, however, please do not send your child to school if they present as unwell until they are fully recovered. Thank you. This is a useful link to follow for advice. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19#Children>

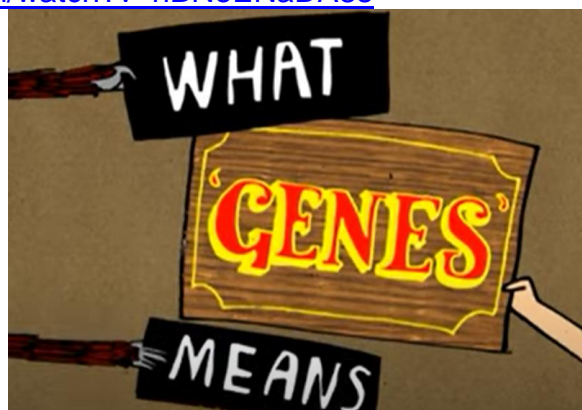
Jeans for Genes Day

The children all looked fantastic in their jeans; it was lovely to see a rainbow of colours in our assembly and each one so individual! The Key Stage One children learned a little about genes in assembly and how we are all made from our own, unique recipe known as DNA. I have placed the assembly on the website so that you can see what they have been learning about



There is also a delightful film that you might like to watch with them at home if you follow this link from the Jeans for Genes website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBNeENaDA3s>



We have raised **£264.23!**





The Foundation Stage Picnic

The Foundation Stage Picnic will now be taking place on Sunday 25th September at 12 noon. Please come along if your child has joined Foundation Stage this week. Walter and I are really looking forward to it and Mrs Janes will be here as well. Fingers crossed for a dry day; but if it is raining we can use the hall.

Walter's Pantry

We have moved our pantry to make it more accessible; we will open the pantry all day every Friday so that you can collect food for the weekend if you need it. If you need to collect breakfast or dinner throughout the week, simply phone the office on 0118 9780825 to book a time that suits you (we will always be discreet). You can help yourself to whatever you need. Our pantry in school is stocked with breakfast cereal, pasta, rice and tins of food which can be cooked on the hob or in the microwave so that you do not need to use much energy to provide a hot meal.

Star of the Week

Today we 10 10 stars of the week; all these children have tried so hard to be the best that they can be. Well done all of you.



Our new school INSTAGRAM account

Mrs Bell has set up a new Instagram account; we will be sharing news about what is happening in school and pictures of displays and events and lots of pictures of Walter! Please follow us at walterinfant.



Become a School Governor



Due to some unexpected changes we are again looking for a School Governor to help us make strategic decisions about our school and how we can ensure the best possible education and environment for your children to learn in. We are looking for a governor who may have experience of building, site or project management as well as someone with a good knowledge and understanding of Information Technology. If you would like to know more please contact our Chair of Governors Ghislene Lokuciewski on Ghislene.Lokuciewski@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Foodbank and Fuel Vouchers

Mrs Janes in the school office will be able to support you in getting Food Vouchers for a home delivery if you are struggling to make ends meet (as many of our families are). We are also able to help with fuel vouchers, but for pre-paid metres only. If you are having problems in providing elements of our school uniform; please get in touch with us immediately. We are here to help.

Contacting Teaching Staff

Teaching Staff are happy for you to email them on the work emails; please do not email late at night or at the weekend. If you have an urgent matter, please contact me on:

head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Class and Teacher	Email contact
Robin Mrs Samantha Goddard	Samantha.Goddard@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
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Parent Consultations October 2022

We will be holding our parent Consultations on Monday 17th October and Wednesday 19th October from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. You will be able to book an appointment online once the pages go live. You will be informed when this is. If you would prefer a telephone conversation or cannot attend, we will be able to make alternative arrangements.

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

If you have any safeguarding worries or concerns, Mrs Bell is now our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, alongside myself.



Please contact me if you need to on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term September and October 2022		
Date	Event	Time
12 th ~ 16 th September 2022	Foundation children starting school	
21 st September 2022	World Active Day	All day
22 nd September 2022	Individual Photographs	All day
23 rd September 2022	Jeans for Genes Day	All day
25 th September 2022 (Sunday)	Foundation Stage Picnic	12 noon until 2:00pm
28 th September 2022	Year 1 Reading and Phonics meeting in hall for parents	2:15 pm
30 th September 2022	Non-uniform Day for WADE	All day
4 th and 6 th October	Year 2 trips to Lego Land	All day
5 th October 2022	FS2 Reading and Phonics meeting in hall for parents	2:15 pm
6 th October 2022	Census Day	All day
7 th October 2022	AGM for PTA (new members of staff more than welcome)	2:30 pm
17 th October 2022	Louis Taylor Road Safety Show	PM
17 th and 19 th Parent Consultations	All teachers, in hall (face to face) (Appointments made on line)	3:30 till 6:30 pm
21 st October 2022	Diwali and Halloween Craft Bags to go home	Distributed by PTA