



## Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents/carers

We hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well.



### THANK YOU!

All the staff at Walsden would like to say a **big heartfelt thank you** to all the parents who contributed to a lunchtime treat for everyone from the Sandwich Shed in Walsden this week. It was such a surprising, thoughtful and much appreciated gesture. We are always proud of our staff here at Walsden and ever more so at the moment as we all try to adapt to another lockdown and juggle new ways of learning and working. We will continue to support all our children and families as best we can until we can welcome everyone back into school again. What a wonderful community we have at Walsden school; you are the best!



### FREE child lunches at the Sandwich Shed

Thanks to a generous donation from Walsden Cricket Club, the Sandwich Shed are providing **FREE packed lunches for any child** who wants one during this period of home schooling/lockdown. If you are struggling, know someone who is or just feel like it would be a nice treat for your child/ren just pop in or ring 07940 900570 to pre-order. There is no obligation to purchase anything from the shop and they are available to all our local families. What a lovely gesture!



### February half term and beyond!

The government has confirmed that all schools will close for half term as normal. We will therefore close on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. There will be no home learning set for that week and keyworkers will need to arrange their normal holiday childcare. As you are probably aware, the Prime Minister has also announced this week that it will not be possible to begin reopening schools to all pupils (with the exception of keyworker/vulnerable children) until at least mid-March. This is a big disappointment to us all, but we can assure you that as soon as we are told we can open to more children, we will! In the mean time we would like to reiterate that we know that you are all doing a great job looking after your children. Juggling everything is really tough. Please, please do not worry about your child falling behind. Keeping safe and sane is everyone's priority at the moment. When the children return to school we will take up from where we left off, explore any gaps in learning and make sure that each child receives the teaching they need. Every child has their own strengths and challenges, and we're all having different experiences of lockdown. Try not to compare your family with images on social media – love, affection and kindness are enough for every child at the moment.

### Home Learning

Once again another fabulous week from our home learners: you are all doing brilliantly and we love seeing what everyone is up to. This week, mocktail mixing, brownie baking, and Cornish pasty making have all been on the curriculum! **See attached.**

**Take care and stay safe everyone.**

Esther Logue and Emma Crowther