



## Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear parents/carers

**Well done everyone; today was your last day of home learning and we cannot wait to see everyone back in school on Monday morning. A letter was emailed home this week regarding start/finish times, protocols and procedures (in line with current Public Health guidance) and a copy is attached with this newsletter. Please do take the time to read this carefully.**

### School Uniform

Many of you will have been digging out school uniform this week only to discover that your children have grown since December. We appreciate that going shopping for some replacement items is not possible at the moment. We do have some spares in school, and some unclaimed lost property, so please get in touch if you need any emergency items! If anyone has any spares that their child has grown out of and that they can't find a good home for, we can take them and try to get them to children who have grown out of their current uniform.

### THANK YOU

A BIG thank you once again to all the parents who contributed to a lunchtime treat from the Sandwich Shed for all our staff this week; it was very much appreciated. Our staff are now busy preparing for all our children to be back in school next week and will continue to support everyone going forward as they adapt, once again, to life in school. Thank you again and thank you to our wonderful Walsden community for being so supportive during this latest lockdown.

### World Book Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Our **Reception** children celebrated World Book Day today. It was a day of dressing up and storytelling; everyone had a lovely time. Mrs Gray also set the challenge of reading 100 books in a day (collectively as a class) and they all rose to the challenge; 107 books read! Well done Reception.

Miss Dunn also set a World Book Day challenge and asked for her

**Year 4** class to find an unusual place to read. Again everyone rose to the challenge as you can see below!



### Walsden community news

You may have noticed some little **library book houses** springing up around Todmorden! If so, have you spotted our very own in Walsden? It is located at the start of Maitland Street (on the patio) and you can borrow a book, swap a book or take a book to keep. People can also donate books but we do ask that if it is full, please **DO NOT** leave books at the side as they will get wet and damaged; only donate books if there is space inside the book house. There are antibacterial wipes and hand gel in the book house also. Everyone is welcome and we hope this brings some joy to people that love to read.



### FWO Mother's Day Stall – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Friends of Walsden are planning a Mother's Day gift stall, although it will be run a little differently this year. They have already organised the gifts that will be available for the children to purchase next week. Any child who would like to buy a gift for their mum should bring £1.00 to school next Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March.



### Unauthorised use of the school field

We have been made aware that people have been using the school field during lockdown without permission from school. The people using the field can only have accessed it by trespassing across the property of our neighbours and by climbing over the gates and fences. They have also been breaking lockdown regulations – exercising with more than one other person is still currently prohibited. This has placed school in the difficult position of having to explain to our neighbours that we have not knowingly compromised their privacy or safety. We would be really grateful that if you know of anyone who is using the school field, please ask them to stop or let school know.



### REMINDER: Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Just a reminder that we will be taking part in Red Nose Day this year and children are invited to dress up as a Superhero on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March (for a £1 donation towards Comic Relief).

Red noses (100% plastic free) will be on sale in school from next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. These will be £1.50 per nose and sold at lunchtime. We only have a limited number of noses so they will be sold on a first come first come served basis.

### Home Learning

Fabulous last week from our home learners. You have all done brilliantly, parents and carers included! We can't wait to see you on Monday. **See attached for some pictures from this week.**

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue