



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 20th November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Christmas Plans

We know that you will all understand Christmas in school will have to look a little different this year. We usually have quite a few whole school events, including some that parents are invited to, but unfortunately, this cannot happen this year. But Christmas is still going ahead and we have some exciting plans in school!



- School will still be decorated and our class Christmas displays will go up.
- Santagrams - our junior pupils will be writing Christmas cards & letters to send out into the community – see below for further details.
- Each class has made a Christmas Angel to be part of a community project being run by **Todmorden United Benefice - Angel in Your Window**. These will be displayed in local churches.
- A whole school Posada & assemblies will run in school throughout Advent.
- We will be taking part in a sponsored **Reindeer Run** for Overgate Hospice. Children will run within their bubbles; there will be antlers for the children & Santa suits for the teachers! **Further information coming soon.**
- Children can still share Christmas cards if they wish; just keep the recipients to their own 'bubble' please.
- Unfortunately our annual infant Nativity and whole school Carol Service cannot take place in the usual way BUT.....**further information coming soon!**
- On **Thursday 17th December** we will all (in our bubbles) enjoy a lovely **Christmas dinner**. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner, please order and pay (£2.20 for junior children) via the slip sent home this week.
- On **Friday 18th December** we will enjoy our bubble **Christmas parties**.
- **Friends of Walsden (FOW)** have been busy Christmas planning too...
 - o FOW Christmas Bonanza raffle – books of tickets will be sent home next week
 - o Walsden Winter Wonderland Walk – **see attached flyer on how to get involved**
 - o **Non-uniform (festive themed) day (£2 donation) – Friday 18th December**. Lots of festive class fun with games, crafts and treats for everyone!

We look forward to a different but fun and exciting festive period.

Todmorden School Councils' Christmas Appeal

Our newly elected school council are working on a project with other local school councils to put together and distribute **festive Christmas hampers** to those in need locally. The project is being co-ordinated by Todmorden High School pupils – **please see attached flyer**. Our children have agreed to appeal for donations, collect and sort goods to be made into hampers. They would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable goods with a festive theme e.g. biscuits, tinned goods, chocolate, crackers etc. Please send any donations into school, where we will quarantine them. Please get in touch with the school office office@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk, or Todmorden High School admin@todhigh.co.uk if you know of a family who may benefit from this.

Children in Need

We made a donation of £200 to this year's Children in Need appeal.



Christmas Cards

Just a reminder that the **deadline for orders is today**. Orders must be made and paid for online at www.dottyaboutpaper.co.uk/walsden (we cannot accept orders or payment in school). If you have made an order, please don't forget to agree your proof; all proofs need to be agreed before printing can commence.

Thank you.

Santagrams

Our junior children will be making Christmas cards and writing Christmas letters to deliver to anyone in our community who would benefit from some extra Christmas cheer this year – especially those who live alone or in residential care. Please ask your child to let their teacher know of anyone locally who may like to receive one of these 'Sanatagrams'.

Sports news

- With sporting fixtures cancelled for the moment, we are trialling a virtual multi-sports event with Todmorden CofE School on Monday 30th November. Year 5 will be completing a series of sporting tasks in a circuit whilst on a Zoom call with Todmorden CofE who will be completing an identical circuit; scores will then be tallied for an overall winner. If successful, we will be arranging similar events for other year groups.
- Congratulations to Y5 pupil Lile McGrath who has run the equivalent of 3 marathons in 3 months to raise over £200 for Cancer Research. Amazing achievement Lile; well done



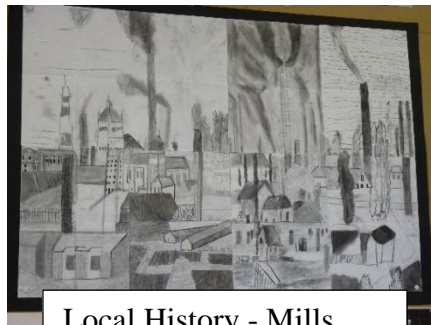
Classroom news

Here is just some of the fabulous artwork on display in Y6 linking to their literacy, local history and numeracy work. Fantastic Y6!

See what all our classes have been getting up to by going to the school website & 'Life in School'.



The Three Witches - Macbeth



Local History - Mills



Maths related design work

Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Sophie Walker, Bertie Waller, Luisa Watt, Adam Jones, Darcy Hartley, Sammy Inman and William Lewthwaite. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime Awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Lana Bates, Charlie Halstead, Will Barker, Clara Briggs, Cohen Lillis, Zac Marshall and Ruby Chadwick for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue