



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 23rd October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We close today for half term and return on **Monday 2nd November**. We have had to adapt many of our normal school routines, but everyone has coped with the changes really well. We are very proud of the kindness and consideration the children have shown in following strange new rules and in keeping each other safe. As ever, we are also really proud of our staff team who have rallied to new challenges, changed working patterns, worked with reduced breaks, supported us and each other to follow guidance and keep the whole show on the road. A massive thank you to everyone, staff, pupils and parents, for working hard to keep everyone safe in school by following all the guidance that has been put in place.

COVID Tier 2 restrictions – Half term

As you are aware, at the moment we are in Tier 2 meaning there are restrictions on mixing with other households. It is the law for both adults and children not to meet socially with friends and/or family indoors in any setting unless you live with them or have formed a support bubble; this includes private homes and any other indoor venues. We can however, meet up in groups of up to 6 in outside spaces so we are keeping our fingers crossed for some favourable, autumnal weather next week! We are working hard as a school to keep everyone as safe as possible and school open for the whole of next half term too - please help us by having a safe and socially distanced half term.

Halloween fun

A big thank you to everyone who donated and joined in the Halloween fun today: everyone looked fabulous. A big thank you to FOW for organising the day and providing classes with puzzles, decorations and treats; it was a lovely end this half term.

Pumpkin fun!

Our Reception class (and staff) have had a great time this week, carving pumpkins and making pumpkin soup. Thank you Morrison's for the donation of 25 pumpkins! Y1 have also joined in the pumpkin fun thanks to a donation of 20 home-grown pumpkins from Stanley's grandad – thank you! The children took them home to carve and sent the photos into school.



FOW Virtual raffle

During our weekly ZOOM praise assembly this morning we drew the Friends of Walsden virtual raffle. Well done to Arthur & Raphael Thomas...you have won a Samsung Galaxy tablet! A big THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets, it is much appreciated and all the funds raised will go to Friends of Walsden who support our school and pupils in so many ways with generous donations.

St Peter's church news

St Peter's are holding a café church on Sunday 1st November at 2.00pm. The theme will be light and rainbows. All welcome for games and rainbow making!



Water Bottles

Please can we remind parents that children should only bring water, not juice, to school in their water bottles. Thank you for your understanding.

Windows of the World

Instead of Lamplighter, Handmade Parade is bringing us *Windows on the World; artwork created by local schools and Todmorden residents* and generously displayed in windows by local shops and businesses. Our Junior classes, with support from Mrs Montgomery, have worked really hard on their designs so if you get a chance during half term, please walk around town and have a look. The windows will be lit up between 5.00pm and 9.00pm starting Saturday 24th October until Sunday 1st November. The artwork is part of Handmade Parade's bigger project WE ARE HERE which will create a short film using local people's artwork. Todmorden has created woodland scenes as night falls to help tell part of the story of an intrepid animal adventure of loyalty, courage and friendship. Follow Handmade Parade on social media or visit their website www.handmadeparade.co.uk to learn more about the project and watch the film once it is finished.



Our artwork will be on display in The Boardroom café (Rochdale Road), Market Place Chippy and Todmorden Funeral Services (Halifax Road).

Teacher – parent telephone consultations

We have been advised that we are unable to hold a face to face parents evening this term. We are planning to conduct telephone consultations during the second and third weeks of next term. For practical reasons, we cannot hold all the consultations on one evening. We will be sending letters home early next half term with details of the exact date and available time slots your child's class teacher has available.

Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Lola Shackleton, Fleur Hudson-Booth, Blair Diamzon, Daisy Maude, Rebecca Simpson, Isabelle Berry and Jarrod Seville. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime Awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Lucas Gell, Faye Tomlin, Harry Sutcliffe, Edward Jones, Charlie Redfern, Connie Halstead and Kenzie Kavanagh for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue