

# Friday Flyer 2021



Dear Walter Families,

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collections; we have so much to take to the Foodbank and we have collected over £100 for Oxfam. We had a wonderful assembly led by Mrs Gibbs who shared with us how we can help children in other countries who do not have enough to eat or drink. They were amazed as Mrs Gibbs demonstrated how dirty water can be purified using a special pump. It was amazing.





Thank you so much Mrs Gibbs, we all learned so much about what more we can do to help others. If you would like to donate to Oxfam please use the school post box. The local store are keen to receive donations of good quality toys, clothes and other household items that you have finished with.



All our governors were in school today and remarked on how wonderful the school was; how well resourced we are and the excellent quality of the work they saw. The children behaved impeccably as usual and I felt extremely proud of all the children and all the staff.

We have had a very busy week; it has been so much fun and so much learning has been taking place. On Monday and Tuesday, we had Indian Dance lessons to help celebrate Diwali. It was wonderful and the children really enjoyed themselves as you can see from these pictures of Magpie Class.



Here are our youngest children in Robin learning some very tricky dance moves!



The children have been learning about the festival of Diwali and some of the children have brought in books and toys to help tell the story. Dhruv told his whole class the story of Rama and Sita!



Roxby brought in a wonderful book about the Hindu deity Hanuman, the Monkey-God, from the Ramayana as well as a soft toy which really brought the story to life as the children could see what Hanuman looked like!



What else has been spotted in our lively, busy school this week?









# Stars of the Week



Here are 11 shining stars for this week; these children proudly collected their certificates in our assembly with the governors which was so lovely.





# Warmer Clothing in the Autumn and Winter Months

As we get closer to the winter we would like to advise that you send your children to school with an additional layer to wear in the classroom as we will have the windows open to ventilate the rooms. We suggest a navy fleece or hoody or a navy gilet.



They will also need warm coats and waterproof school shoes. If purchasing any of these items will cause financial difficulty, please get in touch.

#### Parking in Murray House Car Park

Mrs Janes received a phone call today from a resident of Murray House who was very distressed. She said that children had almost been run over by cars and that cars were all over the place. She has said that her car and the cars of other residents have been damaged. I said that I would ask again that parents do not park in the car park as it is private land and is for <u>residents only</u>.

### **PTA Christmas Clothing Sale**

Do you have any good quality Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, dresses or Pyjamas that your children have out grown? The PTA would love your donations for a Christmas clothing sale taking place after half term (ready for Christmas Jumper Day in December!). Please have a look and bring anything suitable in to school by Friday 19th November. The PTA appreciates your support. Thank you xx

#### Walter Infants Parent Teacher Association



# **Christmas Boxes**

Last year many of our Walter Families donated Christmas Boxes of treats for the families in our school community who were finding the Christmas Season tough, especially financially. Mrs Reid has created an email address for people to use to express an interest in helping: <u>WalterXmas2021@outlook.com</u>

The Christmas boxes contained a variety of Christmas treats along with a wrapped toy or game for the gender and age of a child that will be allocated, once final numbers are known.

# **Contacting Teaching Staff**

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#### **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 sessions, 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

Please take care this weekend if you are using fireworks to celebrate Diwali or Bonfire Night and always remember to follow the firework code.

