



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



### Christmas carol service

A big thank you to all our KS2 children for putting on such a wonderful performance at the Christmas carol service on Tuesday. It was a lovely start to our festivities in school this week; thank you to everyone who came along and to Mrs Spooner for organising. A big thank you also goes to our school councillors for serving hot chocolate and mince pies to raise funds for their chosen charities. Thank you to everyone who donated and to Mrs Williams for supporting the councillors. They raised £135.40.



### *Merry Christmas from Friends of Walsden.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the year, to the families that come out rain or shine to support our events; it wouldn't be possible without you. To all the volunteers that give up their time to make the events happen and to the local businesses that donate prizes or their venues - THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.*

*We have raised money for our children to go on school trips, for musical instruments, for arts and crafts, parties, the hobbit hole and much more!*

*We can't wait to start fundraising for our projects in the new year and to share these with you.*

*The raffle has been drawn and a list of winners has been emailed to all parents! Prizes can be collected from the school office. The Winter Wonderland event was another huge success and we are so very excited for the sleigh tomorrow - please see our social media (follow Friends of Walsden on Instagram and/or Facebook) updates for this and follow the event on Facebook, so you can see where Santa will be stopping on his route around the village.*

*Thanks again and have a great Christmas!!*

### Singing in the community

Our Y6 children called in at Millreed Lodge this week to surprise the residents with some carol singing in the garden. Everyone really enjoyed it.

**Keeping children safe online** - The Children's Commissioner is today launching [a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online](#). Please follow the link for more information.

### Fond farewell

We say a fond farewell to Teaching Assistant, Lisa Sutcliffe today. Lisa has been with Walsden school for 18 years and has brought so much joy to so many pupils (and staff) over that time – our very own ‘Mr Poppy!’ She will be missed, but we wish her well in her new role at Todmorden High School.

### Cards in the community

This week some of our Year 5 children went with Mrs Montgomery and Mr Crowther to deliver some Christmas cards to people in the community. As a thank you for their prize donations for the diorama competition the children also took a card and diorama to Morrisons in Todmorden and to Burnley FC in the community at Turf Moor.



### Infant nativity

All infant parents should now have received a link to be able to watch the video performance of this year’s nativity. Staff and pupils did an amazing job putting this together; we hope you enjoy watching! A big thank you to Natasha Williams for the filming and putting this together for us. It is very much appreciated.



### Thank you

A BIG THANK YOU to Friends of Walsden (FOW) for all their fundraising and events this year including all their amazing effort this festive season. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful PTA who care so much about all our children; thank you from everyone at Walsden St Peter’s!



### Stars of the week

This week’s stars are: Heidi Hancock, Henry Dewhirst, Lennon Walker, Luisa Watt, Evie Widdup, Freddie Barnes and Charlie Lewis. Well done to them all.



### Lunchtime awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Ava Shepherd, Eadie Bates, Chloe Ross, Will Barker, Martha Caruana, Maya Dransfield and Ethan Foster for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

**We break up today and reopen on Tuesday 4th January. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at Walsden St Peter’s.**

Emma Crowther and Esther Logue