



# Friday Flyer

**Dear Walter Families,**

I am pleased to be able to send a Friday Flyer out again, after two weeks without. This week we have been learning all about Internet Safety as it has been National Internet Safety Week. Please ask your children how they can keep themselves safe on the internet.

## **Screen Time for Children**

You may have read in the press or online, or watched on the news yesterday and today that there are recommendations for screen time for children.

### ***What does the guidance recommend parents do?***

There are several clear steps for parents, which the chief medical officers say will help keep children safe and healthy.

These include:

- not using phones and mobile devices at the dinner table - talking as a family is very important for development
- keeping screens out of the bedroom at bedtime
- talking as a family about keeping safe online and about cyber-bulling and what children should do if they are worried
- not using phones when crossing a road or doing any other activity that requires a person's full attention
- making sure children take a break from screens every two hours by getting up and being active
- policing their own use too - parents should give their children proper attention and quality family time and never assume they are happy for pictures to be shared

This is the link to the BBC news website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-47150658>

I would also like to add:



## Valentine's Day Disco

We will be having our Valentine's Day Discos on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019:

Year 1: 4:00 – 5:15 pm

Year 2: 5:30 – 6:45 pm

Please complete the form that has been sent home and place in the post box by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at the latest. Please remember to enclose a payment of £3:00. Please also complete key information about after school club. No tickets will be issued; you child's name will be added to a list.

Please note that we will not be able to store coats, so please take your child's coat home. Thank you

## Children's Mental Health Week

It is Children's Mental Health Week and I came across this information which I thought might be interesting for our families at Walter.

### How to nurture a child's mental health



## Respect and Tolerance

This week we have been learning about Respect (one of our Walter Values) and Tolerance (one of the Fundamental British Values). The children have been learning that we are all the same and all different and that everyone should be treated with respect, kindness, patience, understanding and tolerance.

Sadly, our children may sometimes hear unacceptable comments made by older young people or adults, such as inappropriate or offensive language (such as swearing), racist jokes or jokes that are not suitable for children and indeed this week a racist scary story that has given one of our children nightmares. We had an assembly for our Year 2 children on Tolerance and Rosa Parks and I would like to draw your attention to some of the content on our website. We have also updated

information on our Values and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural provision at Walter Infant School and Nursery. Please remember to visit our website.



[https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/rosa\\_parks/392926](https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website/rosa_parks/392926)

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### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

We will be closing our staff car park at 4:00 pm each day as we have had some very near misses with parents parking in the car park after our school has closed so that they can collect children from St Paul's. One parent was very rude and aggressive to a member of staff and one member of staff had a very near miss as a young child ran behind her car in the dark. Unfortunately it is not safe for other vehicles to enter our site and we are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause; but I have to put the wellbeing and safety of everyone first.

### Gardening Club

This is a plea for any green fingered parents or grandparents who might like to help out as a volunteer in our school garden. We would welcome anyone who would like to weed, prune, plant or cultivate our garden at any time that is convenient after a DBS check. If you can't help with your time, but would like to support the school with a donation of plants, seeds, bulbs or vouchers for a garden centre that would be amazing too.

### 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](mailto:Lynnette.Hemmings@walter.wokingham.sch.uk)



### **Who is entitled to Pupil Premium Funding?**

To be eligible at least one parent must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit

Or:

- At least one parent was eligible for any of the above benefits in the last six years
- Children who are or have been looked after under local authority care
- Children from service families who receive a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

For further details, please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2018-to-2019/pupil-premium-2018-to-2019-conditions-of-grant>

### **And finally.....**

We break up at the normal time for half term on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Have a lovely weekend.

Judy Wheeler; Headteacher 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019