



Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal

We have been learning about Remembrance Day at school; the children have shown exceptional respect and empathy. 11 o'clock on November 11th was a very proud moment for all of us as the school fell silent and we remembered those who have lost their lives and limbs for us.

Thank you to all of you who gave so generously to support the Poppy Appeal; I will let you know how much we raised in due course.



Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, beginning on Monday 15th November it is Anti-bullying week. We would like all the children to come in wearing odd socks as a symbol of the fact that we are all different and all important.

The children will spend the week learning what bullying behaviour looks and feels like, what to do if they think they have been bullied and what to do if they think someone else has been bullied. They will learn that bullying behaviour is anti-social and will not be tolerated.

You can find out much more by visiting the Anti-Bullying Alliance on <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>



The theme for this year is One Kind Word: you might like to learn this song at home with your children. It is great and has a powerful meaning. If you can think of one kind word to send into school on a piece of paper that would be wonderful. Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpZ3u5Z6pOg>



Children in Need

Children in Need is a national charity that raises money for children with exceptional, special or vulnerable needs in the United Kingdom. We support this charity every year on Children in Need Day which is Friday 19th November 2021 and the end of Anti-Bullying Week. We are asking the children to come in something different; it might be their pyjamas, a football kit, a fancy dress outfit, a bridesmaid dress or a pair of Pudsey ears.

Please make sure your child will be warm enough and able to run around (bear in mind PE and possibly wear something that is safe for PE or bring a PE kit).

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



The Reindeer are Coming!!!!

The first of our 12 days of Christmas is Monday 22nd of November when the reindeer arrive in school; this is one of my very favourite days. We would be very grateful if you could help towards the cost of the reindeer visiting by donating £3 per family through the website. Hopefully you will be able to meet the reindeer at the end of the school day (Covid Permitting) to take photographs. Please wear a mask.



Online Safety: Are you sure you know what your children are watching online?

I have been informed of a child in Year 1 who had seen Squid Game; the parent had no idea. The child shared the information accurately and had been watching Youtube. Please be aware that there are algorithms at work drawing your children into an unsafe world that is unknown to you or your children. It seems that someone has made a Minecraft version of Squid Game. There is also an 'Bad Santa' character that has been reported; this character swears children to secrecy and then tells them to do the most horrible of things, including hurting themselves and others.

Stars of the Week



Here are 10 fantastic Star of the Week recipients; you may notice two brothers, so I am sure there will be lots of celebrations in their household this afternoon! As usual, I am delighted to have presented certificates to children who have striven to be the best they can and tried their hardest. Well done.





PTA Christmas Clothing Sale on Friday 19th November

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 (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



Parking in the Private Car Park of Murray House (opposite our school)

I received another phone call this week (on Wednesday) from the manager of Murray House; she said that a male parent from our school had been very abusive and threatening towards her when he was challenged about parking in a private car park. The manager was very distressed and shocked and reported the incident to the Police who now have the registration number of the vehicle. I have been asked again to request that you do not park in the car park as it is PRIVATE land and the very vulnerable residents of Murray House have become extremely distressed and unsettled.

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.

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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 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/>

Covid 19 Update

Please continue to keep your children at home if there is a positive case of Covid 19 in your household. We do recommend that parents undertake a Lateral Flow Test twice a week to help ensure that Covid 19 does not spread in school. We have not yet had to close a class like other schools but the harder we work to prevent it, the better. Thank you.

Early on in the pandemic, the NHS promoted awareness of three main symptoms of COVID-19, sometimes referred to as the 'classic triad':

- Persistent cough
- High temperature (fever) 37.8C or greater

- Loss of smell (anosmia)

Now there are six clusters of symptoms of COVID 19 which are as are as follows:

1 ('flu-like' with no fever): Headache, loss of smell, muscle pains, cough, sore throat, chest pain, no fever.

2 ('flu-like' with fever): Headache, loss of smell, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, **fever, loss of appetite.**

3 (gastrointestinal): Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, **diarrhoea**, sore throat, chest pain, no cough.

4 (severe level one, fatigue): Headache, loss of smell, cough, fever, hoarseness, chest pain, **fatigue.**

5 (severe level two, confusion): Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, cough, fever, hoarseness, sore throat, chest pain, fatigue, **confusion**, muscle pain.

6 (severe level three, abdominal and respiratory): Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, cough, fever, hoarseness, sore throat, chest pain, fatigue, confusion, muscle pain, **shortness of breath, diarrhoea, abdominal pain.**

For further information <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/health/public-health-campaigns/staying-safe-during-covid/>



And finally...

Mrs Hemmings is able to provide the most beautiful and unique bouquets; if you are interested, please contact her via Lynnette.hemmings@walter.wokingham.sch.uk email. They are available for any occasion.



Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher

Walter Infant School



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021-2022

15th November	Odd Sock Day (Anti-bullying week)
19th November	Children In Need Day
22nd November	The Reindeers are coming to Walter Infant School
24th November	Flu Vaccinations
25th November	PTA Christmas Clothing Sale
1st December	Light the School Christmas Tree
3rd December	PTA Festive Bake Sale
7th December	Larch Class Nativity
8th December	Oak Class Nativity
9th December	Beech Class Nativity
10th December	Foundation Christmas Singing
10th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
15th December	Christmas Raffle Prize Draw
16th December	Year 2 Singing Concert
16th December	Chocolate Tombola
17th December	End 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.