



Thursday Flyer!

Dear Walter Families,

What a wonderful start to the term; all the children have returned to school enthusiastically, happy to see their friends and teaching staff again and with very positive attitudes towards their learning.

Phonics Screening in Year 1 and Year 2

Next week is the start of the National Phonics Screening Checks for all children in Year 1 and for the children in Year 2 who did not meet the benchmark last year. Thank you to all of you who attended our meetings on Wednesday 5th of June; I have placed the power point on the website. We will endeavour to make the children's experience as stress-free as possible. If you want to practise using some really good fun games please log on to www.phonicsplay.co.uk

SATS for Year 2

We completed the Year 2 SATs before the half term break; all the children tried their very best and we are so proud of them. Please remember that the tests are only part of the process for Year 2 children and that we will be teaching and learning together right up until the end of the term.

Maypole Dancing

On Monday we had our Maypole Dancing Day; it was fabulous. The children loved it and they were so talented and able to pick up the very tricky weaving movements. It was also a very good opportunity to practise skipping, which is a very difficult skill to learn. Ms Rees will be placing a set of photographs on the website.



Sponsored Fitness Challenge

Our sponsored challenge week was absolutely amazing and the money is still coming in; we have now raised almost £1500 towards our trim track which will be

installed over the summer holidays. Thank you so much to everyone who raised money; we are so grateful for your support.



£1500

The Scarecrow Challenge

Thank you to the three families who made very scary scarecrows for our garden; they will certainly keep the crows away and possibly some of the children. If you would still like to make a scarecrow we would love to welcome some more to our garden; perhaps ones with smiley faces!!!

You could follow this link: <https://www.yates-kids-gardening.com/kids-gardening/build-a-garden-scarecrow>

The Summer Fair

It is not long now until the Summer Fair; the PTA hope to raise £7000 so we will need lots of helpers and lots of donations! We are hoping to replace the climbing frame in the KS1 playground! 10 more volunteers registered after we sent out our information letter on Wednesday; so thank you so much. If you would like to volunteer, please log on to register as a volunteer using this link:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/CQBDX>

The Raffle and Silent Auction Prizes are amazing; well worth buying tickets for or making a bid following this link:

<https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/index.cfm?auctionID=12072> Bidding continues until 1.15pm on the day of the fair.

Friday is a Non-Uniform Day!

All the children can come to school in their favourite clothes on Friday 7th June in return for supporting our Summer Fair:



PLEASE COULD:

- Foundation Stage bring in Sweet Bags on the 12th June 2019
- Year 1 children bring in Children's Crafts for the Children's Tombola on the 7th June
- Year 2 children bring in bottles for the Adult Tombola on the 7th June

PLEASE COULD EVERYONE CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAKE STALL AND BRING IN CAKES ON FRIDAY 14TH JUNE. A PLATE WILL COME HOME WITH EACH CHILD.

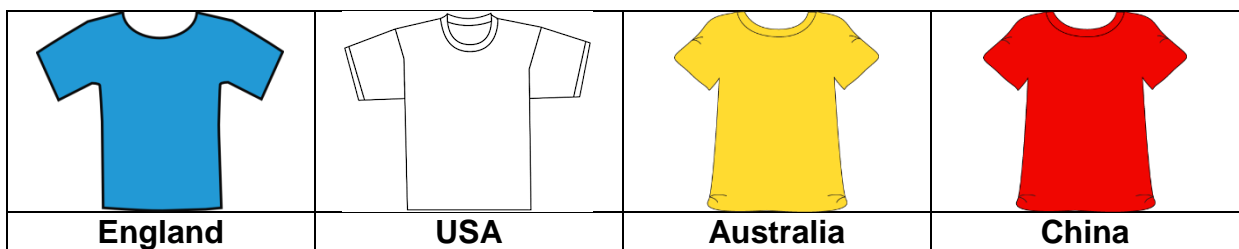


Holidays in Term Time

We have noticed that a number of families have been taking their children on holiday during term time; it is our policy to telephone each time we have an unexplained absence and Mrs Janes is aware when she is calling overseas as there is an international dialling tone. This puts us in a tricky situation if a form for leave of absence has not been completed. As you know, we do not authorise any holidays during term time, but we still need to be informed if your child is going to be absent from school. Every school day is a valuable learning day and all our children love coming to school, if they are absent for an extended period for holidays this can impact on their school work and their relationships. Please try to refrain from taking holidays during the school term; I very much appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Key Stage 1 Sports Day

Key Stage 1 Sports day for Year 1 and Year 2 is taking place from 9:00 am on Friday 14th June 2019 on St Paul's Junior School field. All families are welcome to come and watch. It is a fun filled event where all the children work in teams together. The teams this year are Australia, China, England and the USA. Your children have received a letter explaining which team they are in and which colour t-shirt to wear



Each child will need to wear shorts and suitable footwear and have a sun hat. Please apply sun cream if you think your child will need it before coming to school. We cannot apply cream to your child. Please ensure they bring their water bottles. The PTA will provide ice lollies at the end. If we have to cancel due to wet weather, we will inform you by text at 8:00 am.

Religious Education in Year One

In Year 1 the children have been learning about Judaism; we would like to thank Mrs Lupu who very kindly baked Challah bread for all the children in Year 1; they all said it was delicious.



Sand to Foundation Stage

We would also like to thank Mr Carter for the play sand; we use so much sand as our children love it, so having a free delivery was wonderful. Thank you from all of the Foundation Stage Team and children.

Head lice in School

Unfortunately it is very normal for children to pick up an infestation of head lice during their school years; we have tried to reduce the number of incidents by encouraging our families to check at the same time. Please could you check this weekend and treat if necessary so that we can be a head lice free school on Monday. Please ensure that you follow the instructions on any of the treatments you use and repeat if necessary. Thank you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Dates for your diary

Monday 10th June – Phonics Screening Week

Tuesday 11th June - Woodpecker Assembly at 9:00 am

Wednesday 12th June - Dove Assembly at 9:00 am

Thursday 13th June - Magpie Assembly at 9:00 am

Friday 14th June Key Stage 1 Sports Day at St Paul's beginning around 9:00 until 1:00 all parents/grandparents welcome (weather permitting).

Saturday 15th June 2019 Summer Fair

And finally.....

We are so looking forward to all the exciting events that await us in the last half term of this year; it is always a very busy time for us. We will be preparing our children for the next stage in their education and writing reports to share with parents and carers. Please remember if you have any concerns do not hesitate to contact us.

Judy Wheeler; Headteacher 6th June 2019