



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter Friday 11th June 2021

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term and enjoyed the amazing weather!



Y6 residential

Our Y6 pupils have returned from their residential trip to Dobroyd Castle, tired but very happy. Everyone had a fabulous time facing their fears on the 'Crate challenge' and 'Giant swing' and showing excellent teamwork on the 'Quest' challenge and 'Raft building'. It was a great experience for everyone with lots of smiles, laughs and screams! A selection of photographs from the trip are on the school website under 'Life in School'. Please take a look – here is a little taster of what they got up to.



Sponsored Obstacle Course

Please remember next Monday and Tuesday morning (14th & 15th June) is the children's sponsored obstacle course; please send sponsor money either before or on the day your child completes the course (Monday for juniors and Tuesday for infants). Here are some of the raffle prizes and participation toys for the children; there will also be some chocolate and either a £30 Amazon voucher or replica football shirt of the winning child's choice as part of the £10 raffle.



FOW Fathers Day gifts

*We are planning a crafty event where your child will be able to make something lovely & personalised for someone they care about (father/grandfather/carer/friend) next **Friday, 19th June**. Please have your child bring in a £1 contribution next week. Thank you!!!!*



Dinner money

Just a reminder that dinner money needs to be paid in advance each **MONDAY** morning. Thank you for your understanding.

COVID UPDATE

As we are sure you have heard through social media and the news, Todmorden has had a sharp increase in people with Covid-19 and these cases are mainly of the Delta variant. We would like to reassure parents that these cases are NOT linked to school transmission. We are still taking the Covid restrictions and guidelines seriously and working hard to reduce mixing between our extended bubbles as well as staff testing twice weekly using Lateral Flow tests. Restrictions and guidelines need to be taken seriously, especially given the rise in cases locally and we encourage everyone to take part in Todmorden's wider testing programme over the next couple of weeks. We have been asked by Calderdale Public Health to pass on the following message to parents and carers:



Extra Coronavirus testing for people in Todmorden

Cases of new strains of COVID-19 that spread more easily have increased in recent weeks and are continuing to increase quickly. Additional COVID-19 testing is taking place in Todmorden, Park and Warley wards, where there are high and rising case rates, to identify cases and help prevent new variants of concern developing and spreading.

Those who live, work and study in these areas are being asked to take a PCR test, even if they don't have symptoms and/or have been vaccinated. Tests will be distributed to staff and students of certain schools and colleges so that everyone they live with can take a test at home. Parents, carers and staff at those schools will receive further details. Our school is not one of those involved at the moment, but Todmorden High School is. Extra walk-in testing sites are also available for all residents to attend. There is a walk-in testing site at Todmorden Sports Centre - you do not need to book an appointment.

If the test result is positive, you must isolate for 10 days from the date of the test (or since symptoms started, if you are unwell). Anyone you have been in close contact with will have to isolate too. This is to help us stop the spread of COVID-19. The attached leaflet provides advice to support you through the isolation period. Covid continues to be present in our communities and we have seen bubbles need to close in schools over recent weeks. Please be aware that the extra testing may lead to an increase in bubble closures as more cases are identified.

For more information, including further test site locations and opening times, see: www.calderdale.gov.uk/extra-testing.

Sports teams affected by COVID -19 – please report to school.

We are aware that a number of young people in Todmorden, playing for local sports teams, have tested positive for Covid 19. Please can we ask parents of children who play in an out of school sports team (either indoor or outdoor) to let us know if they are notified if any of their teammates test positive. This does not necessarily mean that your child will be asked to self-isolate, but Calderdale Public Health needs to know of **all** cases and contacts to enable efficient track and tracing and to ensure the correct advice reaches the families concerned. Thank you for your continuing support.

Financial support whilst self-isolating

Did you know that if you have been asked to self-isolate (either because you have had a positive COVID-19 test result or you are a close contact of someone who has COVID-19) and you cannot work from home and will lose income during this period, you may be eligible for a one-off self-isolation payment of £500? The scheme now includes working parents who have to stay home to look after children who have been asked by school to isolate. To find out more and apply for this payment please go to: www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus/help
Phone number: 01422 392890

Y1 Inquisitive club

Yesterday a small group of KS1 children had their first Inquisitive Club session. They were very enthusiastic and had lots of ideas. As you can see from the photos the children were amazed by what happened!



Y3 Greek pot painting

Following on from their Greek day last half term, pupils have been painting their Greek pots. Superb artistic talent Y3; well done!



Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Lucas Gell, Harry Power, Lila Hartley, Coco Holmes, Oliver Middleton, Evey Glinister and Ruby Chadwick. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Eadie Bates, Liam Snell, Tristan Hemsley-Guy, Olivia Berry, Noah Ross, Finley Mooney and Gabrielle Wright for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue