



## Walsden St Peter's Newsletter for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### **Friends of Walsden**

Our PTA, the Friends of Walsden, would like to invite you to their first meeting of the year at 3.30 pm next Wednesday in the hall. All parents are welcome and it would be good to see some Reception parents if you can join us. We will put a DVD on for the children whilst the grown-ups plan FOW events for this term.

### **Church link**

This week the Junior children attended an assembly at St Peter's led by Rev Nancy as part of our link with the church.

### **Pendle Hill walk for Year 5**

Year 5 had a great day as they scaled Pendle Hill today and the weather was kind so we could enjoy some amazing views. Thank you to Mrs Dugdale and all the other grown-ups who made this possible.

### **Requests to authorise absences for family holidays**

We have received several requests to authorise absences from school for family holidays. Unfortunately, since 1st September 2013 the law has given no entitlement to parents to take their children on holiday during term time. Additionally, Head teachers no longer have the authority in law to authorise absences for holidays or related activities, unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'. We will continue to follow the Local Authority's guidance on what constitutes 'exceptional circumstances'. This can be found on the reverse of this newsletter for your reference.

### **Lining up at the beginning of the school day**

It has become very crowded on the school yard in the mornings and a bit of a bottleneck has formed where the infant children are currently lining up. From Monday, we would like the Infants to line up on the big yard in front of the main entrance. Hopefully this will allow the children and their carers a more comfortable place to wait.

### **Awards Assembly**

It was lovely to welcome parents and carers to our first awards assembly of the school year.

### **Stars of the week**

Our first stars of the school year are Maya Dransfield, Leo Slater, Charlotte Beresford, Emily Tiler and Ivory Duncan. Well done to them all.

### **Lunchtime Awards**

Our midday supervisors have chosen, Lilly Askins, Charlie Sutcliffe, Harvey Richardson, Gabriella Rupp and Ava Smith for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Esther Logue & Emma Crowther , Headteachers.