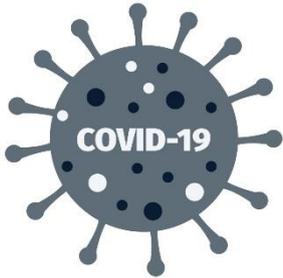




Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 15th October 2021

Covid update



Thank you once again for your ongoing support in keeping our school as safe as we can by keeping ill children off school and arranging PCR testing if they show Covid symptoms. **Covid cases in Todmorden are still worryingly high**, especially amongst primary and secondary pupils, with large 'outbreaks' in a number of local schools. **As such Public Health Calderdale have issued new advice to schools: we think this advice is very sensible in light of the current situation in Todmorden.**

We now strongly recommend that when a child is living with someone who has Covid-19, they should also isolate initially and DO NOT attend school until a negative PCR has been taken (done 3 to 5 days after the positive household member). Please see attached letter from Public Health Calderdale with more information.

Home learning can be provided for children whose parents decide to keep children with a linked case away from school; please get in touch with your child's teacher/the school office to arrange. We will not be reverting back to a class bubble system but will continue to keep Infant and Junior bubbles separate and try to maintain as much distance between Y3&Y4 and Y5&Y6 as we can. Hopefully with these extra measures in place we can all enjoy a restriction free half term.

Halloween fancy dress day – Friday 22nd October

Don't forget next Friday is Halloween fun in school! FOW have arranged in class parties of games, challenges and prizes as well as a pumpkin hunt in the school playground; thank you! Children are welcome to come in fancy dress in return for a donation of £1.



Mini lending library boxes

Have you seen our new library boxes in the infant and junior playgrounds? These were kindly donated by 'Santa' last year and were sent away to be painted by Mrs Logue's mum; how talented is she? They are just wonderful and the children love them!

The idea is that our pupils will be able to use these if they want some quiet reading time during break/lunchtimes. They can also borrow/swap books to take home and read. Have a look when you are next in the playground.



Y5/6 boys football tournament

Yesterday, some of Year 5 and 6 boys, accompanied by Mr Allely and Mr Crowther, attended a football competition at the Leisure Box in Burnley. The boys played very well, improved with every game and ended up as joint winners of the tournament. They now advance to the finals of the competition to be played in the new year with the chance of going on to represent Burnley Football Club at a later tournament. Well played boys and best of luck for the next stage!



Parent consultations

As you are aware parent consultations **will not** be in person. Appointment times have been allocated for Zoom/telephone consultations taking place next week: these have been sent home via your child this week. For practical reasons we cannot hold all the consultations on the same day as we do not have enough telephone lines. If for any reason you have not received an appointment day/time, please get in touch.



Walsden Scarecrow Festival 16th and 17th October 2021

Don't forget it is the Walsden Scarecrow Festival this weekend. Our school entry has been designed and created by Year 4; make sure you call by and have a look! Trail maps will be available to buy from St Peter's Church (£1) all weekend (10am to 4pm). There will also be a café and craft fair in the church so please do go along and offer your support. *Please bring cash for the trail maps and café.*

Don't forget we close next Friday, 22nd October for Half Term and reopen on Tuesday 2nd November.

Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Roman Marney, Jacob McPherson, Faye Tomlin, Blair Diamzon, Brooke Fielden, Charlie Sutcliffe and Lilly Askins. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Roman Marney, Lola Shackleton, Harry Power, Nella Deacon, Libby Small, Peter Webster and Eli Suthers for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue