



# Walter Infant School and Nursery

## Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

I will be sending up to date information about the proposed Industrial Action this afternoon. Please look out for it.

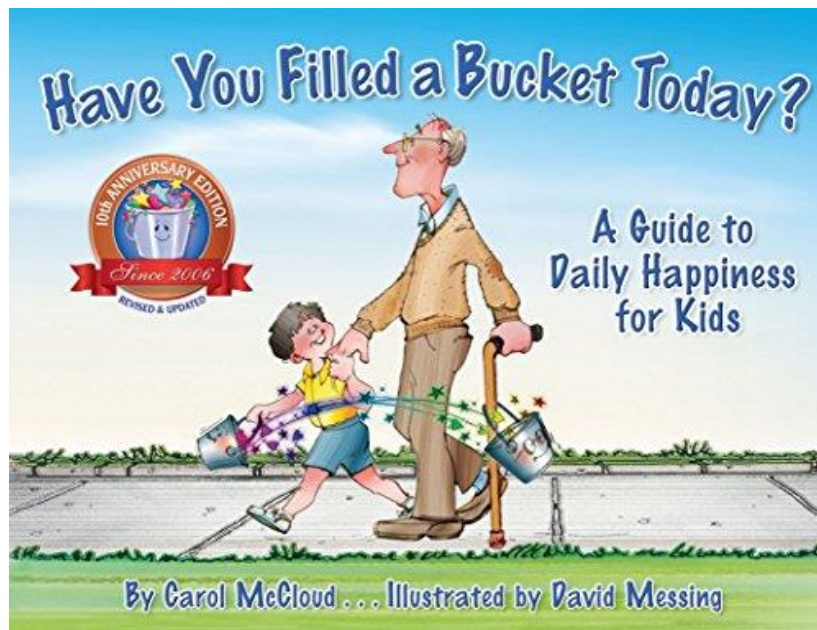
### **Drop off at the start of the day**

Some of the children are playing football at the start of the day and so far it is working well so I do not want to spoil their fun by stopping it. However, it is really important for parents to keep an eye on their children whilst they are playing and ensure that they are escorted to the class line at 8:40 am. We have had a couple of incidents now where the parent has not been sure where their child is. Thank you.

### **Kindness**

One child from every class has received their kindness leaf today; we shared the book 'Have you filled a Bucket Today' in assembly and all the children were very interested. In our discussion afterwards, it was clear that they knew the difference between a bucket filler and a bucket dipper!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EuemNAo6XE>



See if you can spot your child's leaf on our Kindness Tree!



### PE Kits

I have noticed that many children are coming into school on PE days in a multitude of colours, including Marvel Logos and slogans. I have seen red, green, pink, purple and a rainbow of other colours. This attire is not acceptable as we have a school uniform; we ask that the children come in as previously requested in a white T-shirt, navy blue joggers and a navy-blue sweat shirt or hoodie. If you do not have a navy-

blue sweat shirt or hoodie the children can wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan. We have a uniform, including our PE kit because we are a team, a united front, Walter Infant School and Nursery! Our uniform identifies us and that includes our PE Kit! Some families may not be able to purchase Marvel Sweat Shirts or T-shirts with slogans and logos and that can create a barrier. Please follow our expectations and send your children to school in their school uniform or the appropriate PE kit. If you are unable to purchase the PE kit, the PTA have good quality second hand uniform, or if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding, we can help you. Can we please stick together on this as it is really important for our school?



**If your child has an after-school sports club, they must bring their kit with them in a bag and change at the end of the school day. Please do not send them to school dressed for a sports club. They must only come in school PE kit on their PE days.**

### **Tights**

We know how cold it is and that children do not feel the cold as we do as adults; however, some children are coming into school on PE days with tights under their leggings. This means they do not have bare feet when we have our gymnastics lessons. They then need to change, which requires support, and delays the start to the lessons. Please ensure that on PE days your children are not wearing tights under their leggings on joggers. Joggers are much warmer than leggings.

If you are worried about your children being cold, they can wear a navy-blue fleece or body warmer. We could ask our uniform provider to make fleeces for our children, it would be useful to know if you think that is a good idea. Gooddies, our uniform provider can make a Walter Fleece in Navy with a white crest for £14.95 [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) Please let me know your thoughts.



Please visit our school uniform page on our website for a comprehensive list of uniform for Walter Infant School and Nursery. [Walter Infant School and Nursery - Uniform](#)

### **Kindness Leaves**

These wonderful children have been awarded kindness leaves for our Kindness Tree; they have shown kindness to others without being asked, we are so proud of them. We have shared a story about bucket filling “Have you filled a bucket today?” with the children; you may want to follow the link to find out more about it and talk about it with your child. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EuemNAo6XE>

### **Number Week and Number Day**

Miss Rose, our Mathematics Lead, has recently emailed you about Maths Week. The children will have a wonderful week centred around mathematics, they will share books about mathematics and have many opportunities to solve mathematical problems. Please send your children into school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February with 2p and 1p coins; the children will be using them all day to solve problems, make number patterns and counting different amounts using their innate mathematical knowledge and learning new skills. At the end of the day we will collect all the copper coins and submit them as a donation to the NSPCC.

On Friday, we would love it if your children could come to school with numbers on their own clothes, it could be a football shirt, or a birthday badge...we don't want you to buy anything especially for the day, perhaps a sharpie on a plain t-shirt, or a hat or headband. They can come to school in their own clothes, anything warm enough and suitable for active play. Here are a few photos from last year!



## Well-being Week (Children's Mental Health Week)

We will be having our second Well-being Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February; the theme is 'Connections'. It was so successful last year! All the children will be sharing the book 'The Invisible String' by Patrice Karst.



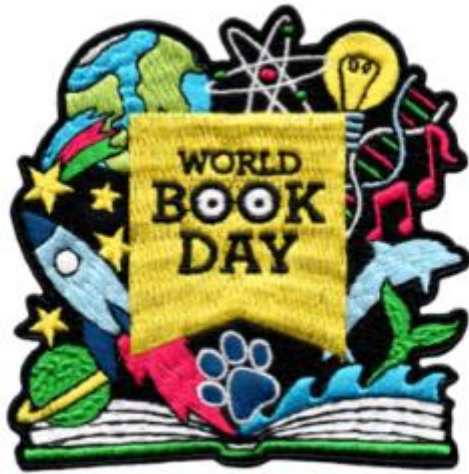
On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February we will be have a well-being workshop for all the children. We would really appreciate a donation of £2.25 per child, if you are able to? We will send a link soon for you to pay through. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a 'Dress to Express' day. Follow this link to find out more! [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World book Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. We would like to the children to come to school in the pyjamas ready for a bed time story. We have done this before; it is great fun and it means no one has to go to the expense of buying or making a costume. The staff will be bringing in their favourite bedtime stories and sharing them with groups of children throughout the day. The children should receive a book token (but they haven't arrived yet)!

[What is World Book Day](#)



## Star of the Week



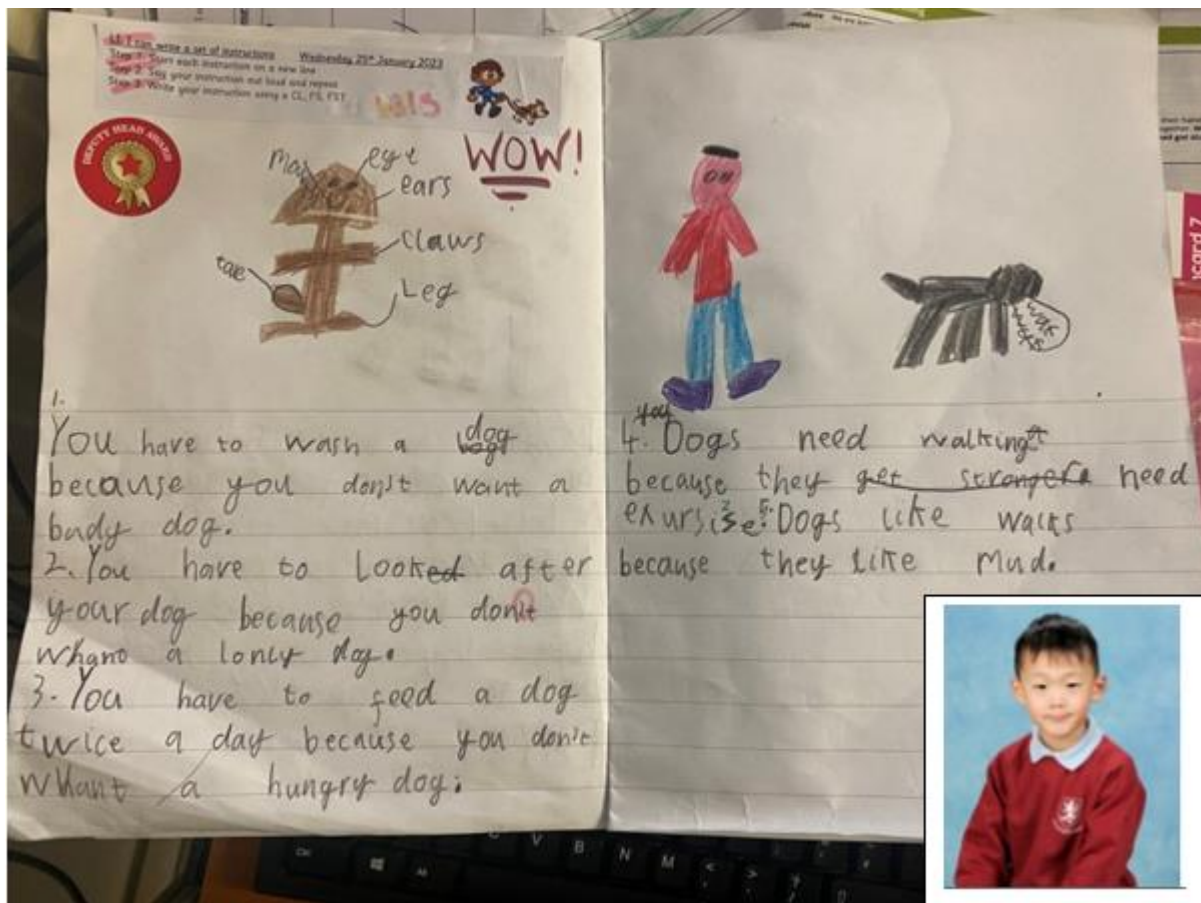


### Excellent Writing

I have seen some excellent writing this week! Here is Enoch showing off his exclamation sentences. Well done Enoch!



And this is Chris's brilliant writing using the conjunction 'because'!



### 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. Don't forget about Walter's Pantry.

### Apply for the Household Support Fund if your child gets free school meals

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support this winter.

Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. **We know this could be even more important as people struggle after the festive period.**

[Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

**Note you do not need to apply again if you have already had a successful application since October this year.**

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

The amount you get in total depends on the number of children in your family who receive free school meals:



- One child - £120
- Two children - £210
- Three children - £315
- Four children - £420
- Five children - £525
- Six children - £630

You can follow this link for support from Woking Borough Council [Cost of living help - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

### **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 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,**

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Judy Wheeler: Headteacher**