



## Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

### Walsden Christmas service 2020

We hope that you have all now had chance to view our Christmas service – if not go to our school website at [www.walsden.calderdale.sch.uk/](http://www.walsden.calderdale.sch.uk/) and click on the link (in the newsletters section). Our pupils and staff rose to the final challenge of 2020 by creating an online service and we think you will agree... they really pulled it off! Well done everyone; it was fabulous and you should all be very proud. A special mention also goes to Mrs Spooner who worked so hard to pull it altogether using not just her drama, singing and organisational skills but her IT expertise too!

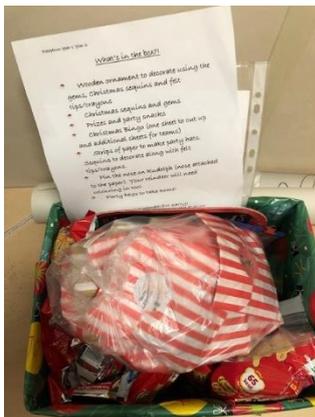
### Overgate Hospice Reindeer Run

What a great way to start our festive run up to Christmas; everyone was full of smiles all day! A big thank you to everyone who donated and to all the volunteer marshals. We raised an amazing £435.44 for Overgate Hospice. More photos can be viewed on the school website.



### Church news

*St Peter's Church crib service will be on Christmas Eve at 3pm. Due to Covid it will be held OUTSIDE this year. Gather (in a socially distanced way) round the Lych Gate. Everyone is welcome and if people want to they can dress up as characters from the nativity story.*



### Christmas parties

Our class Christmas parties took place this afternoon and thanks to Friends of Walsden we had a box of games, puzzles, treats and surprises for each class. Thank you for all your donations; they are much appreciated. Pupils also had a 'special visitor' this morning; he passed by the school, dropped off some sacks and gave everyone a jolly wave!

## Friends of Walsden – Christmas update

*Christmas Bonanza Draw – Thank you to everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets. We raised over £1200! The winners are:*

- *1<sup>st</sup> prize*    *Luxury food hamper*                      *Neil Walsh*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> prize*    *Sweet treats hamper*                              *Zoe Pilling*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> prize*    *Indulgence hamper*                                      *Sally Parker*

**REMINDER Walsden Winter Wonderland** - The walk will take place on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th December. Maps will be available to purchase at the start of the trail from our Covid secure stall where hot drinks and sweet treats will also be available to buy. The stall will be located inside The Mill on both nights from 4pm to 8pm. Please come and support us. Thank you for all your support during 2020. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Friends of Walsden

## Y6 news

Our Y6 children made the short walk to Millreed Lodge Care Home this week. The residents and staff were thrilled to see and hear our pupils perform a number of socially distanced carols; despite the rain it was wonderful for everyone involved. Well done Mrs Spooner and Y6; we are very proud of you.



## Santa visits Walsden!

The first Santa's sleigh tour of Walsden (organised by FoWS) last night was a HUGE success. They were completely overwhelmed with the response and so grateful to all the parents, children, grandparents and carers who came out to support them. Seeing the children's faces when Santa arrived was truly magical. However none of it would have been possible without the support of the community and we would like to send a massive thank you to Todmorden Lions & Fielden Factors for their donations and to Chris Leach for volunteering to have the responsibility of getting Santa to so many children. **Finally a massive thank you to our wonderful FoWS volunteers. Merry Christmas!**



## Contact tracing over the Christmas break

Please see attached letter

## Covid information from Calderdale MBC – December update

See attached flyer

## Online safety and family support

See below (page 3 of 3)

**We break up today and reopen on Tuesday 5th January. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at Walsden St Peter's.**

## Online safety

This year, many of us will be relying on technology over the festive period for entertainment and, most importantly, to keep in touch with friends and family.

See below for a website that provides resources for parents, carers and children and young people to help you have a safer online experience over the winter break.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. Explore one of the six Thinkuknow websites for advice about staying safe when you're on a phone, tablet or computer.

**Do you or your family need support or advice?  
If so then we have support workers  
available via telephone for all families with  
children aged under 19 who live in the Central  
Halifax and Upper Valley areas of Calderdale.**

**Please contact:  
Central Halifax - 01422 434971  
Upper Valley - 01706 399976.**

**If you need breastfeeding support please call  
01706 399976 and one of our breastfeeding  
support workers will call you back.**

**Sure Start  
Children's Centres**  
Upper and Central Calderdale

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trust**