

# Walter Infant School and Nursery

# Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

# **Our School Playground**

# **Scooters and Bikes**

Our school playground needs to be a safe and secure place; unfortunately a parent has reported that she was hurt when a child scooted into her at the end of the day. Please do not allow your children to cycle or scoot in school as it is a very busy place.

# **Mobile Phones and Cameras**

We have to ensure that our children are safeguarded at all times, one of our expectations is that no one uses a mobile phone on the school grounds at any point to eliminate the risk of photographs being taken of any of our children.

# **Snacks on the School Site**

Please refrain from feeding your child snacks on the playground at the end of the school day. We are a healthy school and a sustainable school and do not want those statuses to change. Alongside that, we have children with a variety of allergies and we cannot be sure of the ingredients in the foodstuffs which are being consumed.

# **Kindness Leaves**

Our Value of the Week is Kindness and the children in our school have been awarded Kindness Leaves for our Kindness Tree. All these children have demonstrated kindness to their friends and teachers. We are so proud of them!











# International Day for Older People

Thank you for contributing to our collection for Wade: we have collected

**£217:25** I know it will be very gratefully received by the hard-working team that run the centre and the charity.



There are over 30,000 people aged over 65 living in Wokingham.



About 7,500 of them live on their own - which can be very lonely.





Many have health conditions like dementia that require a lot of care and their carers need somewhere that will look after them while they have a rest. Thank you!



We have several other events coming up:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Flu Immunisations

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Census Day ~ PLEASE bring your child to school as we need to have all our children registered if possible and ensure they have a school dinner, you will have seen the change of menu.

The children can have fishfingers and chips, vegan sausage and chips or a jacket potato with beans, cheese and salad...



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October: PTA Annual General meeting in school at 2:30pm (see below) Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Year 2 Legoland Trip Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Year 2 Legoland Trip

**Friday 20**<sup>th</sup> **October:** Harvest Festival ~ we will be collecting for Wokingham Foodbank; below is a list of the items they need.

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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.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** @ the usual end of the day times: last day of this half term. Please return to school on Monday 30th October.

# PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the Walter Infant Parent Teacher Association, to be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held in the school at 2:30pm and will finish in time for the end of the school day.

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school. The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year.

Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role. If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please speak to Laura Clark or email walterinfantspa@gmail.com.

As our PTA is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination, please read the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee – What you need to know (CC3)'. A copy of the booklet can be found on the Charity Commission website. Please email us at walterinfantspa@gmail.com to let us know if you are planning to attend or if you would like to nominate yourself for a position on the committee. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### **Super Work in School**

Gus did some amazing writing this week all by himself, earning a Headteacher's Award. Ianthe made me the most wonderful model of Walter, he even has a red lead!!!



#### Star of the Week

Here are our amazing stars of the week; it was such a pleasure presenting these certificates to all these children who have striven to be "The Best They Can Be!"



#### **Parking at Murray House**

Please be aware that parking at Murray House is for residents only as it is private land. Please find alternative places to park without parking restrictions.

#### 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 <u>finance@walter.wokingham.sch.uk</u> for an application pack.

#### 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 provided 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 <u>https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-</u> <u>services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/</u>

#### And Finally,

Have a wonderful weekend.

# Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher