

Dear Walter Families,

This has been one of the busiest weeks this year! This week is National Refugee Week; our children have been learning how people become displaced for many reasons and that the United Kingdom is the place people want to travel for safety. This has focused around this book: which is beautiful. Check it out as read a long story on the internet. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9n1plse2K4



Mrs Gibbs led an assembly for the children to learn more about what it must be like to have to leave your whole life behind you, sometimes within a heartbeat. We learned about Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, where up to 1 million predominantly Rohingya refugees have sought sanctuary having fled violent persecution in neighbouring Myanmar.









# Refugee Week















We are collecting at the end of the school day for Oxfam so that more refugees can be helped. They need food, water, toilets and shelter. As well as medicines and lighting.



#### **Staffing Changes**

As you already know, Mrs Prickett is retiring at the end of July and I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Bell (Ms Rees) will be acting Deputy Head and Mrs Starbuck will be joining us in Oak Class as the new job share partner of Mrs Stevens. Miss Potter will be getting married in the holidays so will be Mrs Goddard when she comes back. Miss Palmer will be leading Year 1 from September 2022. Mrs Legg will be covering Miss Jones' maternity leave. If you are interested in joining our team we will have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Controller from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

#### Covid 19

We have a growing number of positive cases of Covid 19. If your child presents with symptoms, please keep them at home until they are well again. If you are able to, please let us know test results.

#### **Work Experience Students**

On Monday 3 Year 10 Work Experience Students arrived from The Holt; they have been able to visit all the different classes, they have said they had a wonderful week.

Before the end of term, we will have 3 Year 11 Students from Waingels and 3 Year 11 Students from Emmbrook. We are delighted to support the children during this important part of the learning journey; you never know one or two of them might even become teachers!

## **Maypole Dancing**

On Wednesday we had a whole day of Maypole Dancing and it was wonderful; the children were able to weave intricate patterns with the ribbons because they all listened so carefully to the instruction. The teacher, Dan, was so impressed by the children's tenacity and good behaviours. We were all very proud.



# Personal, Social, Relationships and Health Education in Year 1 and Year 2

Next week in our PSRHE lessons, the children in Year 1 and 2 will be learning the correct names for the private body parts in the context of the differences between male and female bodies. Alongside this, they will also be learning that these parts of our bodies are private and we will be using the NSPCC PANTS resources to support this teaching. We feel that using the correct terminology is an important part of our safeguarding teaching.

Our PSRHE policy is on the website if you would like further information. If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Pimm (our PSRHE Leader) on <u>heather.pimm@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u> or Mrs Wheeler and we will be happy to answer any questions.

## Key Stage One Sports Day

Our Sports Day today was absolutely amazing; the best ever. Thank you to all of you who came along to support; the children loved having you there. It was a very close competition and the Year 6 children from St Paul's did a superb job keeping track of all the points. The games that Jack, Jake and Kyra had designed were so much fun as well as challenging and the children were all able to showcase their talents. The Speediest Speedsters were Nana, Hugo (2<sup>nd</sup> Year in a row), Emily and Toby. Well done all of you.

England won with 62 points, Scotland were second with 60 points, Northern Ireland came third with 59 points and Wales came fourth with 55; it was a very close and exciting competition.

Pine Class won the relay and claimed the Golden Baton! I was sure that Willow were going to win but they were pipped at the post as Leo hurtled across the finish line as the whole class sat down. Well done Pine!





We all needed an ice lolly at the end!

# Walter Infant School and Nursery's <u>SCHOOL FAIR!</u> Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022

As you know the PTA are working so hard to get organised for our Summer Fair; this is our biggest fundraising event and we are hoping to raise more money than ever this year. Thank you to so many of you who have signed up already. If you have not done so yet, but are able to help, please follow this link.

Volunteer opportunities for the Summer Fair on Saturday 9th July 2022 are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/8FD8D

# Summer Fair 2022



Volunteer signup sheet volunteersignup.org

We will be having a non-uniform day in return for a donation towards the tombola stalls, on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**. We would like the Foundation 1 and 2 children to bring sweets and chocolates and the Key Stage 1 children to bring a bottle; this could be alcoholic or not, or could be a bottle of bubble bath! We will send out a reminder closer to the time although it is not long now.

We also need raffle prizes, so if you have something wonderful that you can donate that would be amazing; in the past we have had micro scooters, Legoland Tickets, Marvellous Tickets, Hair Salon Vouchers and so much more.

# Year 2 Leaver's Disco

Our annual Year 2 Leaver's Disco will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 4:30 pm; this is always organised by our PTA and the Year 2 children love it! Please could you let the PTA know if you are able to help. It is really good fun and will be a very happy memory for you to share with your child. <u>walterinfantspa@gmail.com</u>



# Stars of the Week

Seven Stars this week; and they were all very pleased to receive their certificates.







## **Bodhi the Pirate Dog**

We are very excited to announce that Bodhi the Pirate Dog, and its owner, children's author Alison H. Simpson will visit on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet a real-life author and her dog Bodhi (I think Walter will enjoy the visits).



## Please follow this link to buy a copy in advance:

Please place your order by Wednesday 6th July at ~

www.bodhithepiratedog.com/shop giving your child's name, class and the school address as the delivery address. (Paypal and Card payments accepted) Books are £8.99. If the delivery charges are not automatically deducted, please use discount code SCHOOLVISIT

If you would like any books signed, you can add a note to your Paypal payment or email alisonhsimpson@hotmail.com to confirm the name(s) you would like the book(s) signed to. Cash/card payments can be accepted after school, but it's advisable to place your order beforehand.

We already have a copy for each class and it is lovely.

- 30<sup>th</sup> June Class Change Over Day!
- 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Afternoon 9 Drummers to the Addington School Prom
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July Author Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July Miller's Ark Visiting school
- 8th July I-Rock Concert
- FS Sports Day Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon.
- 9th July (Saturday) School Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July Year 2 Performance "The Bee Musical"

- 14th July Leavers Disco 4:30 6:00pm
- 19th July Leavers Assemblies (Y2) x 3
- 19th July End of Term~ finishing an hour early

# And finally,

Walter needed to cool down earlier in the week; Mrs Janes and I could not find him anywhere. We were just starting to panic when I saw that the gate into Foundation Stage had been left open! And there he was....



Judy Wheeler Headteacher