



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 17th November 2023

Ofsted

Please find **attached** a copy of our latest OFSTED report; we hope that you will find time to read it. We are very pleased that we continue to be a 'good' school. The report reflects the hard work from children, staff and governors during the five years since the last inspection. We have many people to thank for helping make ours such a special and effective school, we are very proud, and feel very lucky, to work within such a supportive community. The report will be published on OFSTED's website early next week. We will be using the report's recommendations to help us plan ahead and to continue to improve our provision for the children of Walsden. Thank you for your continuing support – our Inspector commented that he had never known so many parental responses during an inspection.

FOW Christmas update

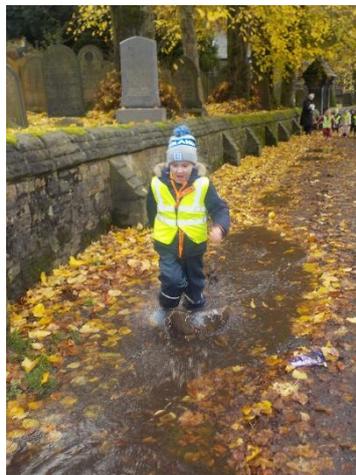
Movie night: Booking slips for the FOW Christmas movie night screening of Grinch, Elf and Arthur Christmas in school on **Tuesday 28th November** were sent out with children this week. Please return slips with payment in a sealed envelope by next Wednesday. Thank you.

Christmas Fair: Just a reminder that the Christmas Fair is on **Friday 8th December, 5pm to 7pm**. FOW are already busy preparing so please see the attached flyer and keep an eye out for updates. **Help needed: Volunteers to help set up, run a stall for an hour or two and/or help tidy up at the end, raffle prizes if any businesses would like to donate and used teddies for the adopt a teddy stall. Please get in touch with FOW if you can help.**



Y1 news

Y1 behaved brilliantly on their autumn walk last week. They enjoyed finding leaves, fungi and puddles - they even had a puddle challenge and everyone got quite wet!



School Council fundraiser – Friday giving

Once again our school councillors will be collecting loose change as part of their fundraising efforts. Each class has a money box and they will be collecting loose change (copper and small change) every Friday morning in the playground and classroom. Any donations most welcome. Last year this raised £66 over the school year.



Infant Nativity

Preparations for this year's infant nativity have begun and a letter will be coming home next week with information about tickets.

We will also be sending slips home shortly with the part your child will play and the clothes, if any, they need to bring from home for their costume. Please keep checking your child's bookbag!



Y3 pupil shout out

We have lots of sporting stars in Y3! Last week a number of our Y3 pupils received awards from their local sports teams, Walsden Cricket Club and Leopards Football team. Well done to you all; we are very proud!

CRICKET. Lucas, improving skills medal; Jacob, best batter and league winner; Henry, best bowler and league winner; Tommy, players player and league winner; Stanley, league winner and improving skills.

FOOTBALL. Nola, (wo)man of the match.



Y5 news

On Monday our Y5 class visited Manchester Museum's Takeover day, where the museum was opened just to school groups and focused on the following question – *How do we remember people from ancient times and today?* The trip linked to this term's Ancient Egyptian's topic and it was a great learning experience for the children.



Y2 Flight Challenge

Y2 held their annual Walsden World Flying Machine Championships this week. There were some great creations and lots of expert aeronautical engineers! In second place came Ethan with a wonderful paper aeroplane skillfully thrown. But winning the Championship this year was Isabelle with an impressive slingshot attached to a beautifully decorated ramp. Well done Y2!



Regent Street parking

As a school we wish to maintain good relationships with our neighbours and are mindful that local residents need to access their own parking areas without problems. Please can we ask parents/carers **not to park and/or turn around on Regent street**. Access for residents and access to and from the staff car park is needed at all times, including by the school minibus and emergency vehicles. This can prove difficult, if not impossible, when both sides of the street are taken up with parked cars. Residents are struggling to park their own cars and dangerous manoeuvring on and off this street is a safety hazard. **Please can you also pass this information onto other family members who may drop off/collect**. Thank you for your understanding.



Sports Clubs

Our children continue to enjoy their out-of-school sports clubs. This week the netballers have been learning about positions and applying this in games with Mr Crowther. The boxercise children have begun sessions with Miss Galvin from Littleborough Amateur Boxing Club working on footwork and basic moves.



Church news

Once again Todmorden Community Brass Band are back at St Peter's church for the annual carol concert. This will be on Friday 15th December, 7pm for 7.30pm start. See **attached** flyer for more information. All welcome.

Stars of the week

This week's stars are: Bronte Slater, Spencer Hoyle, Archie Rigby, Alice Lively, Einri Marsden, Nella Deacon and Edward Jones. Well done to them all.



Lunchtime awards

Our midday staff have chosen: Niamh Hamer, Jonah McQuillan, Freddie Marrow, Leo Miskell, Charlie Halstead, Lila Hartley and Amelia Pearce for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Esther Logue & Emma Crowther, Headteachers