



Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

Wow! That half term has whizzed by in a flash! We are amazed at how much has been achieved in such a short time; we have had a lot of fun and we would like to thank you all for your support. All the children and all the staff are ready for a well-earned rest!

**FEBRUARY
HALF TERM**

Please return to school on Monday 25th February 2019

Attendance

Some of our children will be coming home today with their 100% attendance certificate for half the school year! All the children will have the chance to earn a 100% attendance certificate for the second half of the year and of course some children will be able to achieve 100% attendance for the whole school year. We had an assembly today about attendance and some of the reasons why children cannot come to school. May I remind you that we will never authorise holidays away from school. We have posted the Assembly on our website for you to see. Well done to the 53 children who came to school every day. Robin had the most children who have come every day in Foundation (8), Beech in Year 1 (8) and Pine in Year 2 (8). We have noticed a pattern that some children are absent on the Friday before a school holiday or the Monday after a school holiday so we will need to monitor this as it will have a very negative impact on our attendance data.

The attendance figure for our whole school at the moment is: 96.1%, 3.2% of the absences are authorised and 0.7% are unauthorised. We are very proud of this data but we would like to improve it even further. We have conducted an attendance analysis of all classes in school and the class with the highest percentage, and therefore the best attendance is Pine. Well done Pine!

| Class | Attendance |
|-----------------|------------|
| Robin am and pm | 95.9% |
| Dove | 93.8% |
| Magpie | 94.8% |
| Woodpecker | 94.1% |
| Beech | 96% |
| Larch | 97% |
| Oak | 97.2% |
| Pine | 98.1% |
| Sycamore | 97% |
| Willow | 96.7% |

Attendance



Which class achieved the best attendance?

PINE!

School Crossing Patroller

Mrs Burch will not be available to patrol the school crossing on Monday 25th February at the end of the school day. May I take this opportunity to remind you to take care when crossing the roads to school and wherever possible, please cross the road with the School Crossing Patroller.

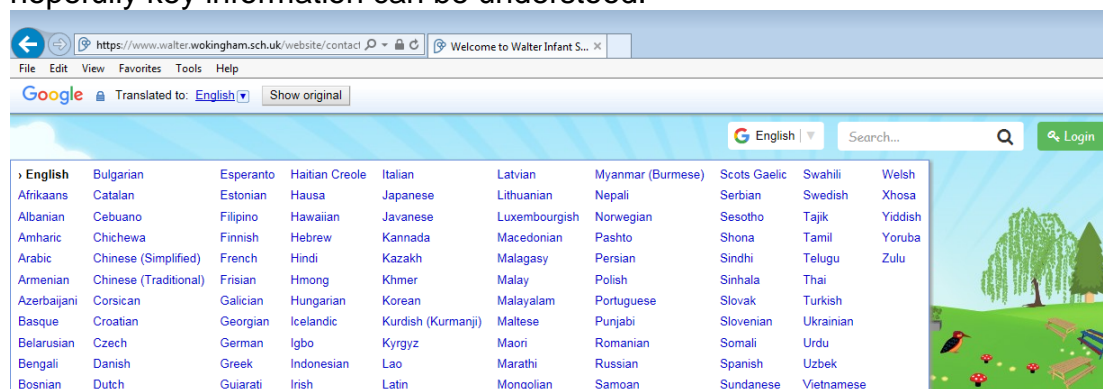
Valentine's Day Disco

The children really enjoyed the Valentine's Day Disco last night; I would like to thank the Parents Association for organising it and all the parents who stayed to help. I would also like to thank the teachers who stayed to join in the fun.



Our School Website

I would like to draw your attention to a useful and under publicised feature of our website which some of you may find useful. At the top of the home page there is an option to change the language so that the content can be read easily by people who speak a language other than English. Some of the documents do not translate but hopefully key information can be understood.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March <https://www.worldbookday.com/>. We would like the children to come ready for a bedtime story; just like last year in onesies, pyjamas, dressing gowns, slippers etc. Please remember to provide a coat and outside shoes and cross your fingers that it won't be snowy! The children can bring their favourite bedtime story to share with their friends.



Staff Car Park

I am so sorry to say that some people from our school and St. Paul's are still choosing to park in our staff car park. Some parents have shown impatience and used raised voices towards our staff and two young children ran behind the back of one teacher's car as she was reversing! We are hoping to install electric gates as soon as possible so I would like to advise you to find other parking arrangements.

Rise and Shine Club Taster Session

We have been running our very successful Rise and Shine Club for almost a year and we are delighted that we are able to offer this wonderful service to our families; 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

We offer a variety of calm and enjoyable activities and the children that attend have a lovely time, one child says it is the best part of the day! If you would like your child to attend regularly (even if only once a week) it costs £5.50 per session (from 7:30 am until the start of the school day). We ask that you provide breakfast or a snack for your child (if required).



This week the children decorated the most delicious biscuits that had been made for them by Louise in the kitchen. I was lucky enough to have two for breakfast on Wednesday!



Tennis Club

Matt will be running a tennis club during the half term break; Mrs Janes has placed the flyer on the website.

And finally.....

Please have a wonderful half term break; I hope the weather is kind to us and that everyone keeps safe and well.

Judy Wheeler; Headteacher 15th February 2019