



Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

Welcome to all of our Year 1 and Year 2 families; we have had a really good week although we have been shocked by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and have held an assembly today to reflect on the loss of the people from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. We watched this episode of Newsround during our assembly:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround which you may like to watch with your children to help them understand what has happened or to answer any questions they may have.

As a school community we are very saddened by the loss of our Monarch Queen Elizabeth II; it was only last term that we celebrated her Platinum Jubilee. If your child is curious about the life of Her Majesty, you can share the book they received in the summer:





Rest in Peace your Majesty and long live the King.



Star of the Week

Six super shining stars this week in Key Stage 1. Well done all of, we are so proud of you!





Pencil Cases

Now that we are no longer in a pandemic, we do not need the children to bring their own pencil cases in to school. We have beautiful pencils, crayons and other colouring resources for them to use and their own stationary is much safer at home.

Wet Weather

It has been so very wet and windy; with the most unpleasant downpours this week. Some of children have not had coats. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. Please do NOT bring umbrellas into school. Your child will not be able to use it and we have had one or two very near misses this week.

Charity Donations

As many of you know, we raise money for local and national charities as part of our Character Education: **How well do we promote the value of volunteering and service to others?** As our children are so young, we feel taking part in local and national charity initiatives enables them to provide a service for others. Charity Donations also form part of our Values Curriculum; empathy, respect and kindness. This term we will be raising money for three charities Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 23rd September, when we ask the children to come in their jeans instead of school uniform. A non-uniform day on Friday 30th September for WADE (Wokingham and District Association for the Elderly) and Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children in December. On each occasion we request a small donation per child, usually £1 BUT we fully understand that with the rising costs of fuel, very high inflation and the cost of living crisis, that every £1 counts. So please do not feel the need to donate, but we would love it if your children still take part in each event.

Walter's Pantry

We have a pantry in school stocked with breakfast cereal, pasta, rice and tins of food which can be cooked on the hob or in the microwave; if you are struggling to put a meal on the table at any time, please let the school office know and we can arrange a suitable, discrete time for you to come and fill a shopping bag.

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

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Beech Miss Jasmine Veale	Jasmine.Veale@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Larch Miss Lisa Palmer	Lisa.Palmer@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Oak Mrs Amy Stevens	Amy.Stevens@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.

Naming Uniform and Kits

Please can you make sure all school uniform, PE Kits, bags, book bags, water bottles etc. Stikins are brilliant; they can be stuck to anything, don't come off in the wash AND you can support the school as well (as we receive commission)!

The screenshot shows the Stikins website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Use Stikins As, School Fundraising, Delivery, Reviews, Help, Fun Stuff, and Contact. A prominent 'ORDER NOW' button is on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are several service highlights: FREE Delivery, Same Day Despatch (Mon-Fri to 3pm), 100% Secure Online Payments, and STIKINS © 2003 - 2021. The main content area features a large illustration of a school building and children playing. The text reads: 'Stikins are multipurpose stick on name labels for clothes, shoes, lunch boxes, pens, & school items'. Below this is a detailed promotional banner for 'Buy Stick On School Name Labels For Clothes & All Personal Items'. This banner includes a list of benefits:

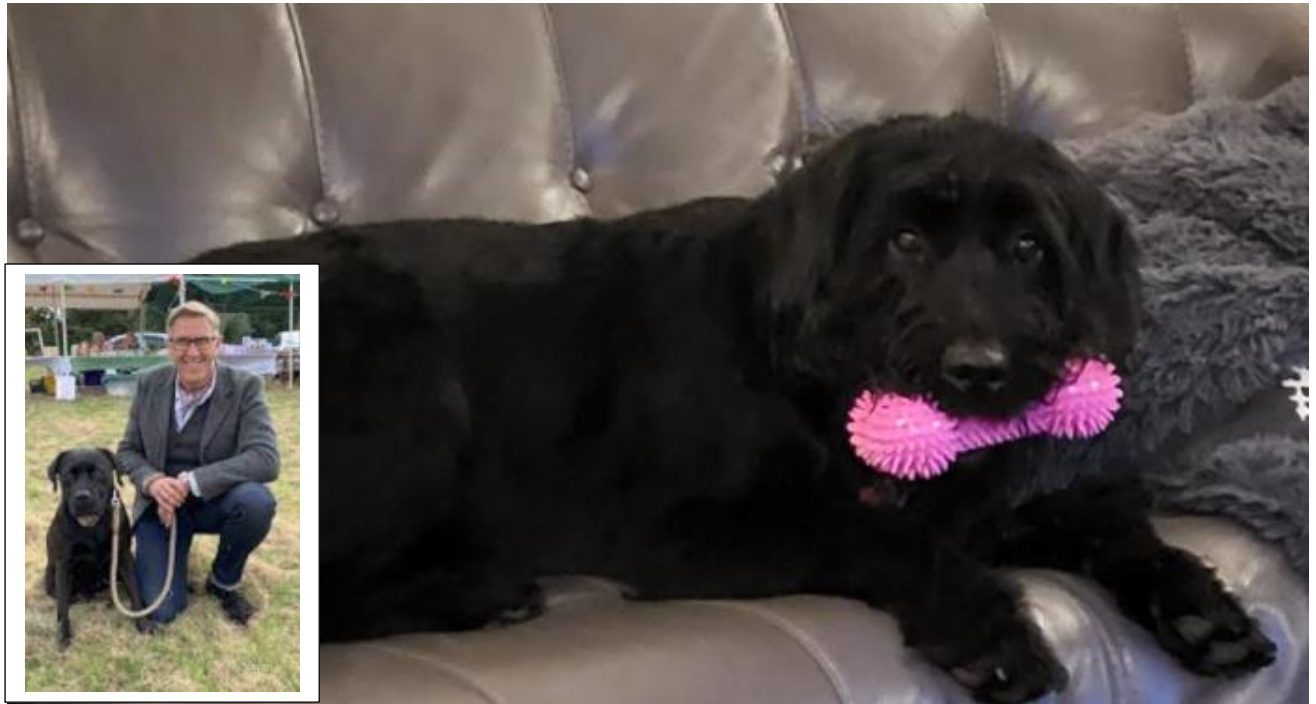
- Name labels sent same day. Post & VAT included in all prices.
- Stick on name labels for clothes. No sewing or ironing needed.
- One pack of name labels does all clothes, shoes, pens, & boxes.
- Millions of sticky name labels in use, over 9,000 parent reviews.

A red badge on the banner states 'Buy now and your order will be Despatched Today'. At the bottom of the banner is a button that says 'Order your Stikins now'. The banner also features illustrations of a girl and a boy carrying school bags.

Walter our School Dog

Walter is finding it very hard to contain his excitement about being back at school and wants to welcome each and everyone personally! This has involved some jumping up which we are trying to control as much as we can! He is not yet 18 months old so is still very much in puppyhood. He will jump to catch furry toys if they are being carried into school so it may be a good idea to keep them in a bag or even at home as he thinks they are being brought in just for him. Walter has an off-lead slot in our time table, when there are no children or deliveries in the playground; this is between 9:00 am and 9:30 am. Some children are arriving at school after that time; if that is the case, please inform our office staff if you would prefer for them to meet you at the gate. It is important for your child to arrive in school on time for the start of the day unless they have an appointment. Thank you so

much for your understanding. Mrs Janes has contacted Graeme, the dog trainer from Dogs Behaving Very Badly for help!!!!!! In the meantime, Walter is taking part in some further training sessions to stop him jumping up, stealing toys and general misbehaviour!!!! Mind you, we thought he was going to stop growing at 15kg and is now 35kg! He has been exceptionally well-behaved during our assembly!



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.

	
Mrs Judy Wheeler Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Stephanie Bell Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

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

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term September and October 2022		
Date	Event	Time
12 th ~ 16 th September 2022	Foundation children starting school	
17 th September 2022 (Saturday)	Foundation Stage Picnic	12 noon until 2:00pm
21 st September 2022	World Active Day	All day
21 st September 2022	Year 1 Reading and Phonics meeting in hall for parents	2:15 pm
22 nd September 2022	Individual Photographs	All day
23 rd September 2022	Jeans for Genes Day	All day
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
7 th October 2022	AGM for PTA (new members of staff more than welcome)	2:30 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