



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We are delighted to welcome all our new children into Robin, Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker. The children have settled in so well and there are so many lovely new smiles to see. I am working hard on learning their names (I intend to know them all by half term)!

Foundation Stage Picnic

Our brand-new PTA committee are holding the annual Foundation Stage picnic for the families of the children in Foundation Stage. It is tomorrow (16th September 2023) from 12 noon until 1:30 am. We look forward to seeing you; there will be some refreshments and a chance to buy second-hand uniform.

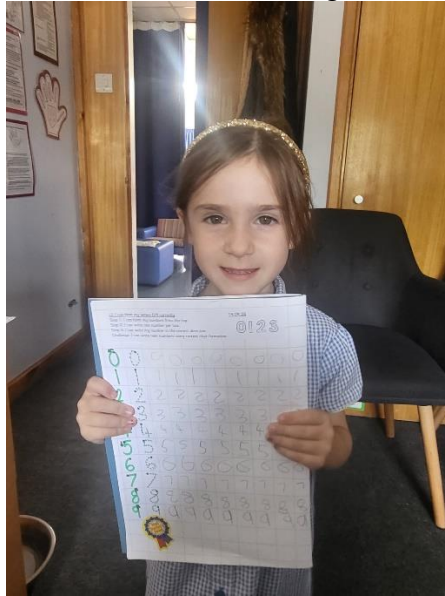
Sharing Success

Devon and Ronnie earned their values badges today for being exemplary members of our school: we are all extremely proud of them.



Headteacher's Award

Lottie received a Headteacher's Award for working so hard in maths!



Miller's Ark

Miller's Ark came to school on Wednesday and the Key Stage 1 children had a wonderful time interacting with the animals and learning all about them as part of our science curriculum. The children asked excellent questions and all reported back that they had loved meeting the animals, especially the 12-week old donkey, named Freckles! The animals will be back next Tuesday to meet the children in Foundation Stage!





Working in Partnership

As we draw to the end of our second week of the term we have noticed a few things that we need to remind everyone about:

School Drop Off from 8:30 am

We open the school gates at 8:30 am but the children do not need to come into the playground until 8:40 am. The teachers in Key Stage 1 come out to greet the children at 8:40 am. Children must not be left on our school site unaccompanied; we have been made aware that some parents and carers are leaving as soon as they have walked their children through the gate.

The Climbing Frame

Please do not let your children play on the climbing frame or the climbing wall at the start and end of the day. They will have plenty of opportunities to play during the school day. If your child is playing on other equipment, such as the train, you must supervise them. Thank you.

Snacks in the Playground

Please do not give your children food in the playground at the end of the day; please wait until you leave the school site. Not all children have snacks, it leads to an increase in litter and the food that falls onto the ground encourages rats and pigeons to visit. We pride ourselves on our status of being a Healthy School and a

sustainable school so please show your support by saving the snacks for the journey home or even when you get home.

Parking

There is no doubt that parking is an issue at the start and end of the school day; however, parents and carers must not park in the car park of Murray House or at West Oak. There were so many cars in the private car park of Murray House yesterday at the end of the school day and people were manoeuvring all over the place, with little care for safety; a staff member witnessed adults arguing in front of the children and becoming aggressive. You will see from these photographs, that parking is prohibited in some areas around the school and no-one has the right to park on private property. We will be monitoring the situation with support from Wokingham Borough Council.



Accidental Injuries away from School

Since the start of term, we have had a lot of children coming into school with accidental injuries which have occurred when they are not in school. If your child has an accident which results in a fracture, stitches, a bump, bruises, grazes or scratches you must inform their class teacher as soon as possible, for example via email before the start of the next school day or when bringing your child into school in the morning, when you can inform me or Mrs Bell, or the class teacher. We will need to know the nature and place of injury, any restrictions on your child's mobility and other information that we need to be aware of. If we see an injury that has not been reported, we will contact you for further information.

Star of the Week

Here are our amazing stars of the week; all these children were awarded their certificates because of the exceptional effort they have made whilst learning new skills.



Lunchtime Controller Vacancy

We are very keen to appoint a Lunchtime Controller to work with our youngest children; if you are interested, please contact Mrs Pugh on finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk for an application pack.

Jeans for Genes

We are raising money for the Genes for Jeans Charity on Friday 22nd September 2023. We would love the children to come to school in denim! They can choose to accessorise however they wish: here are some ideas!



If you are able to donate £1, there will be buckets in the playground when you come in and leave school. Thank you. We will let you know how much we raise. To find out more, follow this link: www.jeansforgenes.org

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 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/>

St Paul's Junior School Tours

Please find below the dates of tours for Year 3 children starting in 2024.

18th October – 9.00am

19th October – 9.00am

9th November – 10.30am

10th November – 10.30am

22nd November – 9.00am

23rd November – 9.00am

Spaces are limited to 10 people per tour. To book a place please email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

And Finally,

We hope to see lots of Foundation parents tomorrow.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

16th September	Foundation Stage Picnic
18th September	Year 1 Reading and Phonics Meeting
21st September	School Photographs
2nd October	Flu Immunisations (FS2, Y1 & Y2)
9th October	FS2 Reading and Phonics Meeting
10th and 12th October	Year 2 Legoland Trip
16th & 18th October	Parent Consultations
7th, 8th & 9th November	Year 2 Class Assemblies
1st December	Christmas Fair

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.