



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 15th December 2023

Just a reminder that school closes next Friday, 22nd December at normal time and reopens on Monday 8th January 2024. There is quite a lot of important festive news and information this week so please keep scrolling!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who organised, donated, volunteered, baked, supported and came along to the **FOW Christmas Fair** last Friday. It was a fabulous evening and was so lovely to see our whole school community enjoying lots of festive fun. A special mention goes to Friends of Walsden who put in lots of hours before, during and after the fair to ensure it was one to remember! The total raised is still being finalised but this will go towards supporting ALL our children here at Walsden. Thank you EVERYONE! See **attached** for a full list of supporters.

Infant Christmas performance

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our infant Christmas production of 'The Apprentice Angel' next week (Tuesday 19th, 2pm and Wednesday 20th, 9.30am).



- We will be holding a small raffle at each performance; tickets will be sold at **£1 per strip**. Please bring change.
- **Photographs, films and use of mobiles phones are NOT permitted** at our infant production. We have children who cannot be photographed in school and/or we do not have consent for their photos to be shared on social media and other public domains. We will put a selection of photos of the children in costume on the school website. Thank you for your understanding.
- The hall will be very full so we may have to ask that **prams are left outside**.
- Children can be taken early after the Tuesday afternoon performance if you wish, but please **wait in the infant yard** until they have been back to class and got changed. Staff will then release them to parents/carers.

Reminder: FOW Post a letter to Santa

The last date to post a letter to Santa is **19th December**. The post box is outside Walsden Village Stores. Write a letter, pop it in the box and these will be sent to the North Pole by express mail! Don't forget to put your address on if you want a reply.



FOW Santa visit

Santa and his cheeky Elves will once again be visiting Walsden! He will arrive on **Monday evening (18th December)** and follow his previous trusty route around the village looking out for all the children on his nice list! **Follow Friends of Walsden on social media (Instagram and Facebook)** in the lead up and on the night for updates and please share among family and friends so Santa and his Elves can bring a joyful Christmas experience to many local children and families. See **attached** for the route map.

Christmas parties

- The **INFANT** Christmas party is next **Thursday** afternoon and **infant children should come to school in their party clothes.**
- The **JUNIOR** Christmas party is next **Friday** afternoon. **Junior children should come to school in uniform and bring a change of clothes in a bag.**

Carol Service, St Peters Church – 9.30am, Friday 22nd December

Please join us at St Peter's Church next Friday for a Carol Service to mark the end of the festive season in school. Everyone is welcome. *Please can we ask that if any infant parents are coming along to the service that they help us to walk the children to and/or from church if they can; we will be leaving school at approximately 9.10am.*

There will be no parents' assembly in the afternoon.

Reception news

Our Reception class had a fabulous trip to see a live theatre performance of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' at the Lowry this week. The show was a delight to watch and appreciated by everyone. It was their first trip out as a class and everyone really enjoyed themselves and behaved amazingly well; you did yourself and the school proud Reception, well done! There are a few more photos on their class page on the school website; please take a look!



Carols in the community

On Thursday our Reception children teamed up with their Y6 buddies and went up to Yew Tree Court to sing carols for the residents; it was a lovely treat for everyone. There was juice and cake plus Santa also made a surprise appearance bearing gifts for everyone! Next week Y6 will be carol singing at Millreed lodge.

Rocksteady performance

Some of our children attend Rock Steady Music lessons in school and they put on a great end of term performance for parents and carers this week. We are all very impressed with their enthusiasm and progress.

More information about

music lessons in school is available on the school website here

<https://www.walsden.calderdale.sch.uk/curriculum-1-8>



Out of school clubs news

All out of school clubs have now finished. Watch out for a new programme of sports clubs coming home in the New Year.

RE Day

Last Friday the whole school were involved in RE linked learning and activities. Take a look on the school website for some photos of the day.

<https://www.walsden.calderdale.sch.uk/newsevents/school-events>

KS2 Hippodrome trip

On Wednesday morning our KS2 pupils were treated to a film morning at Todmorden Hippodrome. This is an annual event offered to all the local primary schools and everyone enjoyed watching 'A Boy Called Christmas'. We are very lucky to have this volunteer led community theatre within our town and are glad as a school that we can support them.

Reception places September 2024

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for a Reception class place for September 2024 is 15th January 2024. You can apply online at <https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Sewing club

Pupils attending the Y6 sewing club have been working hard all term on their projects. They have learned patience, perseverance as well as lots of different sewing techniques; look what they made! This club has now finished for the year but will restart in the New Year.



Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Joey Whitehead, Quinn Booth, Cora Horsfall-Gengler, Lana Bates, Liam Snell, Isla Lightfoot and Faye Farrell. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Teddy Holliday, Bligh Simpson, Cora Horsfall-Gengler, Phoebe Walsh, Frank Lowe, Isabelle Walsh and Elsie Lowe for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Esther Logue & Emma Crowther, Headteachers