



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 1st December 2023

FOW Christmas update

THANK YOU to everyone for their generous donations of bottles and chocolate today. It is much appreciated.

Christmas Fair: Don't forget next **Friday, 8th December** is the FOW Christmas Fair in the school hall 5-7pm. Our FOW volunteers have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to get everything together so please come along and join in the festive fun - there will be crafts, stalls, food, drink and much more! The event is **cash only**, please bring plenty of change! **Final shout out for donations: used clean teddies (please drop off on Monday/Tuesday) and home baking (please bring this on Friday). THANK YOU.**



Festive movie night: A big thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and came along to the Christmas movie night on Tuesday; it was a great success. A **BIG THANK YOU** also to the FOW volunteers who helped organise and supervise on the night. We really are very lucky to have such an amazing group of parents/carers who raise money and arrange so many lovely events for our school community. Thanks again!

Infant Christmas production

Nativity tickets went home in bookbags/reading records yesterday (they are yellow and/or orange tickets with your child's name on). We have just about managed to squeeze everyone in so families should have the tickets they requested. All tickets have now been allocated; sorry we have no more spares available. The children are practising hard and look forward to welcoming you on the 19th and 20th December.



Christmas dinner day

Christmas dinner day this year is on **Wednesday 20th December**. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner don't forget to let the office know by Monday, if you haven't already, as our school dinner provider needs to know numbers. Cost is £2.40 (junior children only/infants free).

Festive visits

We have a busy run into the festive season starting next week. Our Y1 children will be visiting Halifax Minster on Monday for an Advent workshop and our Y6 class will be singing at the Dementia Friendly Carol Service at St Mary's Church on Thursday afternoon. The following Wednesday our KS2 pupils will be at the Hippodrome Theatre to see a Christmas movie and our Reception children will be visiting the Lowry for a performance of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and on the Thursday Reception and Y6 pupils will be at Yew Tree Court to sing carols. A busy few weeks ahead!

School Council news

Fed up with the amount of litter around the local area, school councillors Spencer, Raphael and Elsie gave up their lunchbreak to litter pick around the school perimeter this week. Thank you - you did a brilliant job and are great ambassadors for our school.



Sports news

Well done to Toby in Y3 who received player of the match from his football team, Panthers, last week for his excellent goal keeping skills. Good work Toby, keep it up!

U11 girls' football. This week some of our girl footballers competed in the final of the Burnley Primary Stars competition. The girls played some wonderful football and worked well together as a team. Although they didn't win the competition overall, the girls made us proud and will now look forward to some more games in the Burnley Primary Stars league.



Calderdale Cross Country. After the Todmorden Cross Country event had to be postponed until the new year, some of our children attended the Calderdale level event. The children all competed excellently and showed great determination. Congratulations to Sienna Lillis, Alice Lively, Frank Lowe, Harry Sutcliffe, Harry Stansfield, Will Barker, Luisa Watt and Harry Whittaker-Winfield. We are still awaiting confirmation of our runners who have progressed to the next stage. Thank you to parents for taking the children to this event.



2024- 2025 holiday dates

Please find **attached** term dates for the next school year, 2024-2025. These are also available to view on the school noticeboards and website.

Supporting and understanding anxiety – parents' resource

Please see **attached**.

Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Indie Shrimpton, Maisie Marshall, Georgia Hemsley-Guy, Erin Welsh, Eric Crabtree, Will Barker and Layla Lightfoot. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Kendric Walker, Quinn Booth, Alice Farrell, Reuben Wright, Fleur Hudson-Booth, Isla Lightfoot and Poppy Ridding for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

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