



## Walsden St Peter's Newsletter Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear parents/carers

What a lovely week weatherwise; hopefully the sun will keep shining throughout the Easter holidays!

### THANK YOU

A big thank you and a Happy Easter to Friends of Walsden. Our children were delighted with their Easter treat! A big thank you also to ALDI, who generously donated the chocolate treats for the children to find. Friends of Walsden would also like to say thank you to everyone who donated towards the Mother's Day flowers; over £150 was raised for the school.



### TEST AND TRACE OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

Once again schools have been asked by the DfE to support Test and Trace over the school holidays. Schools will be able to identify any children and/or staff who may have been in close contact with positive cases and with guidance from Public Health, will contact those who may need to self-isolate.



If your child tests positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of today (1<sup>st</sup> April) please contact the school via the following email address: [Covid19@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:Covid19@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk)

If your child develops symptoms and tests positive for Covid-19, more than 48 hours from the last day (1<sup>st</sup> April), you do NOT need to contact the school, but instead follow any contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Track and Trace.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform order forms have been sent home with all children this week. Orders can be made online at [www.butterflyprint.co.uk](http://www.butterflyprint.co.uk) (choose the shop-uniform drop down menu) or you can place an order on the form provided and return this to school with payment. *If you do this please ensure this is in a sealed envelope marked 'uniform order'.* Deliveries will be made within 14 days. We also still have some second hand uniform (mainly Reception - Year 3 sizes) available if anyone needs any to see them over until summer; please just ask at the office.

### SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

Just a reminder that school dinners will cost £11.50 per week/£2.30 per day after Easter and should be paid in advance each Monday morning. Thank you.

### REMINDER: FRIENDS OF WALSDEN EASTER WALK – SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AND SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

*Come along and join in the fun. Can you solve all the clues and find a chocolate treat or two? Maps available at The Mill for £1 between 11am and 3pm. Hot and cold drinks will also be available to purchase along with cakes. All monies raised will be donated between school and church. Bring the family and spread the word – fun, fresh air and sun promised! 😊*

## BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils have been taking part in Bikeability Level 1 training this week. The course, run and funded by Calderdale MBC, aims to equip children with the necessary skills to ride their bikes safely and with confidence. Our Year 6 pupils will be taking part in Bikeability Level 2 in the summer term.



## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB (Years 3-6)

Thank you for all your bookings for our Easter holiday sports club; this has proved very popular. Everyone who has returned a permission slip and payment has a place guaranteed. Please see original letter (copy on the newsletter section of the website) for session timings.

## LATERAL FLOW TESTING

Just a reminder that parents and other households with children at school or college 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 and helps to keep our school community safe. **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.**

## ON LINE SAFETY

Several parents have raised concerns about social media use and online safety. We have written to all our Year 5 and Year 6 parents about the issues raised. This letter and further guidance for parents regarding the use of social media platforms can be found on the Safeguarding tab of the school website. See <http://walsden.calderdale.sch.uk/info/safeguarding/>

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THIS EASTER

Although we were unable to celebrate Easter together in church as we normally do, we have been learning, thinking and reflecting on the Easter story and its message in school. Class assemblies, RE lessons and stories have all celebrated Easter this term. Our collective worship throughout lockdown has been supported by Reverend Nancy and our parish's CICS Team. They have produced YouTube assemblies that explore scripture with the children. Below is a link for their Easter service for you to share.

<https://youtu.be/FYQftX5spZo>



**School closes today for the Easter holidays and we reopen on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Have a lovely break and stay safe everyone.**

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue