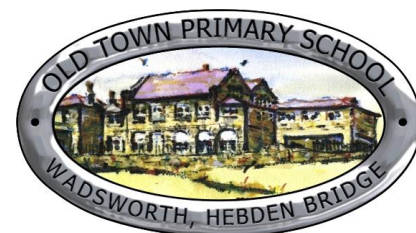


OLD TOWN NEWSLETTER

16/01/2026



THIS WEEK AT OLD TOWN

Food Flasks

We have had a few enquiries about food flasks for packed lunch children whilst the weather is so cold. We have always said no to flasks due to the risk of scolding and not being able to predict the temperature inside. However, we realise that food flasks have evolved over the years and after consulting other local schools who do allow them, we have decided that we will accept them for children on packed lunch.

We will be asking that children do not walk around with open flasks and that you are mindful of the temperature of the food going into it, to ensure it is not too hot at lunchtime. Please do not send hot fluids like tea, coffee and hot chocolate and please also be aware that we cannot reheat food for children.

Class Showcases

The Wadsworth Class Showcase is today at 2.50pm and the final one is Chiserley/Crimsworth next Friday 23rd January. These are the opportunity for the children to show their parents/carers/grandparents what they have been learning in class. They start at 2.50pm and you can stay as long as you wish. Once you have seen your child's work you can take your child home with you (please let staff know you are leaving) or leave and collect them at 3.30pm as normal.

Emergency Morning Closures

On occasions we may not be able to open the school in the morning due to adverse weather, boiler problems, etc. If this should happen, we will text message all parents. We will endeavour to do this by 7.30am at the latest wherever possible. We will then post a notice on the school website. If in any doubt, look at the school website. As you may be aware, Sandy Gate leading to Walker Lane and the road up towards the Hare and hounds are often not gritted or ploughed, therefore, should there be severe snow or frost, the bus routes will be safest.

Emergency Closures during the School Day

If a need to close occurs during the school day we will firstly text message all parents. The system generates a report to advise when the message has been delivered to the phone. In the event of a failed delivery, a telephone call will be made to you too. Secondly, we will post a notice on the school website welcome page. Can I reassure you that your child will never be sent home until you or your representative has arrived to collect him/her.

Reminder Regarding Water Bottles and Coats

Please can we ask all parents to help their child to remember their winter coat every day. We try to play out whenever possible. This includes during rainy days and cold weather.

Also, children need a leak proof water bottle with them every day. We have a small stock of bottles available for £2.50 or new lids for 50p. Please order on the School Money Shop.

Reminder to Log on and Pay Outstanding Monies

Please can we remind all families to log on and pay all outstanding payments on School Money. Thank you in advance.

Breakfast/Out of School Club Number

Breakfast/Out of School Club telephone number for contacting them outside of the normal school day - 07759 240998.

YourSchoolLottery

If you would like to sign up to the School Lottery which raises money for FOOTs, click on the following link:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>

Headlice in School

We have had various reports of headlice in school over the last week or so. Please can we ask all families to check their child's hair over the weekend and treat accordingly if little visitors are detected. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ofsted Parent View

If you would like to share your view of the school with Ofsted, please use the following link.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Awards This Week

Wainsgate

Archie

Jessica

Wadsworth

No awards this week due to Class Showcase

Chiserley/Crimsworth

Emile

Sophie

Events Next Week

Monday – Wainsgate (R/Yr1) PE (PE Kit!!!)

Monday – Yr1-6 Gardening Club 3.30-4.45pm

Monday – Yr2-6 Sports Club 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday – Yr4/5/6 PE (please come in PE kit)

Wednesday – Wainsgate (R/Yr1) and Wadsworth (Yr2/3) PE (PE kit!!!)

Thursday 22nd January – KS2 Cross Country 3pm at Stubbs Field

Thursday – Yr1-6 Art Club 3.30-4.45pm

Thursday – PALT Parents Meeting at Burnley Road 4.30pm

Friday – Toddler Group in the School Hall 9.15-11.15am

Friday – Chiserley/Crimsworth Showcase 2.50pm

Friday – Yr4-6 Drama Club 3.30-5pm

Future Dates

Mon 26th Jan – Headteacher Introductory Meeting in School Hall 6pm

Friday 13th February – School Closes for Half Term

Monday 23rd February – School Re-opens for Spring Term 2

POST THIS WEEK

Have you received these letters?

Whole School

Newsletter

New Headteacher Introductory Meeting letter

PALT/Trinity Merger Parents Meeting letter