



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter for 12th April 2019

Easter celebrations

We hope you were able to join us for our Easter Service at church this morning, as the children did us proud. Thanks also go to all the parents/carers who helped walk with our children to and from church: it was appreciated. Congratulations to all the winners in the FOWS Easter Draw, which was drawn after the service. This afternoon each class took part in an Easter egg hunt here at school, also courtesy of FOWS: thank you to them.

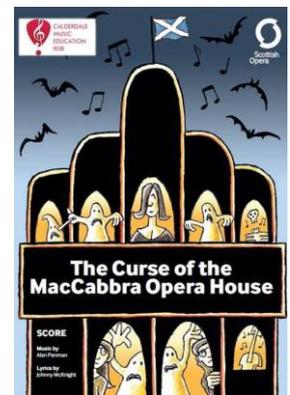


Y6 residential - 29th April to 1st May 2019

Our Y6 class are off to Wrexham on their Robinwood residential straight after the Easter break – **please remember Y6 need to be at school for 8.00am on Monday 29th April so we can set off promptly.** We are sure they will all have a fabulous time, have some great experiences and make lots of fantastic memories. We can't wait to hear all about it; enjoy yourselves.

Y4 Opera Project – The Curse of the MacCabra Opera House

Over the last few weeks our Y4 class, along with other Todmorden schools, have been working alongside Calderdale Music Education Hub. After lots of preparation they will be performing The Curse of The MacCabra Opera House on **Thursday 2nd May 2019** at the Todmorden Hippodrome. All Y4 parents should have received a letter detailing the arrangements and opportunity to purchase tickets. Please see Miss Dunn if you have any questions. Superb effort Y4, you will all be fabulous!



Reminder: Polling Day

Don't forget we are **closed on Thursday 2nd May** (first week back after the Easter break) as our school is being used as a Polling station. We are open as normal on Friday 3rd May.

Norse Myths workshop



Our Year 4 class worked with Jamie Boylan from Arty Physical on Tuesday. They used dance and movement to create a performance around the theme of Norse Myths; this linked well with the topic work they are doing in the classroom. We were very impressed with the final performance the class delivered to the whole school at the end of the day; well done Y4, you all worked very hard.

Advance notice – possible school closure, Thursday 23rd May 2019

We have been notified that should European Elections take place on Thursday 23rd May, the school will be used as a polling station and thus be closed to pupils that day. Due to the continuing Brexit negotiations Calderdale MBC cannot confirm the closure, or not, until a later date (it is dependent on whether the UK will definitely take part in the European elections) but please bear this in mind. We will confirm arrangements to all parents as soon as we are told either way. Thank you for your understanding.

Infant yard redevelopment

As many of you may have seen, development work on our infant playground has started this week and will continue throughout the Easter holidays. This is the final phase of improvements following the Boxing Day floods over three years ago. The contractors have worked with the staff and pupils to create an exciting redevelopment plan and thanks to a very generous donation of £4,000 from Friends of Walsden this plan is now work in progress.....watch this space!



Message from FOW

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and came along and supported our Family Fun night at Walsden CC last Friday; it was a huge success! The quiz, bingo and raffle went down a treat with parents and children having a really fun time. Thanks must go to Walsden CC for the free use of the room, Neil & Phil (our official DJs) and the Border Rose for the kind raffle donation. Also a huge thank you to all of the 'Friends' team who put so much work into making this a success. Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to Nadine Jolly who has, for many years, been the Vice Chair of FOW. She is still involved but stepped down from the committee last year. THANK YOU Nadine!

New parent governor welcome

Our new parent governor, Emma Fielden (mum to Raphael, Y1 and Arthur, Y4) joined us at her first governor meeting on Wednesday. Welcome to the team Emma: we look forward to working with you. Emma is around in the school yard most days after school if anyone has anything they wish to raise with her.

Swimming

It will be the turn of **Y3** to start weekly swimming lessons at Shade pool after Easter. Their first lesson will be on Tuesday 7th May. All children will need a swimming costume/trunks, a towel and goggles (optional) each Tuesday morning.

Our **Y2** children will also start swimming next term. They will start weekly lessons on Monday 13th May. Letters have been sent home with your child this week.

Happy Easter everyone and enjoy your break. We return to school on Monday 29th April.

Esther Logue & Emma Crowther, Headteachers.

