



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Monday Memo

Dear Walter Families,

Thank you so much!

I have been completely overwhelmed at the kindness and generosity I have been showered with today; I cannot describe how wonderful it feels to be wished 'Happy Birthday' by so many wonderful children and their parents! Thank you for the cards and presents and flowers, I really cannot believe how fabulous I feel. My amazing colleagues have spoilt me so much and the children have produced an incredible card, with a removable picture of Walter and I, which I will be able to frame so that I can remember this day for ever. We have had a wonderful party, with an incredible Abba Dancing Queen Flash Mob! Your children are quite frankly the best children in the world!

And thank you for the wonderful Chocolate cake made for me by Tina!





Our School Council

I am delighted to welcome Rudransh from Magpie, Elsie from Dove and Emilia from Woodpecker to be our Foundation Stage School Councillors; they were elected democratically by the adults from Foundation Stage and I am sure they will be wonderful representatives for our youngest children.



Start of the School Day in Key Stage 1

We have decided to open the doors a little earlier in Key Stage 1 so that our children can go straight to their classrooms and will no longer need to stand in line. The teachers will remain in the classrooms and the children will be able to come straight in and begin their morning activities. It went very smoothly this morning. If you need to share anything with the class teacher you can email admin or leave a message with me, Mrs Bell or Mr Lee. Registration will take place at the same time as always as we are still expecting the children to arrive in school at 8:40 am. I have already received some very positive feedback from parents.

Our Harvest Festival Collection for the Foodbank in Wokingham

We will have our Harvest Festival on Friday 20th October and we would be very grateful to receive any of the following items to donate to the Foodbank in Wokingham (on the Reading Road).

We are very grateful for any donations, but the following list notes items that we are particularly short of:



Harvest Festival 2023

- Tinned pies
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Snacks (cereal bars, crisps etc)
- Coffee
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned cold meat
- Biscuits
- Cleaning spray
- Laundry detergent
- Hair conditioner

A **huge** thank you to everyone who continues to support us, we really do appreciate it, and so do the people you help .

Festivals of Light

Our wonderful PTA will be selling craft packs for the children to create with over the half term holiday; they will be on sale after school on Thursday and Friday this week.



CRAFT PACKS!

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL
ONE CRAFT AT A TIME

Each £2 kit contains seasonal crafts & a sweet treat! Available for:

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
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HALLOWEEN

GRAB YOURS AFTER SCHOOL IN
THE PLAYGROUND ON WED 19TH
& THURS 20TH OCTOBER!

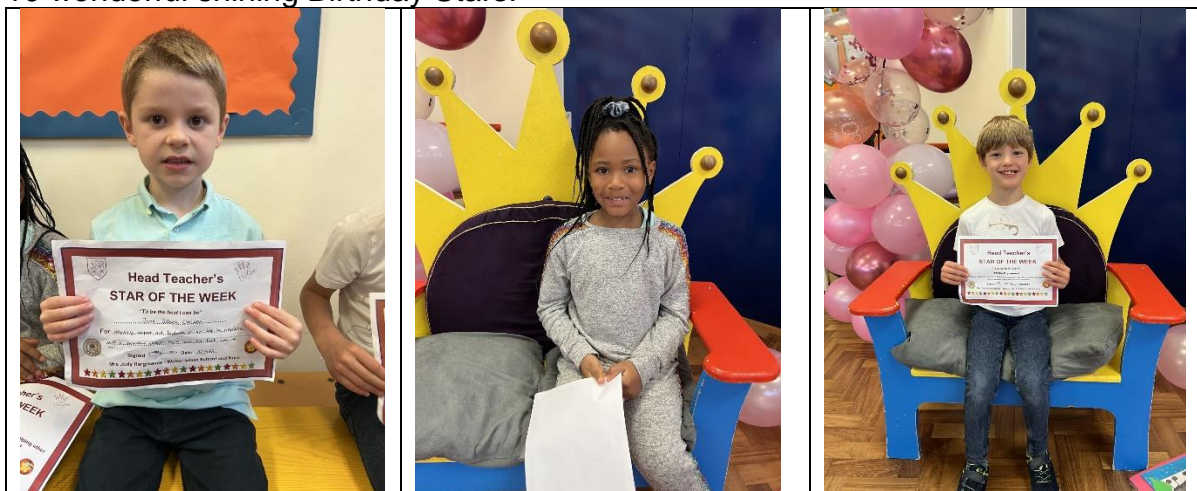
Super Work in School

I was delighted to see some truly amazing writing and drawing in Foundation Stage today; they have been learning all about The Little Red Hen!



Star of the Week

10 wonderful shining Birthday Stars!





We can help!

If you are struggling to provide anything essential for your child's well-being, such as pyjamas, coats, shoes, socks, underwear, 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 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 nurture, 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/>

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

16th & 18th October	Parent Consultations
20th October	Harvest Festival
20th October	Half term – we finish at the normal time
7th, 8th & 9th November	Year 2 Class Assemblies
24th November	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.