



Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

I hope everyone had a lovely holiday time away from school; we are all very glad to be back and have had an amazing week starting all our new exciting topics! Our Foundation Stage has begun learning all about transport and we have lots of very busy mechanics in school; I was very pleased to observe them wearing safety goggles whilst repairing the vehicles in the garage! Year 1 have been collecting snails and dissecting poo; they did so to find out if animals were herbivores, carnivores or omnivores! One little girl said she had been digesting poo so I was very relieved to find out the truth! In Year 2 our young scientists have been identifying plants in our school gardens and producing still life drawings.

Chocolate Tombola

The chocolate tombola was a huge success and the School Council raised £650 for guide dogs and playground equipment. This is double what we raised last year so THANK YOU so much for your support; it makes a big difference to us. The winner of the bunny, who is called Rosie was Eleanor Barras and Emily Sharples guessed the correct (or almost) number of sweets in the jar which was 155 I think!



The Big Pedal!

The Big Pedal was a fantastic success; although we are an Infant and Nursery school, we were classed as a large primary school! 784 schools entered the competition nationwide and we finished at 106 putting us in the top 20%! We were the top school in Wokingham EVERYDAY! Thank you so much and well done everyone. We think we will receive rewards for our success (I am hoping for another scooter and bike rack)!



St Paul's School have requested that our children don't park bikes or scooters in their school on 10th May as they are having a 'Bikeability' course and need the spaces to store additional bikes. We were surprised by this request, as we were not aware that anyone was using the spaces for Walter Infant School vehicles. Please always leave the vehicles for Walter Infant School children in our school (hopefully in a new rack)!

Parent Consultations

If you have not yet made an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss progress, attainment, success and targets please make an appointment with the teacher either after school or via the school office. Thank you

International Dance Day

Miss Joanna is coming in to work with every child on Tuesday 30th April 2019; this is a newly formed tradition and is our third consecutive year. The children and staff love the workshops and have a lot of fun as well as learning lots of new dance steps and routines. Please donate £1 per child or £2 per family to go towards the costs incurred. Thank you so much for your support.



Sponsored Activity Day

We will be holding our sponsored activity day on Thursday 23rd May 2019; we will be sending sponsor forms out at the end of next week. The children will take part in a fitness circuit, led by Jack at some time during the week beginning Monday 20th May and on the 23rd we will have a very active day which will involve dancing whenever we hear music (this is my favourite part of the event as it was so much fun! Mrs Buck said "only at Walter would such a wonderful thing happen" and she visits lots of schools!). Hopefully we will make enough money to replace the trim track! We are also hoping to replace the climbing frame with money raised over this year.



Bags to School

Please bring your Bags to School on Monday morning and place them on the train if it is dry! This is another wonderful opportunity to support our school and also to recycle clothes, bedding, towels etc that you no longer need. We have raised quite a lot of money in the past and we are now so reliant on fundraising and support to enhance our curriculum and improve our environment.

The Summer Fair

Many of you will know that the Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 15th June 2019, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please put the date in your diary. We need lots of volunteers to help run the fair so please look out for further information very soon. We desperately need RAFFLE PRIZES such as vouchers, free tickets, unwanted free gifts (last year we had an iPhone and a micro scooter), pampering gifts go down so well, such as massages, pedicures or for a hair salon. Perhaps your company or someone you know could donate something towards our fundraising. As you know finances and budgets are the biggest difficulty for schools at the moment, especially schools in Wokingham as we still don't have full fairer funding in place. This means that there are many schools in our vicinity that receive much more per pupil than we do! SO please help as much as you can. AND if you have any fundraising ideas, we would love to hear from you. We have registered with Green Redeem so please donate on line at <https://www.greenredeem.co.uk/wokingham> We are also hoping to start a new collection for blue tokens at Tesco very soon, so keep a look out! If you would like to be part of the PTA or would like to volunteer to help, or make a donation please contact them on walterinfantspa@gmail.com They would love to hear from you.

Gardening Club

We have 7 spaces left in our KS1 gardening club which will begin on Tuesday 7th May, led by Mrs Adams-Price who will be ably supported by Mrs Coyne and my Mum! (although my mum is on holiday on the 7th!!!!!!) It will be from the end of the school day until 4:15 pm and will cost £3:00 per child (this will cover the cost of tools, plants, compost etc). The children will learn all about the properties of growth, how to care of fruit and vegetables, the skills of planting and pruning, plant names and how to provided habitats for wild life. Please contact Mrs Janes if you wish to sign up!

Lunchtime Controller Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime controller; we like to maintain high ratios for our children at Walter Infant School and Nursery so we have a large team of wonderful lunchtime controllers. If you are interested in beginning a career working in school please contact Mrs Janes, Mrs Prickett or look on the school website www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Toy Car Request

We would be very grateful to receive donations of toy cars; big or small, metal, plastic or wooden! The children absolutely love playing with cars during play time and lunch time but sadly, the cars are sometimes lost or broken so we get through hundreds each year. If you have any that you no longer need (which are in good condition) please could you bring them to the school office. Thank you so much.



Tennis Club

Matt has asked us to mention that he still has some places in tennis club; if you are interested please speak to Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the school office.

And finally.....

We have had a number of visitors to our school this week, including teachers from another Wokingham school coming to see what we do and how we are able to be so successful! All of them commented on what a wonderful school we are and how extremely well behaved our children are. We all felt very proud.

Judy Wheeler; Headteacher 29th March 2019