



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 11th September 2020

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back! It has been really lovely to see everyone back in school this week; everyone has adapted really well to the new arrangements. Thank you for your patience and in supporting us to get all the children back into school so they can continue learning, it is much appreciated.



Staggered start/finish times

We know that staggered start and finish times are not ideal but it is important everyone sticks to their class drop off and pick up time so that we can keep our school safe. If for any reason your child is late, they must come to the main office where they will be escorted to their class as soon as we can. As some class bubbles have to share an entrance, and more crucially staircases and narrow corridors, we cannot allow your child to enter into the building at the same time as another class. Thank you for your understanding.



Regent Street parking

For safety reasons please can we ask that parents do not use Regent Street for parking/turning. We have two classes now using the schools rear entrance/exit, accessed via the car park.

Covid 19 test results

If your child has a COVID-19 test, you will receive a message and the advice to forward the results on to school for our records. It contains no personal information other than their name, date of birth and either a positive or negative result. We would be really grateful if you could let us know, or just forward the message to school, as soon as you can for our track and trace records. Thank you.

Y5/6 parents - Walking home from school alone

A letter has been sent home with all Year 5 and 6 pupils this week. If you wish your child to walk home from school alone, please can you return the permission slip to school as soon as possible. The policy can be found on our school website here <https://walsden.calderdale.sch.uk/media/2150/walking-home-policy.pdf>



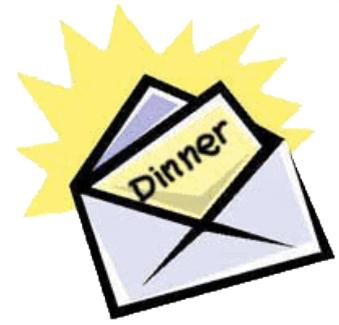
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Personal and medical information

Please can all parents/carers inform the school office of any new phone numbers and/or email addresses. This is essential for our texting and email service and for any emergencies. Can you also make sure we are aware of any new dietary/allergy or medical concerns. If your child has asthma and needs access to an inhaler, please can you make sure they have one in school; this should be in date, has your child's name on it and be given to their classteacher.

School dinner money

Due to Covid and wanting to limit our contact with cash/cheques, please can we remind parents that dinner money must be paid weekly each **Monday** in advance. Please put it in an envelope and ask your child to give this to his/her classteacher. Thank you for your understanding.



Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium Funding

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-andbenefits/benefits/free-school-meals> Please follow the link above if you believe your child is entitled to pupil premium funding and free school meals. Even if your child currently receives a free infant school meal, pupil premium funding allows your child to receive extra support in school.

PE Kit

Please send your child's PE kit into school as normal. Government guidance allows children to change for PE. We are being encouraged to teach PE outside as much as possible, particularly with the older children. Juniors may wish to bring in a sweatshirt or hoodie, and track suit bottoms to wear as the weather gets colder. The infants will use the hall if it's too cold for usual PE kits outside.

Keeping warm in school

The Department of Education has advised schools to maximise air flow through school buildings by keeping doors and windows open - fire and safeguarding regulations permitting. If your child has commented on being cold in school, we do understand and sympathise. Some of them may require an extra layer of clothing – perhaps a vest or extra t-shirt under their uniform, or a school PE hoodie. We will do what we can to keep them warm and comfortable.

Praise assembly & star of the week

We held our first virtual praise assembly via Zoom this morning. It was wonderful to be able to come together as whole school, even if it was remotely. The children were very patient with a few technical hitches and together we celebrated some super pieces of work and our very first Stars of the Week. We will still be sending Star of The Week trophies home, but would be grateful if they could be returned to school on Mondays so that we can quarantine them ready to visit a new home.

This week's stars:

Congratulations for a brilliant start to the year go to: Lennon Walker, Tristan Helmsley – Guy, Maxwell Clarkson, Noah Ross, Zac Marshall and Emily McMurdock.



Emma Crowther and Esther Logue