



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 12th March 2021

Dear parents/carers

We were delighted to welcome all our children back on Monday. It has been lovely to hear all the children with their friends playing, laughing and learning. We want to be able to keep all children in school and not to close any bubbles over the next term so please, keep following the government guidance on social distancing and meeting others. Thank you for your ongoing support.

What to do if your child feels unwell.

We have a number of children with colds and sore throats at the moment. We are very grateful to those families who have kept their children at home until they recover even though they are not displaying the classic symptoms of COVID -19. As we all know, children can develop temperatures with a whole range of mild illness; but as a high temperature is a symptom of COVID_19, if they do, their whole family must self-isolate for 10 days or until a negative PCT test is returned. Do not send your child to school if they are unwell. If your child is in need of Calpol (or any similar medication) they must not come to school. Hopefully this will help us avoid unnecessary periods of self-isolation for children and staff. **If anyone in your household has a new cough, a loss/change of taste or sense of smell or a temperature all close contacts with them must self-isolate for 10 days or until a negative PCT test has been received.** We understand that it is very difficult and frustrating to have to keep your child at home after such a long period of home learning. However, **if a child who tests positive for COVID- 19 has been in school, all children and staff who have been a close contact will have to self-isolate for 10 days.** This is absolutely the last thing any of us wants, so please do not send your child to school unless they are well.

FRIENDS OF WALSDEN (FOW) NEWS

Mother's Day

Firstly, a BIG THANKYOU to Friends of Walsden for organising this; we had lots of happy faces taking home a beautiful gift for their special someone this weekend. FOW would also like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Dave at Walsden Village Store for the very generous donation of all the plants; they are absolutely lovely. Have a wonderful day on Sunday everyone!

Walsden Easter Hunt



your child's book bag.

FOW are planning an Easter walk/hunt around the village on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th April. You can get involved by having an Easter display in your garden or window, follow the trail around the village with your family, bake cakes or biscuits for the refreshments stall and/or volunteer to staff the stall for an hour or so over the weekend. Further details will be coming home in



FOW & social media

FOW have launched a new social media drive and have now got Instagram and Twitter pages as well as their Facebook page. These will be updated regularly so to keep informed and up to date please check them out and give them a like and share.

Instagram: @friends_of_walsden_school

Twitter: @FOW5pta

Facebook: Friends of Walsden School



Parents evening

Our March parents' evening would normally be held this half term, however we will spend the next few weeks settling the children back into school life. The teachers are still focusing on the children's social and emotional needs as well as identifying the next steps in their learning following the last lockdown. We are planning to postpone parents' evening until early next term when we will be able to discuss your child's return to school and the progress they have made more fully. Please keep an eye out for more information coming home. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher in the meantime, do contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time. *Please be aware that now that teachers are teaching in school full time, they are unable to answer parental emails, unlike throughout lockdown, during the school day. The quickest way to get a message to them is via the school office: teachers will then respond as soon as they can.*

School uniform

Thank you for all the uniform donations: if anyone is in need of some spares to tide them over until summer, please get in touch with the school office. We have a range of items but mainly infant sizes. Anyone who wishes to order new school uniform for the summer and beyond our uniform supplier is Butterfly Print Ltd and order forms can be uploaded from the school website.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

Just a final reminder that next Friday is Red Nose Day. Pupils can dress up as Superheroes for a £1 donation to Comic Relief. We also have a few red noses still for sale. These are £1.50 each offered on a first come first served basis.



Y2 – Savannah project

We have been so impressed by Year 2's Savannah projects. The children were told they could present their project in any format and they have returned with books, posters, amazing 3D models, a Power point presentation and an Escape from the Savannah game. Well done Year 2; we are very proud of you.



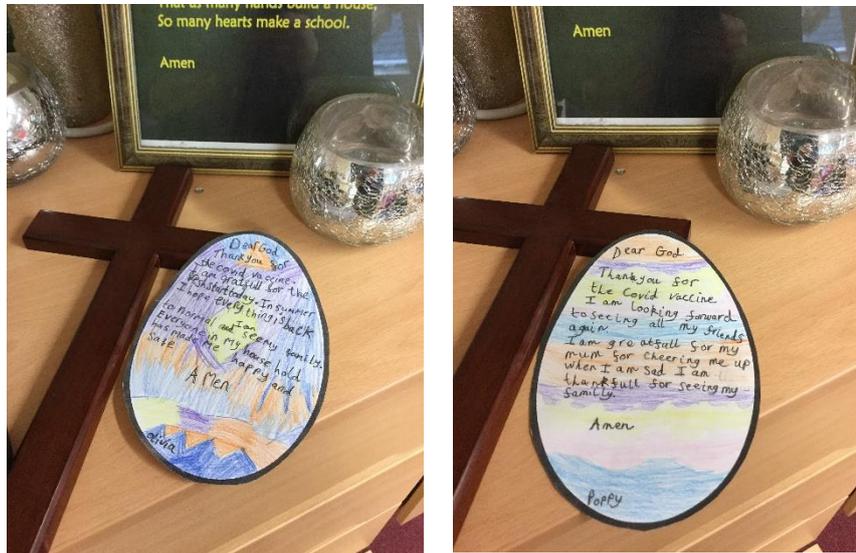
Well done Connie Halstead

During the month of February Connie set a goal to raise £200 for Cancer Research by walking, running and cycling a marathon. She decided to do this as cancer has affected both her grandparents over the past few years, in particular the end of last year. She exceeded both the money raised and the distance covered. Connie (Y5) covered a total of 35 miles and has so far raised £1,170. We are incredibly proud of Connie; she is so modest too!



Pupil prayers

Before half term we asked our pupils to write a prayer. Here are a couple of prayers from Year 3 children Olivia and Poppy. The girls received headteachers awards for their prayers, linking to spring-new starts and looking forwards.



Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Stanley Berry, Inga Whittaker, Nella Deacon, Harry Whittaker-Winfield, Maya Dransfield, Charlie Lewis and Harvey Richardson. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime Awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Naomi Holt, Frank Lowe, Tristan Hemsley-Guy, Adam Jones, Evey Glinister and Ollie Cross for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue