



# Friday Flyer!

**Dear Walter Families,**

I am writing this flyer from home as unfortunately (yet again I hear you say!) I am unable to come in to work; I have had surgical procedures on my knees and so need to rest and avoid journeys in the car. Fortunately, as always, my amazing colleagues are holding the fort and making sure everything is going smoothly. Please do feel free to email me directly if you have any concerns or speak to Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the school office. Thank you for your patience.

Please remember that Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February is our last day of this half term but that we will finish at the usual time. We will return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

## Star of the Week

Here are our wonderful stars, making us all so proud.

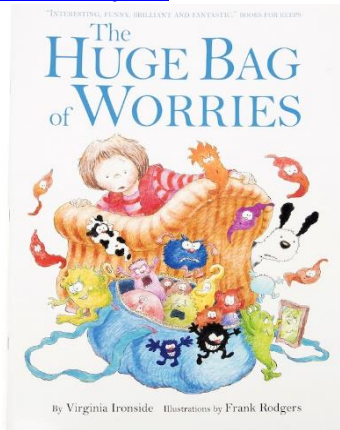
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## A Huge Bag of Worries

We are aware as a school of the increasing levels on Mental Health difficulties that many members of our community are experiencing; we are encouraging our children to share their worries and concerns. This mornings assembly led by Mrs Prickett was based on the book 'A Huge Bag of Worries'; perhaps your child might be ready to share something that has been worrying them with you when they get home.

Here is a link for you to share the story together:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDrnuPj7xfs>



We also have a collection of Worry Monsters; if you feel your child needs help with worries or anxiety please speak to your class teacher. Please remember not to share your adult worries with your young children but remember if something is wrong, they will notice, so take time to talk, age appropriately, and make time to reassure them.



### Foundation Stage 1 and 2 Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play sessions are so much fun for parents; they are happening next week:

- F2 – Monday 10<sup>th</sup>-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm
- F1 PM & 30 hour – Monday 10<sup>th</sup>-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm
- F1 AM – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 10.15-11.15am

Please sign up for a visit, you will have a wonderful time and find out so much about how your children spend their days at school.

### Head Lice

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!

### **Generous Donation from a Parent (Matched Funding)**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Petya Hopkins, who has been able to source some matched funding from her company and has generously donated £250 to our school funds. Thank you so much. Perhaps your company also do matched fund (for charities) if so, please get in touch with me, Mrs Janes or our PTA Chairs, Emma Leigh and Tina Penman.

### **Spring Disco**

Our Spring Disco is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This is being organised by our Parent Teacher Association and will be hosted by Fred in the Shed. You will notice that we are not calling it a Valentine's Disco anymore as we feel that Valentine's Day is for older people than our children! We will ensure they have lots and lots of fun without the addition of romance! Please return the forms back by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Year One: 4:00 – 5:15 pm

Year Two: 5:30 – 6:45 pm



### **The Book People; Big Boost Schools**

This leaflet and poster came into my pigeon hole this week; if you choose to buy books from The Book People on line; you can donate to school using this link. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you.

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost/schools>



**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.

Judy Wheeler  
Headteacher

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| <b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2020-2021</b> |
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| <b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>    | School Photographer     |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b>    | Sycamore Class Assembly |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b>    | Spring Disco            |
| <b>4-9<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b> | Book Fair               |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>   | World Book Day          |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>  | iRock Concert           |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b>   | Parent Consultations    |
| <b>3<sup>rd</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  |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> June 2020</b>   | Summer Fair             |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> July 2020</b>    | Y2 Woolley Firs Trip    |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020</b>    | Y2 Woolley Firs Trip    |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>   | Last day of term        |