



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 22nd March 2024

Just a reminder that we close today for the Easter holidays and return on Monday 8th April. Happy Easter and have a lovely break.

Easter Service

What a lovely Easter celebration we had at St Peter's Church this morning! Well done to all our staff and pupils for their wonderful contributions and to all the parents/carers who came along. Just a reminder that there is no parents' assembly this afternoon.



Church news

Please see **attached** for information on church services at St Peter's Church, Walsden and St Mary's Church, Todmorden over Holy Week. Everyone always welcome.

School Council news

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our football themed raffle. We raised a total of £108 for our chosen charities. The draw took place yesterday morning and the winners are: Jack Sargent, Arthur Dewhirst, Cleo McDowell, Toby Kavanagh-Pidgeon, Annabelle Sargent, Isabelle Walsh and Luisa Watt. Thank you also to Barrow FC, Huddersfield Ladies FC, Halifax Town FC and Burnley FC for the prizes.



Swimming gala

WELL DONE to our swim team who won the Todmorden inter-school swim gala....for the second year running! Well done everyone who took part, we are very proud of you all. Certificates and medals will be presented after the Easter holidays.

Swimming

Y4 will continue their swimming lessons at Shade pool on Tuesday mornings until May half term. Y5 will then have swimming lessons for the remainder of the school year, starting Tuesday 4th June.

Out of school clubs – Summer term 1

Out of school sports clubs will start week commencing 15th April – please note there is now a club for Reception children. A letter and new timetable is **attached** and is also available to view on the school website here -

<https://www.walsden.calderdale.sch.uk/information-for-families/clubs>. Please sign up with Mr Allely directly and he will confirm places to parents.

World Down Syndrome Day – Thursday 21st March

Everyone 'rocked their socks' for World Down Syndrome Day yesterday. THANK YOU!



REMINDER: Job vacancy - SEN Support Assistant

We have a vacancy for an SEN Support Assistant in school. Full details are on the school website here

<https://www.walsden.calderdale.sch.uk/newsevents> Deadline for applications is Monday 8th April.



Y4 School linking project

Yesterday Y4 went to meet their linking class from St Marys CE School, Balderstone for a second time. Everyone enjoyed catching up again and taking part in some fun and interesting activities. We will be welcoming pupils from St Mary's to our school in the summer term.



Football news

Our girls' footballers have been busy this week playing a friendly at Calderdale College with Parkinson Lane and then a mini league with other schools at the Leisure Box, hosted by Burnley in the Community. The girls played incredibly well and with increased energy and success as the games progressed; they currently stand second in the mini league.

The boys football league will begin after Easter, so please keep an eye out for any emails with details and permissions.



Easter Egg Hunt

All our classes enjoyed an Easter egg hunt around the playground today. A BIG thank you to FOW for donating all the eggs and Easter surprises for our children; such a lovely treat to end this term!

Rocksteady

Well done to our Rock Steady pupils for their performance on Monday afternoon.

Everyone was impressed with their vocals and skills on keyboard, drums and guitar. Rock Steady provide weekly rock and pop band sessions to pupils in school - for more information see <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>

Goodbye Mrs Ahern

Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Ahern who has been a Support Assistant at the school for 2.5 years. She leaves us to re-locate, with her family, to rural Scotland. Mrs Ahern has been a fabulous addition to the Walsden family and will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. Good luck with the move Mrs Ahern and keep in touch!

What's on at Todmorden Children's Centre

See **attached** for information on support, activities, parent and child drop ins running at the Todmorden Children's Centre.

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