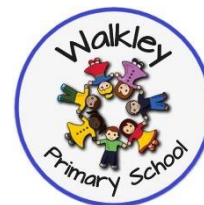


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'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID Update: Information for parents:

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your generosity on Children in Need Day. Another event of creativity in bubble restrictions, and yet the children had a fabulous time whilst remembering and raising money for children who are less fortunate than ourselves. Walkley Primary School Council who played a large part in organising the day, are delighted to announce that we managed to raise an impressive **£586.49**

Jars

One of the most popular stalls at the Christmas fair is the jar tombola. Friends of Walkley contributed a little Christmas magic to the wonderful work the teachers are doing at school with a jar tombola for every class. For those new to school this is when jars filled with treats are labelled with raffle tickets, and pupils draw a ticket in hope of a matching pair. For this one-off event every child won a jar and had a go for free! All of our children were absolutely buzzing when they left school on Friday, thrilled with their winnings. Thank you Friends of Walkley and our wonderful parents for releasing some early Christmas magic.

Raffle

The annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 2nd December. This is the last day to purchase raffle tickets to win these marvellous prizes.

Party Day (Wednesday 2nd Dec)

Our favourite party clothes will be required for this Wednesday as we celebrate the festivities in our bubbles. An unconventional party day, yet the children will love it I'm sure and the staff will of course be doing their very best to create a memorable day. Party food guidance was sent to you last week asking if you would be kind enough to provide food and a drink for your child only. Please bring your delicacies to school on Wednesday morning.

Crates arriving

Over 1200 packing crates are arriving on site this Friday 4th December, reminding us of the task in hand! Although some of our parents have emailed us over the weeks to ask if they can help, sadly the answer is no due to COVID. However, we have got over 350 children who may volunteer to become 'Santa's Little Packing Helpers' this year.

Parking

Once again, we are having problems with erratic and inconsiderate parking putting the lives of pupils and parents in danger. Please remember to park considerately if you drive to school. We will be having a massive promotion to walk, cycle and scoot to school in the New Year. With over 120 parents opting to drive to school to drop off and pick up pupils in a ten minute window, there is obviously going to be difficulties parking close to the school. We have addressed these issues in our new travel plan which is presently under the scrutiny of Sheffield City Council. We will be advising you of the key entrances and the new one-way system around the new school building in more detail shortly.

Spreading happiness to our community

Still showing our love and care for the community, this year we have targeted two care homes as many residents have not been able to see their families this year. We are in the process of getting the first names of all the residents so that we can send them a personal Christmas card and we are also providing small individual gifts. Four children will accompany Mrs Leverton and Mr Clements to these homes to deliver (socially distanced of course) our gifts and hopefully Walkley will be able to wave our love and thoughts to people through the window. Both homes will also receive access to our children 's virtual performances which we hope will brighten their Christmas immensely.

Flu vaccinations

The nasal vaccinations for our pupils take place Thursday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Another excuse to dress up, Christmas Jumper Day will be held on Friday 11th December. Donations to Save the Children Charity can be made in the usual manner at drop off time.

Christmas Cards

Children can send cards to their friends in school. We ask that cards are placed into a tray that will be provided in each classroom and they will be ready to be delivered to their rightful owner either the same afternoon or the next day.

Santa Claus

We are in email conversations with Lapland at the moment as we try to secure a virtual visit this year, as Santa has also got to stay in his bubble until Christmas Eve. We are sure that something very special will happen for Walkley children as they have been spectacular since their return in September.

Our new school; Only 13 pupil days left

We are so looking forward to moving onto our new site with all its new facilities. The staff are being taken over in their 'staff' bubbles to have a look at what the school looks like internally, so that they can shape their plans for their new class bases on our return in January. Disappointingly, the current COVID restrictions mean that new school will not be able to function in its full capacity, as it will still be necessary for bubbles to be in place. At the moment we are still considering the use of the dining hall, dance studio, art/design/science studio as these include multi bubble use. However, we are already planning operationally for our immediate return to the new school, that we will share with parents at the end of December. Plans include:

- Adaptation of drop and pick up times.
- Procedures for safe lining up and dropping off.
- Safe Lunchtimes
- Safe playtimes
- Pupil and staff movement around the building

- Accessible provision for pupils
- Fire safety procedures
- Ventilation and heating
- First Aid
- Site Management

Kind regards

Val Sian