



Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This week has been a week of 'Best Evers!' When we had our Christmas Lunch I heard a child say "This is the BEST Christmas lunch ever!" Later the same day I heard another child say "This is the BEST day ever!" We practised our version of a very special song to share with the Year 2 parents next week and it was the BEST ever! Our visit to the Dementia Café was definitely the BEST ever! (more information below). I have just listened to our Foundation 2 children singing and it was the BEST ever! AND I have had the BEST term ever since joining Walter Infant School and Nursery.

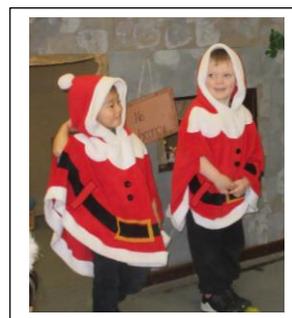
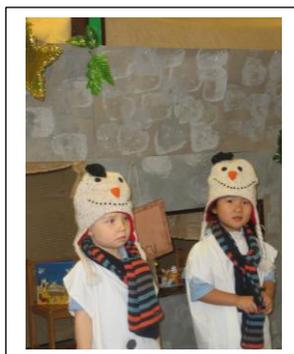
Elves in School

There are so many Elves in school at the moment; I have met Clive, Buddy and Jeff! I have seen some of them up to no good so I was delighted to see Tinsel demonstrating our value of empathy in Oak Class this morning!



Christmas Songs in Robin

I was lucky enough to see the children in Robin sharing their Christmas songs with parents and grandparents. It was absolutely fantastic; the children were so confident and so happy to perform to an audience. They had learnt all the words and actions and some of the songs were very tricky. It was a joy to behold.



Foundation 2 Songs at Christmas Time

I don't think we have ever had so many parents and grandparents coming to our Foundation 2 Christmas songs; it was wonderful to see so many guests and the children loved singing to everyone. They did a brilliant job and demonstrated how much they have enjoyed learning the songs and performing them.



Away in a manger...

Violin Assembly

This term we have only had 4 Year 2 violinists; on Tuesday they performed what they had been learning since the start of September for their parents. We were all astonished by how good they were; they all performed a solo! When I asked if any other children wanted to learn the violin, hundreds of hands went up! If your child would like to learn, with Miss Black from Berkshire Maestros, how to play the violin we have attached some information to this flyer. Well done to Rufus, Harrison, Charlotte and Myra.



Poppy Appeal

We collected £336.48 for the Poppy Appeal, this was £100 more than last year so well done everyone. This is some of the work undertaken by our Year 2 children when learning about the First World War.



Year 2's visit to the Dementia Café at Wokingham Hospital

On Monday, Mrs Prickett, Mrs Head and I took 15 children from Year 2 to the Dementia Café at Wokingham Hospital. We were asked if we would like to go to sing to the group members by Mrs Dillon (Jack Dillon's mum) and we were delighted to accept the invitation. I have been a teacher for over 30 years and enjoyed many trips and visits, but I have to say that this really was one of the BEST ever. We were all so proud of the children; they were so polite and helpful, they chatted to the older people and sang beautifully. We have been told that the group members really enjoyed it and we are hoping to go again next term.



Dance Celebration

Our dancers showed their amazing dancing skills for a large audience of fans; showing how they can move in time to the music, use props and dance in a variety of different styles. Well done Dance Club!



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

There are Christmas Jumpers everywhere in school; I was amazed that they were all able to work so sensibly; they are indeed children to be very proud of. We have raised over £250 for Save the Children and learnt that there are children all over the world who have to face difficulties every day. Thank you for your support with this.



Inclement weather for the next few days

I have received a Weather Alert from Wokingham Borough Council; please can you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat (preferably with a hood), waterproof shoes, a hat, gloves and

perhaps even a scarf. Please make sure all items of clothing are named so that they do not get lost.

I-ROCK Concert

We are having our I-Rock concert today for Key Stage 1; it begins at 2:30pm and is always very well attended. It is always a pleasure to watch and listen to our rock bands perform.

Spanish Club

We are starting our brand new Spanish Club in January led by Mrs Sleeman; we have just 3 spaces left. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Janes or Mrs Hemmings in the School Office.

Christmas Parties at Walter Infant School and Nursery

Our parties are on Monday 17th December, we are expecting a visit from Father Christmas, so we are all very excited. We have asked him for new games to play during wet play times and he knows that all the children at Walter Infant School and Nursery have been very good so, fingers crossed. Please bring in your sweet or savoury contribution to the party food on Monday. As you will know, we have requested that all food is vegetarian. If your child has any specific dietary needs, e.g. Gluten or Dairy free you may wish to provide a plate of food just for them. Please remember NO NUTS as we are a nut free school. The children can come to school in party clothes.

Year 2 Christmas songs

If you have a child in Year 2, please remember to come along to hear the story of the first Christmas, read by our school councillors and sung by the Year 2 classes. It begins at 2:30 and will be finished before the end of the school day.

Early pickup on Wednesday 19th December 2018

School closes at 2:20 for Robin (including children with 30 hours provision) and Key Stage 1 (year 1 and Year 2) and at 2:15 for the children in Foundation 2 (Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker).

The first day back is not an INSET day!

Please note; our first day back to school is Thursday 3rd January at 8:40 or 8:45am as usual. Rise and Shine Club will begin at 7:30am as usual.

Fundraising At Walter Infant School

Many of you will be doing lots of online shopping over the next few weeks: if you log on to the online shops via easy fundraising you will be able to make money for our school.

This is the link for us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterinfantpa/>

Thank you: Happy shopping

Please feel free to telephone the school or contact me via email if you have any questions, queries or concerns. head@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher 14th December 2018

