



Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

We had the most wonderful day yesterday as we all celebrated World Book Day together; we all loved coming to school in our pyjamas and sharing our favourite sentences from our favourite books! The children produced some absolutely excellent work as they were so inspired! I loved looking out of my window to see them all enjoying the sunshine in their pyjamas!



Oxfam

Mrs Gibbs came in to talk to the children about children in other parts of the world who are not as fortunate as we are; they don't have books to enjoy like we do. Some children are hungry, thirsty and frightened and we learned how we can help to provide water, food and safety if we donate any books we no longer need to Oxfam. These books can then be sold for someone else to enjoy and the money raised will go to help others! Our children understand about empathy and were very keen to help. Please send in books that are in good condition that can be sold in our local Oxfam shop. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 will write kind messages of thanks to the purchasers. Mrs Gibbs will take the books to Oxfam for us so please bring them into school next week.



These lovely volunteers helped Mrs Gibbs to show us how the scheme works!

Teaching and Learning at Walter Infant School

Mrs Prickett and I have had a fabulous week in school visiting each and every class to observe teaching and learning; I am delighted to say that it was absolutely wonderful seeing all our children thoroughly enjoying their learning.

The Book Fair

Please help us raise money for new books for our library; the book fair will run until Monday 11th March; the children can put their £1 voucher towards the cost of any book at the fair or use it in a book shop. Thank you so much to those of you who have already visited; we very much appreciate your support.



PE in school

If your child has pierced ears they will need to remove their earrings on PE days or cover them with micro-pore tape. Please provide a roll of tape in their PE bags. They need to protect their ears as we use a wide variety of different equipment that could catch on earrings and cause an injury.



Parent Consultations

You will be able to book your appointments on line from March 12th 2019; we will have our consultations in the hall on Wednesday 3rd April between 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm and on Friday 5th April from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm. We will be providing a crèche on Friday as previous years. If these times are not convenient for you please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or to Mrs Janes to arrange an alternative time.

Red Nose Day

We will be selling Red Noses again this year at the beginning and end of the school day; they cost £1.25 this year so please try to bring the right change! We will hopefully be selling them from Monday 11th March until they run out. We have 3 boxes coming! The noses double up as stress balls this year and there are 12 to collect. I have noticed that one of the red noses is green!



I am hoping to buy the cat with the crown!

The children can come to school on Red Nose Day wearing an item of red clothing (no football shirts or kits or super hero outfits please); perhaps a hat, scarf, socks or red from head to toe! Please make a donation for Comic Relief into the buckets that will be around on the day.



Chocolate Tombola

We are excited to announce that we will be holding another chocolate tombola at the end of term. This will be our second! Last year's was very successful and we raised money to sponsor guide dogs. This year we are hoping to raise money to support our guide dogs and money to enhance our learning environment. We will have more information nearer the time; the Tombola will take place at 2:20 pm on Thursday 4th April 2019. We would love to receive a chocolate donation from every child if possible.



Governor Day

On Friday 15th March we will also be having our annual Governor Day in school; our governing body will be coming to see the children, share an assembly, observe the teaching and learning in school, have a school lunch and have some very important meetings! They will be available at the start of the day to chat with parents; they will be wearing a purple governor lanyard to identify themselves.



Mathematics Workshop for Year 2 Parents and Carers

Our first SATS Mathematics workshops for parents will be taking place on Tuesday 12th March at 2:30pm and 6:00pm – we would love you to come along and learn how to help your child at home. We will show you methods we use to calculate some of the strategies we use for mental arithmetic. You will also learn a lot about the curriculum and the assessments. The sessions will not be suitable for children – sorry ☹️

International Dance Day

International Dance Day is on Monday 29th April; we have managed to book Miss Joanna from the Wright School of Dance to come and teach every class a dance on Tuesday 30th April. We would like every child to bring in a donation of £1 (or £2 a family of 2 or more children) to contribute towards the cost of the day. The last two years have been absolutely wonderful and Miss Joanna will hopefully attend our 2nd One Love Festival in July – watch this space!

Sponsored Activity Day

We will be holding our sponsored activity day on Thursday 23rd May 2019; there will be lots more information to follow closer to the event.



Rise and Shine Club Taster Session

Some children have already had their taster session at our Rise and Shine Club and we have received more bookings; we would like to extend our provision and so would like to invite each and every child from Foundation Stage 2 to Year 2 to attend for a **FREE** taster session! Mrs Hemmings will be organising the places so please contact her on 0118978 0825 or by email on Lynnette.Hemmings@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

And finally.....

Have a fabulous weekend.

Judy Wheeler; Headteacher 8th March 2019