



# Friday Flyer!

## Dear Walter Families,

One of my greatest joys in life is my office window! From there I am able to see so much; yesterday our 30 hours Robin children had their first PE lesson with Jack! They were absolutely amazing and I felt so proud of how well they have adjusted to coming to school for the first time.

That is also true of our wonderful Doves, Magpies and Woodpeckers; I thought this morning how remarkable it is that so many children are happily coming into school on a cold Friday morning, with smiles on their faces.

I cannot thank my staff team enough for their extremely hard work, complete devotion to the well-being of the children and their endless patience, kindness and love for the children. I am so proud to be the Headteacher of our wonderful school.



It is such a difficult time for everyone at the moment and like you, we are all mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, partners, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters and we worry about our own loved ones. But when in school it is clear that all your children come first at all times and we can assure you that we are doing everything we can to keep them safe, well and happy!

## Autumn Weather

October is approaching rapidly, we have so many acorns and leaves on the floor (and many more in pockets) please can you make sure your child has a warm coat each day. Any colour will be great but please make sure it fits well and has a hood. If you need help with providing a new coat, please contact me in strictest confidence.



## COVID 19 update for this week

We sent a useful letter out from the NHS this week; it detailed exactly what to do if you suspect that your child is unwell with COVID 19 symptoms.

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)



## Test and Trace

Attached to our flyer this week we have a list of what you should do if you have any concerns about the health of your family. I hope you will all find it useful.



## Walter Infant School and Nursery

**COVID-19 Related Pupil Absence**  
A quick reference guide for parents



What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
<p>My child has 1 or more of COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HIGH TEMPERATURE</b> – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back and more than 37.6° in children;</li> <li>• <b>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</b> – this means coughing a lot more than usual in an hour, or 3 or more coughing episode in 24 hours;</li> <li>• <b>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</b> – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact the school office to inform us by email on: <a href="mailto:absences@walter.wokingham.sc.h.uk">absences@walter.wokingham.sc.h.uk</a></li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days</li> <li>• Book a test within the first 5 days of symptoms: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test">https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test</a> or call 111</li> <li>• <b>Contact the school office immediately you receive the test result</b></li> </ul>	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The test comes back negative</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The test comes back positive and <b>10 days have passed</b> since test</li> </ul>

I have also received this from the Department of Education this morning:

## Letter to share with parents on coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

Public Health England has produced a [letter for schools and colleges to share with parents](#) which explains when a child requires a coronavirus (COVID-19) test and what the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are.

### Reading Books

I hope your Y1 and Y2 children have been enjoying reading books with you at home: we have collected all the books in and they are now in our strict quarantine boxes, which I would like to share with you. The Learning Support Assistants at Walter Infant School truly are the best and all so incredibly talented too!



### Stars of the Week

Here are this week's wonderful stars; these wonderful children have been striving to be the best they can be; authors, mathematicians, kind, helpful and good at tidying up!!!!







### What's been happening in school this week?

I went in to Larch Class today, whilst all the children were playing outside and I was so amazed by the wonderful work and inspiring resources that were available for the children to learn from. They have been finding out about the properties of different materials as scientists, and the theme for their learning is the 3 Little Pigs. I wanted to stay and play with everything myself.



There was even more happening when the children were in the classroom....



### Census Day Menu

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October is the Census Day; we have to report on the number of children in school and the number of school lunches that the children order. Please can you ensure that you have ordered a lunch for all of your children; we have hot dogs, vegetarian hot dogs or a cheese sandwich and for one day only ...HOT CHIPS!!!! Coming to school and having a school lunch will really help our school a lot. Thank you.



### Parents and Teachers Association at Walter Infant School and Nursery

Please could you let us know if you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting of our PTA on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. Please could you email [admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) to let us know. We have to have 8 members to be quorate and our joint chairs and our secretary will only be with us for another year. I hope you will be able to attend.

As a school we are very reliant on our PTA for fundraising to buy the extra resources and fun items that the budget doesn't always allow for; PLEASE help us by joining our PTA and helping to support the school and raise funds. You will also meet lots of new people and establish new friendships. We are all looking forward to seeing you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.





### **Parent Governors for our School**

If you are interested in becoming a governor at our school, you will soon see some correspondence from our Governing Body ...watch this space!

### **Pupil Premium Funding**

If you are experiencing financial hardship please get in touch with us; we may be able to help. If you have had a change to your circumstances, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding? If you contact Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the office they will be able to send you a form to complete.

You may be able to claim if you are in receipt of:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

The Pupil Premium for 2020 to 2021 will include pupils recorded in the January 2020 school census who are known to have been eligible for FSM since May 2014, as well as those first known to be eligible in January 2020.

Please also remember that we can help you to get food parcels from Wokingham Food Bank so please speak in confidence to the staff in the school office on [admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) or 01189780825.

### **Parent View**

Parent View is on our website, it is an OFSTED Questionnaire for parents to answer questions and comment on their child's school. The Governors of our school are very keen to understand the view of our parents, so please complete the questionnaire if you are able. Here is the link from the website:

[https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/have\\_your\\_say/370747](https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/have_your_say/370747) then click on the parent view address on the landing page. Thank you.

### **And finally....**

Have a wonderful weekend. Please contact me if you have any questions or queries.

[head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)

Keep well and keep safe.

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Headteacher