



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 1st October 2021

Dear parents/carers,



Covid 19 update

Further to our email sent to all parents this week regarding another positive Covid case in school, Public Health Calderdale have informed us that **positive cases in Todmorden are at their highest level yet** and a number of local schools have reluctantly had to close classes due to high numbers of infected pupils and staff. All Todmorden schools are following DfE and Calderdale Public Health guidelines closely and are doing what we can to limit the spread. However, Covid certainly hasn't gone away and is continuing to cause disruption in schools across the region so please be mindful of this.

If your child has any Covid symptoms, please keep them off school and get them a PCR test. Lateral Flow tests are only suitable for asymptomatic testing so if your child is off with symptoms we will need to see a negative PCR test result before they can come back into school. We know that it is cold/flu season but we want to keep our whole school community safe and for school to remain open; please, if your child is unwell, keep them off school.

School photos

Can all orders (both online and via school) be made by next Thursday, 7th October. Thank you.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow

Our school is registered with this scheme and vouchers can be donated to us via the Morrisons App. Just click on the 'It's Good to Grow' logo to manage & donate your vouchers.



Parking – Clough Mill and the railway bridge

Please can we ask all parents/carers to park safely and with our local residents in mind when picking up and dropping off from school. We have been contacted by several residents of Clough Mill, who have expressed very real concerns about dangerous parking and driving by their homes. Parking near the entrance to the bridge obscures the view of anyone trying to enter or exit Clough Mill and using it as a turning circle endangers pedestrians on both sides of the road. We appreciate how limited parking is around school – particularly with the additional roadworks and barriers outside school at the moment. Unfortunately, we are not consulted about the timings of these works, although we do challenge them and have repeatedly requested they take place outside of school opening times. However, whatever the circumstances, safety of our children, families and neighbours must be our priority. If you do need to drive to school, please park safely, away from school if necessary and walk in.

Dinner money

Just a reminder that dinner money should be paid each Monday in advance.

School website

Apologies but the front page of the school website is currently down. We are working with our website developer to get this rectified asap but in the meantime, you can still access the site if you go via one of the pages and not the front page. Apologies again.



Walsden Scarecrow Festival

Just a reminder about Walsden Scarecrow festival – 16th and 17th October 2021. If you would like to take part and make a scarecrow the **deadline has been extended to next Wednesday, 6th October** so you don't miss out on being included in the map. Entry forms are available from The Village Stores, Steph at Sunflower and Gordon Riggs or email walsdenscarecrowfestival@outlook.com.

FOW NEWS

- **Halloween fun & dress up day – Friday 22nd October** will be Halloween Activity Day. Once again Friends of Walsden are planning lots of fun Halloween activities for every class in school on the last Friday of this half term. Children are welcome to come to school in fancy dress for the day.
- FOW and school would like to thank local businesses CALVAG and Fielden Factors for donating materials for our 'Hobbit hole' in the junior yard and shed in Reception outside area. **Thank you!**
- **Secretary needed** - Friends of Walsden held their Annual General Meeting this Tuesday, confirming the association's Officers for this year. Emma Fielden and Gill Waller have stepped down as Chair and Secretary – we are very grateful for all their hard work in leading FOW over the last 6 years, and as members of our Governing Board, appreciate their continuing support for school. Thank you both! Emma Booth was appointed Chair, Sarah Hamer and Alison Wood were reappointed as Vice Chair and Treasurer, so we know FOW will continue to thrive. The **post of secretary remains vacant**. Their main duties are to attend meetings, take minutes, compile and distribute the agenda. If you are interested in supporting our fabulous FOW (and through them our pupils) by taking on this role, please contact the school office or any member of FOW. The support they offer school is invaluable, provides many enrichment activities for the children as well as friendship for everyone involved. Please do join them if you can.



Stars of the week

This week's stars are: James Colclough, Reuben Wright, Gracie Hamer-Williams, Isabelle Walsh, Theo Walsh, Noah Ross and Zac Marshall. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Heidi Hancock, Naomi Holt, Eric Crabtree, Faith Berry, Anthony Cannon, Charlie Sutcliffe and Connie Halstead for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue