



# Friday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

## Willow Class Assembly

Willow Class had an absolutely wonderful class assembly, sharing all they had learned about World War 1 and Remembrance. The children were so clever and so confident and I felt so proud, as did the whole audience. We learned new facts from the children; I had no idea that the skin of the people working in the sulphur factories turned yellow! Well done Willow Class (and Mrs Pimm, Mrs McDonough and Mrs Wyatt).

## Stars of the Week

I have decided to share the photographs of our stars of the week in our flyer as it is only sent to your personal email addresses and placed on our website. I will only use the first name of your child; if you do not want your child's photograph on the flyer but have ticked for photographic consent, please let me know. If you have not given photographic consent, I will know not to include your child's picture. I thought you would enjoy being able to print a copy of your child's picture to share with friends and family.



## Little Princess Trust

Jessica has been growing her beautiful hair for over two years because she decided when she was four that she wanted to donate her hair to make a wig for a little girl who was poorly and didn't have any hair. I have heard of people making this sacrifice, but I have never known of anyone and I feel so overwhelmingly proud of

Jessica's decision. It costs £550 to make a wig, once the hair has been donated. Jessica has already raised £430 so just needs a little bit more. I am including the 'just giving' link in case you would like to make a donation and we will have collection buckets ready for when she returns to school with shorter hair!

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JessicaSingleton13?utm\\_campaign=lc\\_frp\\_share\\_transaction\\_fundraiser\\_page\\_donation\\_received\\_nth\\_donation&utm\\_content=1ce6f754-f7de-4ab8-b792-2f32f6e5041d&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=postoffice&utm\\_term=1578954151281](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JessicaSingleton13?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received_nth_donation&utm_content=1ce6f754-f7de-4ab8-b792-2f32f6e5041d&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1578954151281)

Jessica will be donating her hair either this weekend or next weekend; I will keep you posted! To find out more about the amazing charity follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxoLISTu1jo>



### Head Lice

Talking of hair: some children have been arriving in school with head lice and/or nits; as you know head lice travel from head to head and they particularly enjoy freshly washed hair! Head lice is not a sign of poor hygiene or grooming, but it is a nuisance, spreads rapidly and can cause great discomfort for your children. Please take the time to check your children this weekend and treat them as necessary.

There is advice on the nhs website if you follow this link

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

If your child has only just started school you may never have seen them before: this is what nits look like in your child's hair:



Head Lice look like this:



Head lice are parasites and live on blood! They can live for 30 days and lay 6 eggs a day! They can make you very itchy and uncomfortable; the bites turn in to sores and can become infected. If everyone checks tonight we could be a nit and lice free school by Monday!

### **Changes in Circumstances**

Sometimes you may have a change at home; you may consider it to be a small change, like a visitor coming to stay or someone going away for a while. Sadly you might have lost a pet, or someone could be ill; these things can have a very big impact on your very young children, so please let us know. You can speak to me or Mrs Prickett in the morning, email me or speak to Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the office, either in person or on the telephone. We will always be confidential. Please don't think your children don't notice if you are sad or unwell, or missing someone. They notice that you behave differently so they need to try to understand the changes; or otherwise they will worry and come to the wrong conclusions by filling in the gaps in their own way. They might think you are sad because you don't like them anymore! They might hear you mention a doctors or a hospital appointment on the phone or to another adult and become very worried. It is important to 'share and prepare' at an age appropriate level. Such as, 'Mummy has a sore tummy and the doctor is going to help to make it better.' Or, 'I am going away for work for a few days but I will be back in 4 sleeps' and then let us know so we can help.

### **Flooding by the Robin Entrance Gate**

During this very wet weather we can experience flooding on the path to Robin from the Oxford Road gate; if this happens we will not open the gate so please come through the gate on Murray Road into the playground. Thank you.

### **Forgotten bikes and scooter**

We have several scooters and a bike that have not been claimed from our racks; if they belong to you or you know who they belonging to, please come and collect them. Thank you.

### **Parking at West Oak Care Home**

I was shocked to receive communication from the manager at West Oak Care Home, opposite Meadow Nursery, to be told that parents are still choosing to park in their car park or in front of the barrier at the entrance to their site. The manager reported that he approached the parents and ask them to move their cars as an ambulance was on the way for a very poorly resident; he was greeted with a barrage of abuse! I am sure they could not have been Walter parents as the behaviour described is against all of our Walter Values! Mrs Janes assured the manager that we would share his concerns in our Friday Flyer.

## Pupil Premium Funding

### What is it?

Pupil Premium funding was introduced in 2011; it is a sum of money (£1320) given to the school, for any child who qualifies for Free School Meals or for any child who was eligible for free school meals from Reception to Year 6. Pupil Premium funding lasts for 6 years of a child's school life from the date it begins.

Do you have an income that is less than...

**£16,190!**

Or are you in receipt of any of the benefits below?

**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**

**These benefits have now been rolled into a single benefit, called Universal Credit.**

Universal Credit is being rolled out, with an expected completion date of March 2022. All pupils who were eligible for free school meals up to April 2018 will continue to receive free school meals during this period. This is a useful link that will tell you more about it; <https://www.theschoolrun.com/the-parents-guide-to-the-pupil-premium>

Please speak to Mrs Janes in the school office. Every enquiry is completely confidential.

We use the money to provide extra-curricular clubs, additional adult support and resources. We can use it to help with school uniform including coats and shoes. We have sometimes used it for school trips or as a contribution for school events. Every child and family has different needs and we will do everything we can to help.

### Dates for you diary

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| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020</b>  | F2 Eye Tests           |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b> | School Photographer    |
| <b>4-9<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>   | Book Fair              |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b>     | Parent Consultations   |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>    | Y1 Birdworld Trip      |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>       | Maypole Dance Workshop |

### And finally....

If you have any concerns that you might need help with please remember that you can contact me on [head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk) at any time. Have a wonderful weekend.

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