



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 3rd December 2021

FOW – update

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has returned tickets stubs and money this week; if anyone needs more tickets to sell please see the school office. There are some fabulous prizes to be won! £100 first prize plus lots of other prizes including food, drink and vouchers donated by local businesses. Stubs and money should be returned by 13th December. Thank you.

Walsden Winter Wonderland – Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th December, 4pm onwards

Don't forget next weekend is Walsden's Winter Wonderland walk. Maps will be available from The Mill along with a Christmas market, food, drinks and much more. Festive fun for all the family; everyone welcome! We will also be welcoming the Mayor at 4pm, on 11th December.

Santa visit

We have heard that Santa and his sleigh will be paying a visit to Walsden again this year! Follow 'Friends of Walsden School' on Instagram or Facebook to find out when and where!

Easy fundraising

If you follow us on social media you will have noticed our posts regarding Easy fundraising. This is a new way to raise funds for our school and is so easy to use. Step 1. Download the easy fundraising app. Step 2. Choose what cause you would like to support (Walsden St. Peter's Primary).

Once you have registered you can visit all your favourite shops through the app including Amazon, eBay and Just Eat- there are so many to choose from. Opening your favourite shops via the fundraising app donates a % to the school but doesn't cost you any more. Every penny counts!



Covid update

As you are aware due to the new Omicron variant, new national Covid measures came into force this week. New advice from the DfE is that adults in schools are to wear masks in communal areas, we should restrict visitors in school as much as possible and continue to ventilate the school buildings as far as it is practicably possible. As before, anyone showing Covid symptoms should self-isolate and take a PCR test as soon as possible. Public Health Calderdale continues to advise that if a child in a household tests positive, siblings should also self-isolate and take a PCR test between days 3-5. Thank you for your understanding.

Safeguarding and absences

If children are absent from school it is very important that we are informed by 9.30am the same day. It is a safeguarding issue if contact with a parent/carer cannot be made and we may be asked to refer the matter to outside agencies. Please ring 01706 812947 or email admin@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk if you can't get through on the phone. Thank you.

Christmas Diorama competition

Thank you for all the amazing entries and donations; judging will take place next week. The standard was so high and we can't wait to look at all the entries; they look so fun, creative, imaginative and very very Christmassy!

If you haven't sent in your £1 entry please do so by next Friday. Thank you.

Reception trip – Stickman, Lowry Theatre, Wednesday 9th December

Our Reception class will be visiting the Lowry Theatre next week to see a stage version of 'Stickman'; they are very excited! A letter has been sent home to Reception parents this week - please remember they will need a packed lunch (with no nuts/nut based products), drink and full uniform plus warm/waterproof coat. Have fun Reception, we can't wait to hear all about it.



Parking

Just a reminder to parents not to park across dropped kerbs on Rochdale Road near the shop. It is preventing access to a disabled resident's driveway. Thank you.

Y3/4 visit to Hippodrome Theatre

Next Thursday, 9th December our Y3/4 pupils will be treated to a Christmas film viewing at Todmorden Hippodrome. Both classes will be walking to the Theatre so please remember a warm/waterproof coat and comfy footwear.

St Peter's Church – Christmas services

Please see below for the dates/times of Christmas services in December. All welcome.

School carol service, Tuesday 14th December, 4pm.

Our KS2 children are busy rehearsing for this year's carol service. It will be held outside in the school yard at 4pm on Tuesday 14th December. All junior children will be performing, so can stay after school that day until the performance. **ALL parents/carers are very welcome**; please come along and join us for this festive performance. The School Council will be selling hot chocolate (£1.50) and mince pies (50p) in aid of their chosen charities.



School Christmas dinner, Wednesday 15th December

Our school meal provider requires numbers in advance for Christmas dinner. If your child is on packed lunches and would like a Christmas dinner that day (Wed 15th Dec) please let the office know by next Wednesday, 8th December. Cost is £2.30 (juniors only).

Calderdale Council survey of parents/carers

Please see below for a link to a survey from Calderdale Council about local services for children. Your views are important so please complete if you can.

Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Henry Whitehead, Erin Welsh, Einri Marsden, Nella Deacon, Faye Cullen, Audrey Crawford and Theo Helliwell. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Alice Cullen, Bertie Bowes, Dexter Hillock, Sebastian Wright, Amelia Pearce, Charlotte Walker and Charlie Lewis for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue

Calderdale Council: Survey of Parents/Carers

If you have children under 8 years old or are currently expecting a child we'd love your views! You have the chance to be entered into a free prize draw to win one of three prizes of high street vouchers before Christmas.

Calderdale Council as a local authority are responsible for commissioning and delivering public health services for children aged 0-5 years. As part of the local *Starting Well Strength and Needs Assessment* Calderdale Council we're asking parents and carers (and parents-to-be) to complete a survey about services for 0-5 year olds and their families locally. Calderdale Council would like to know what families consider the strengths of local services to be, and what needs improving. Qa Research are managing this survey for us. You can complete the survey here:

<https://surveys.qaresearch.co.uk/Calderdaleparents.asp>

The survey will be open until 5th December for you to give us your views. Thank you!

