



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 6th November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Teacher-parent telephone consultations

We are planning to conduct telephone consultations for you to speak with your child's class teacher during the week beginning Monday 9th November. For practical reasons we cannot hold all the consultations on the same day as we do not have enough telephone lines. Your child's class teacher will have been in touch with you this week to make arrangements. If you have not received any information, please get in touch with school. Thank you.

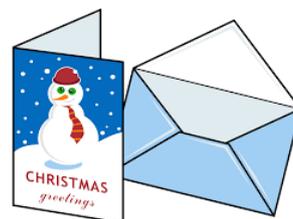


Bubble closures, Google Meets and return to school

Today is the last day of self-isolation for our children in Years 3 and 4, we are very much looking forward to seeing them in person on Monday. The children have really enjoyed their daily Google classroom meets; seeing each other, sharing work, receiving instructions and feedback from their teachers has worked well. They are without doubt the most enthusiastic and wriggliest virtual meetings we've ever attended! There were a few technical hitches early on, but everyone seems to have coped with the new system. As ever parents have been brilliant (supporting us as well as each other) in facilitating these opportunities for the children. Thank you so much to everyone for your patience and all your efforts to make this a success in difficult circumstances.

Christmas Cards

Your child will be bringing home a sample of their class Christmas card design this week. Things have been done a little differently this year due to COVID - each child has contributed to a class Christmas card design. You can add your child's name and class to the back of the cards and also personalise the inside of the Christmas cards with your own message!



All orders this year **must be made and paid for online** at www.dottyaboutpaper.co.uk/walsden (include discount code WALSDEN to deduct delivery costs). Orders will then be shipped together back to school by early December. **The deadline for orders is Friday 20th November.** Please note that it is **online orders only, we cannot accept orders or payment in school.** Thank you.

School photographs

We have received one delivery from Tempest photography (orders that were made online) and these have been distributed to pupils this week. Any orders that were ordered via school will be delivered next week and these will be distributed as soon as they arrive.



Remembrance Sunday

Usually one of the ways we mark Remembrance Day in school is by selling poppies to support the work of the British Legion. As we are unable to do this this year, we have made a donation on behalf of our school community and will be placing a wreath at the war memorial in Centre Vale Park. Please remember all those who served to protect and defend others and all those whose lives continue to be damaged by conflict in your thoughts and prayers.

New national COVID restrictions

As you are aware, new national restrictions came into force yesterday. Please can we ask that our families follow these guidelines to help combat the spread of COVID in our community. Thank you.

Starting School September 2021

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start primary school in September 2021.

To apply for a school place **you must apply online at** www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions

The application process opens on 19th November 2020 and closes on 15th January 2021.

Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Leo Miskell, Einri Marsden, Isabelle Walsh, Sally Urquhart-Reid and Harry Lewthwaite. Well done to them all.

Lunchtime Awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Reuben Wright, Frank Lowe, Annabelle Sargent, Ernie Brandwood and Bea Davis for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue

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New lockdown rules for England

Main restrictions from Thursday 5 November



Pubs and restaurants closed but takeaways permitted



Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues closed



No households mixing indoors, or in private gardens, unless in your support bubble



Stay home – only leave for specific reasons including education and work



Schools, universities and colleges remain open



Outdoor recreation encouraged, you can meet one person outside your household

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