



## Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Covid update

Sorry for beginning with another Covid update but following the announcement of 'Plan B' by the government this week we will be adopting the following additional safety measures in school:

- Masks **MUST** be worn by ALL adults when entering the school building.
- Masks to be worn by all adults in communal areas of the school building, unless directly working with children.
- A negative lateral flow test is required to enter the school building. Staff will continue to test twice weekly.

Thank you again for your ongoing support in keeping ill children off school and self isolating and testing should they have Covid symptoms. We have just one week of school remaining before the Christmas holidays and fingers crossed we can keep everyone as safe as can be so we can all enjoy a lovely festive season.

### Friends of Walsden (FOW) Christmas update

**Christmas Raffle** – Don't forget to return all raffle money and stubs by Monday at the very latest. We will be drawing the raffle on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Walsden Winter Wonderland** – Join us this weekend from 3pm to 9pm on both Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. We will be at The Mill (big thanks to Laura for the loan of the function room) and we have cakes, Christmas music, face painting, crafts and plenty of local independent businesses selling unique Christmas gifts...as well as amazing food from Stray and Vegan Kitchen. You will also be able to buy your Walsden Winter Wonderland walk maps. Fun for all the family; please come along and support us.

**A BIG thank you** – A big thank you to both Maggie and Walsden Scarecrow Festival committee for their generous £50 donations to FOW. This is really appreciated and all our children at Walsden will benefit. Thanks again!

**Santa visit** – Santa is planning to visit Walsden again this year! He will be travelling around the village on the evening of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Keep the date free and your eyes and ears open!

### Reception trip – Stickman, Lowry Theatre, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Our Reception class had a fabulous trip to see a live theatre performance of 'Stickman' at the Lowry this week. It was their first trip out as a class and everyone really enjoyed themselves and behaved amazingly; you did yourself and the school proud Reception, well done! The show was a delight to watch and they had a lovely surprise waiting for them when they got back to school:

a hand painted 'Stickman' for everyone! A big thank you to Lily's grandma for this generous and lovely surprise. It was very much appreciated by everyone.





### Age Concern Christmas sing-a-long

Age Concern Todmorden is inviting everyone to join them for a festive sing-a-long around the town Christmas tree after school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. See below for more details.

### Clubs

Most clubs have now finished for the term. The only club running next week will be the Y3/4 early morning netball club on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Clubs for next term are already being planned; these will be confirmed and place offered in the New Year.

### Christmas dioramas

Thank you for the wonderful diorama entries; the children have shown a magnificent array of imagination and ideas to really encapsulate the Christmas season. Well done to all the class winners and everyone else for taking part. Please ask your child to collect and bring home their diorama if you would like to keep it. We would like to send a few to Morrisons Todmorden and Burnley FC as well as other places in the community to spread a little festive cheer and thank them for their generous prize donations. If you are happy for your child's to be passed on, please indicate in your child's reading record or with a message to your child's teacher.



### Food bank donations

We are still collecting donations for Todmorden Food Bank. They are looking for 'festive' goodies such as crackers, chocolate, Christmas cake/puddings and biscuits so they can make up Christmas food parcels for local families. Last opportunity to donate is next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas week in school

**KS1 Nativity** – This is being filmed in school on Monday and a link for parents/carers to watch it will be sent out later in the week.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm. School carol service. Everyone welcome**

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** School Christmas dinner

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Infant Christmas party

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Junior Christmas party

Please can children come in school uniform and bring party clothes in a bag so they can change after lunch. Have fun everyone.



### Scout appeal

Please see attached flyer with exciting news from our local scout troop and how you could help.

### Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Reuben Jackson, Albanie Priestley, Charlie Halstead, Glyn Parry, Jim Halstead, Peter Webster and Arthur Pollock. Well done to them all.



### Lunchtime awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Archie Rigby, Nola Welsh, Jaxon Roberts, Tristan Hemsley-Guy, Maxwell Clarkson, Amber Greenwood and Maisie Bailey for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue

We close next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December and return on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## Christmas sing-along!

*Carols & festive songs round the tree*

**After school, Friday 17th, 3.30-4.30pm  
at the Peace garden Christmas tree.**

Celebrate the start of Christmas.  
All welcome!





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