

WALTER INFANT SCHOOL

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'To be the best I can be'



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term at Walter Infant School. This will be a brief newsletter sharing important information and up and coming events for your diary.

THE SUMMER FAIR

I am sure that you are all aware of the funding difficulties that are facing all schools, but especially schools in Wokingham as we are the lowest funded authority for education in the country. This means that as our budgets are squeezed we are more reliant on the money we can raise through our Parents Association. Our annual Summer Fair will be on Saturday 17th June at 11:00am until 2:00pm. Last year was fantastic and we raised more than £4000 for the school. The money helps to provide resources for the children and this year we are hoping to use some of the money to develop our outside learning environment even more.

I am attaching a link for volunteers; we desperately need as many people as possible to help the event be successfully (I have even roped my husband in!!!) – so please sign up as a volunteer and come and help us.

www.volunteersignup.org/KF9J9

If you are unable to come, but would like to contribute, we are looking for raffle prizes; if you work for a company that might be able to help, or know someone who does please let the Parents Association know.

There will be lots of exciting things to see and do, including Morris Dancing, a barbecue, a tombola, a craft stall and the children singing!

We would also very much appreciate it if you were able to lend us a gazebo for the fair – we had very wet weather last year so we want to be well-prepared for all weathers. Please let us know if you are able to help.

SCHOOL FUNDING MESSAGE

Many of you will have been aware of the funding issue that is having such an impact on schools across the nation. Headteachers are rightly very keen to keep parents aware of this, and to keep it in the minds of everyone who can do something about it. We are not supposed to try to attempt to have influence over political agendas by showing a preference, and I will not do so here. But I would like to ask all of you, in the run up to the General Election on June 8th, to ask all and any of the campaigners and canvassers who knock on your doors, what their party is intending to do about funding for schools. Many of them may not be able to answer that question, but when they go back to base, wherever it might be, if enough people ask it, they will be able to report that it is an important issue which might influence outcomes for them if treated with the respect and attention it deserves. Our children are our future, as has been said many times – and they are worth investing in, more than anything else. Thank you in advance, for doing this.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

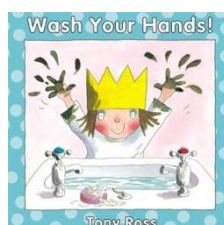
The children will have brought home their class photographs this week; please can I respectfully ask that you do not post the photograph on social media sites for the protection of all our children. Thank you.

HEALTH MATTERS

Please check the use by dates on any inhalers or auto-immune injectors that we have in school for your children and that you replace them if required.

We have seen some rays of sunshine just lately; please ensure that you take precautions to protect your children from the sun as the weather becomes warmer. We would advise that you apply sun cream on very hot days and send your child to school with a sun hat.

May I remind you that if your child has suffered from sickness or diarrhoea that they remain absent from school for 48 hours after their last episode of illness.



VOUCHER COLLECTION

Sainsbury's are once again issuing their Active Kids vouchers in store and we have a collecting box in Reception for these. We are able to replenish our playground games and equipment each year with these so please remember to pick yours up if you shop at Sainsbury. If anyone would like to help count the vouchers, please speak to the School Office. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On Wednesday 24th May we will be holding meetings for parents to find out more about the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1 (and for some of Year 2). The meetings will take place at 2:50 pm and 6:00 pm. There will be further information closer to the time. We will have an INSET day on Monday 5th of June and the Year 2 children will be going to Woolley Firs on the 7th and 8th of June. We will have our Sports Day on Friday 16th of June, weather permitting. Saturday 17th June will be our Summer Fair.

AND FINALLY...

For the next few weeks, the school office will be closed at 4:00 pm until we have completed the process to recruit a new school secretary. Please remember that we have a suggestions box in the reception area of the school if there are any comments or queries you would like share. I am also happy to be contacted directly on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk if there are any matters that you would like to discuss. I am also available at the beginning and end of nearly every school day.

Judy Wheeler
Headteacher

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | |
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| Monday 6 th March | Last day of Book Fair - 3.20pm - 4.00pm in School Hall |
| Wednesday 8 th March | 4pm to 5pm F1 Open Evening for prospective new parents in September |
| Wednesday 15 th March | 9.00am Beech Class Assembly - parents invited |
| Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th March | Foundation Stage Stay and Play sessions |
| Wednesday 22 nd March | Governor Day in School |
| Friday 24 th March | Red Nose Day |
| Friday 24 th March | 8.45am - 9.15am F2 Mother's Day Celebration 11.00am F1 morning Mother's Day Celebration |

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| | 2.50pm F1 afternoon Mother's Day Celebration |
| Friday 24 th March | 3pm - 4pm Easter Bake Sale and Used Uniform Sale |
| Tuesday 28 th March | Orthoptist visit to conduct eye tests for F2 |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Parent Consultations for F2, Yr 1 and 2 - 3.30pm to 7.00pm F1 Open Evening - 4.00pm to 5.30pm |
| Thursday 30 th March | Last Day of Term finishing 1 hour early |
| Friday 31 st March | Parent Consultations - F2, Yr 1 and 2 - 8.30am to 1.30pm F1 Open Morning - current parents 8.30am to 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 18 th April | First Day of Summer Term |
| Tuesday 18 th April | Year 3 and F2 places for September 2017 announced |
| Monday 1 st May | May Bank Holiday - School Closed |
| Wednesday 24 th May | Phonics Screening meetings for parents at 2:50 pm and 6:00 pm for all Year 1 parents. |
| Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June | Half Term - School Closed |
| Monday 5 th June | Inset Day -School Closed |
| Wednesday 7 th and Thursday 8 th June | Year 2 Trip to Woolley Firs Environmental Centre (half year going each day) |
| Friday 16 th June | Year 1 and 2 Sports Morning 9am-11am on St Paul's Field |
| Saturday 17 th June | Summer Fair |
| Wednesday 12 th July | F2 Parents' Evening 4pm to 7pm F1 Morning parents Open Evening 4pm to 5.30pm |
| Thursday 13 th July | F2 Parents' Evening 4pm to 7pm F1 Afternoon parents Open Evening 4pm to 5.30pm |
| Friday 14 th July | 10.20am Class Changeover Day for F2 and Year 1 pupils |
| Friday 14 th July | 3.00pm F2 and Year 1 parents invited to meet the their new teacher for September |
| Tuesday 18 th July | 2pm Pine Class Leavers' Concert - parents invited |
| Wednesday 19 th July | 2pm Sycamore Class Leavers' Concert - parents invited |
| Thursday 20 th July | 2pm Willow Class Leavers' Concert - parents invited |
| Friday 21 st July | Year 1 and 2 Reports sent home |
| Monday 24 th July | Talent Show |
| Monday 24 th July | Year 2 Leavers' Disco |
| Tuesday 25 th July | End of Summer Term - finishing 1 hour early |