



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 16th October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Y6 History walk

Our Y6 pupils, along with Mrs Spooner, Mrs Moules and Mrs Crowther (plus Nell!) took a hike up to the historic 'Basin Stone' on Wednesday. The weather was ideal, dry, cool and sunny so a good day was had by all! The walk linked to the local history work the pupils have been studying in class, and with many trips postponed for the moment, it was lovely to get out and do some offsite learning.



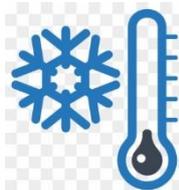
Y1 news

Not to be outdone, our Y1 class also went for a local walk this week. As part of their classroom topic on 'seasons' we went on a short tour of Walsden taking in the local landscape, scenery and nature, making the most of the lovely Autumnal weather.

Yesterday they had a surprise visitor – Bongo, an African Pygmy Hedgehog! The children were fascinated and asked lots of interesting questions. They finished the day off with a Harvest celebration in the classroom.



It's cold in school!!!



The Department for Education has advised schools to maximise air flow through school buildings by keeping doors and windows open - fire and safeguarding regulations permitting. If your child has commented on being cold in school, we do understand and sympathise; it is colder than normal. Your child may require an extra layer of clothing in class – perhaps a vest or an extra t-shirt under their uniform, or a school PE hoodie or an extra cardigan.

We are also being encouraged to teach PE outside for all year groups whenever we can. Please send in extra layers for PE also if your child is feeling cold. We will do what we sensibly can to keep everyone warm and comfortable.

Friends of Walsden

- **Halloween non-uniform day.** This is next Friday, 23rd October and there will be puzzles, decorations and treats for all classes. Children can come in fancy dress (but no props e.g brooms, pumpkins, wands please) for a £1 donation.
- There is still time to get tickets for the **virtual raffle**. Please complete and return your slip with payment to school (in a sealed envelope) or you can get tickets via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.me/friendsofwalsden>. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 23rd October.

Consent form

Just a quick reminder that if you have not returned your Google Meet parental consent form, please do so by next Monday, 19th October. Thank you.

Benches on Regent Street

Concerns have been raised by residents on Regent Street that pupils are sitting/leaning on their private benches. Please can we just remind Y5/6 pupils and parents to be mindful of local residents when leaving school at the end of each day. Thank you.

School nursing team helpline

The school nursing team have launched a new CHATHEALTH services – a confidential texting service for parents and young people to text in any health related concerns that they would like addressing. The number for parents is: **07507332157** and for pupils is: **07480635297**

Y6 Calderdale MBC reminder

The deadline for secondary school applications, starting September 2021, is 31st October 2020. If you have not submitted your application online, please do so before this date as late applications will affect your choice/s.

Half term

We close next Friday for half term and return on **Monday 2nd November**.

Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Henry Dewhirst, Eric Crabtree, Reuben Priestley, Jim Halstead, Bonnie-May Butcher, Finley Mooney and Lily Jones. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime Awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Ruby Devereux, Inga Whittaker, Luisa Watt, Anthony Cannon, Rebecca Simpson, Ava Marrow and Mia Candlin for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue