



Friday Flyer 2021

Dear Walter Families,

We have been sending out a lot of information recently and I really hope you have not felt bombarded! This week you have received an email about booking your parent consultation meeting on the 11th or 13th of October between 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm. If you require two appointments for parents who are sharing parental responsibility from different households please let us know if you find it difficult to book a second slot. If neither of these dates are convenient please contact your class teacher directly via email to schedule a convenient time. If you would prefer a telephone conversation please also email that request directly to your child's teacher.

During the consultation afternoons, you will be able to tour our wonderful school and see where your children are enjoying their learning each day. You can visit their classrooms, the library, the computing suite, our learning hub and our Thrive Room. Please take time to look at our beautiful displays celebrating the children's achievements. You are welcome to visit most of the classrooms but please only look at your own child's work. Only Robin Parents can visit Robin as we have Energy Kidz in the Nest.

You will also have received an email with our home school agreement; please return either a paper copy or an electronically signed version as soon as you are able to. Thank you.

We find email communication to be the best way to keep in touch and to inform all our parents and carers about what is happening in school, it is also far more sustainable as we do not need to print everything out. We do also appreciate that some weeks there is more information than others. I very much appreciated your understanding and cooperation.



Think before you print

Star of the Week

Here are all our wonderful stars of the week; I was delighted to be able to award the Foundation 2 stars in the hall too as they joined us for our Friday Assembly for the first time this term!



School Council

I am delighted to present to you our new school councillors, who were voted in democratically in class. Well done everyone.



Pine

Rosie

Teddy

Sycamore

Casey

Spencer

Willow

Sophie

Harrison

Beech	Mabel
	Artun
Larch	Roxby
	Aria
Oak	Lily
	Harvey
Dove	Henny
Magpie	Tommaso
Woodpecker	Vito

Chloe, Ellie, Freddie, Aidan and Sujay are staying on the School Council as they were elected in 2019 and never really got a chance to develop their roles.

Well done everyone; we are all so proud of you.

Covid 19 Updates

The Coronavirus Pandemic is by no means over: Every day I receive an email informing of the number of positive cases in Wokingham Schools and the list keeps growing. We have a number of children with the virus after receiving positive PCR test results.

We will have to be extremely vigilant to avoid an outbreak in our school.

Please do not send your child to school if they have a high temperature (hot and clammy to the touch), if they have a persistent cough or if they have lost their taste or smell (not easy to detect in a young child). If your child presents with any of these cluster symptoms, please do not send them to school:

1 ('flu-like' with no fever): Headache, loss of smell, muscle pains, cough, sore throat, chest pain, no fever.

2 ('flu-like' with fever): Headache, loss of smell, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, **fever, loss of appetite.**

3 (gastrointestinal): Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, **diarrhoea**, sore throat, chest pain, no cough.

4 (severe level one, fatigue): Headache, loss of smell, cough, fever, hoarseness, chest pain, **fatigue.**

5 (severe level two, confusion): Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, cough, fever, hoarseness, sore throat, chest pain, fatigue, **confusion**, muscle pain.

6 (severe level three, abdominal and respiratory): Headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, cough, fever, hoarseness, sore throat, chest pain, fatigue, confusion, muscle pain, **shortness of breath, diarrhoea, abdominal pain.**

If your child is waiting for a PCR result (even if they do not have symptoms, we would like you to keep them at home, just in case, until you receive a negative result. We would like everyone to be cautious, be careful and be kind.

If we believe your child could have Covid 19 because of how we feel they present; we will telephone you to collect them from school as quickly as possible. We would appreciate it if you accept our decision graciously and respectfully and that you take your child for a PCR

test. They can return to school as soon as they are well and have a negative result. If we are concerned about a child after they return to school the process will begin again.



Play Fighting and Rough Behaviour

I am very sad to say that we have had some issues with rough play and fighting at lunchtime and playtime; as a result of this we will be focusing on supporting some children to change the way they are playing or responding to others. Please could we ask for your support in reminding the children that rough play and play fighting are not acceptable behaviours for school as people will get hurt! I have noticed that some of the children who have made the wrong choices have older siblings who they say have been fighting with them, so perhaps this is a message that could be shared with the whole family. Thank you for your support.



Contacting Teaching Staff

One of the things we have decided to maintain from COVID 19 is sharing the email addresses of our teachers so that parents (carers) can contact their child's teacher directly; the teacher will get back to you as soon as they are able to.

Class and Teacher	Email contact
Robin Miss Samantha Potter	Samantha.Potter@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Dove Mrs Jessica Bennette	Jessica.Bennette@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Magpie Miss Rebecca Prickett	Rebecca.Prickett@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Woodpecker Miss Lauren Rose	Lauren.Rose@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Beech Miss Jasmine Veale	Jasmine.Veale@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Larch Miss Lisa Palmer	Lisa.Palmer@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Oak Mrs Amy Stevens	Amy.Stevens@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Oak Ms Stephanie Rees	Stephanie.Rees@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Pine Mr Justin Lee	Justin.Lee@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Sycamore Mr Andrew Herlihey	Andrew.Herlihey@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Willow Mandy McDonough	Mandy.McDonough@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Heather Pimm	Heather.Pimm@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
Mrs Louise Walker SEND	Louise.Walker@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

School Photographs

The photographer will be coming to school on Tuesday 28th September, all day. Every child will be photographed by themselves (this will be kept on file in school) and available for purchase. If you have children with siblings in Walter Infant School and Nursery, they will be photographed together. Some children have PE on Tuesdays; we recommend that for this coming Tuesday only they bring their kit to school and come in their school uniform for their photograph.

Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this is a wonderful addition to our school's budget and helps us to provide curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children and all other children too!

Your child may be entitled to this funding which can be used to pay for clubs, uniform, additional support, one to one sessions, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact Mrs Janes in the office to find out more or follow this link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

And finally

Don't forget to book your consultation. Please contact me if you need to on head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021-2022

28th September	School Photographer
19th October	Year 2 Legoland Trip
21st October	Year 2 Legoland Trip
25th-29th October	Half Term
10th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
17th December	End of Term – finishing 1 hour early

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

There will be other exciting events that are not yet in the diary. We will let you know dates as soon as we can.