



## Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear parents/carers

It looks like spring may have arrived! It has been lovely for our children to play out in the sun this week and our infant children especially are enjoying their new 'grassed' area.

### Important attachments

- Letter to all parents and carers from the Directors for Public Health and for Children and Young People's Services Calderdale.
- Emotional and Wellbeing leaflets from Calderdale Open Minds
- Todmorden Children's Centre leaflet – Spring Adventure in the park

**PLEASE READ**



### FOW Easter hunt/walk

Just a reminder that if anyone in Walsden would like to make an Easter decoration for their window or garden they can contact FOW at [walsdeneasterwalk@outlook.com](mailto:walsdeneasterwalk@outlook.com); the deadline is today. Your house will then be included in the walk and a clue put in your garden for families to find. The Easter hunt will run on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April with walk maps, drinks and cakes available at The Mill from 11am to 3pm. Please show your support if you can.

### School meals – price increase

The cost of a school dinner will increase 10p per meal to £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April (after the Easter holidays). This is the first increase our school meal provider has made for a couple of years. Menus are available to view on the school website.

### Swimming

Our Y2 children will start weekly swimming lessons after the Easter holidays. All children will need a swimming costume/trunks (not swim shorts), a towel and their own goggles. Further information will be sent out separately to Y2 parents next week.



### Emotional Health and Wellbeing resources

Parents and carers across the borough have asked for advice, support and signposting to emotional health and wellbeing resources for their children. In response to this Calderdale Open Minds Partnership have produced a number of clear and accessible leaflets around some key issues to help parents and carers support their children with getting back to their school routine and alleviate any feelings of frustration, worry and uncertainty. These leaflets were created in partnership with mental health professionals, local parents/carers and commissioners, and can be found in the parents/carers section on Open Minds Calderdale website: <http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/emotional-health-support-parents/>

### Lateral flow testing

All our staff take lateral flow tests twice weekly. This helps to keep our school community as safe as possible. Parents and other households with children at school or college, **who do not have symptoms**, can now access regular rapid Covid19 testing kits. These are available to order online at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateralflow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>. Undertaking regular rapid Covid testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. **Please remember however that these rapid tests are for people without symptoms: a full PCR Covid test must be taken if anyone shows any Covid symptoms.**

### Sporting news

With sporting fixtures still cancelled for the moment we held a virtual multi-sports event with Todmorden CofE School this week. Year 6 completed a series of sporting tasks in a circuit whilst on a Zoom call with Todmorden CofE who completed an identical circuit. It was great to see the children enjoying time outside, keeping fit and taking part in competitive sport (albeit in a 'new' way) again. Thank you Mr Allely for organising this.



### Sports clubs

Mr Allely has been very busy lately arranging a number of new outdoor sports clubs for our children. There will be an Easter holiday sports club for Years 3-6. After Easter we will run after school tag rugby (Y3&4), after school cricket (Y5&6) and before school sports club (Reception). Letters have been sent home via bookbags this week. We are also in the process of finalising a before school sports club for Y1&2 so keep an eye out for letters coming home shortly!



**REMINDER: School closes for the Easter holidays next Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April and we reopen on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

### Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Albanie Priestley, Eleanor Fielden, Annabelle Sargent, Danny Glinister, Freddie Barnes, Isaac Rushton and Ollie Cross. Well done to them all.



### Lunchtime Awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Reuben Wright, Jaxon Roberts, Blair Diamzon, Poppy Ridding, Peter Webster, Ethan Foster and Harry Lewthwaite for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue