

# WALMSLEY CE SCHOOL

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## Walmsley News Friday, 24th November 2023



For children in years 1 - 6 Spelling Shed and either TT Rockstars (Y2-Y6) or Numbots (Year 1) are set as part of their weekly homework.

It is really important that pupils complete the homework as it supports the embedding of knowledge that has been taught in school. Regular spaced practice is a proven method to embed new learning in a pupils long term memory.

Pupils can continue to access previous assignments as well as their current lists to support their spellings.

App messages will be sent weekly from the school office to notify parents of pupils who have not completed homework on Spelling Shed and Numbots/TT Rockstars.

Dojo's will be awarded to those pupils who complete their homework.

### **Why is it so bad to use screens before bed?**

It has come to our attention that a number of pupils are logging onto devices late at night to learn via TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Whilst we are thrilled they are completing their homework we are concerned for the well-being with how late this is. Some pupils are logging on after 9pm!

Please click the link below to find out more on why it is so bad to use screens at night.

[Why you should turn your phone off before you go to sleep - Own It - BBC](#)

### **Head Lice**

We have received reports of head lice throughout school this week. Please could we ask that you check your child's hair over the weekend and treat accordingly.



## **PTA**

Reminder - It is our PTA's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 28th November at 7:30pm at Walmsley School where the PTA Committee Roles will be up for election. If you would like to nominate yourself for a Committee Role, please email the school office by 12:00pm on Tuesday, 28th November. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

## **What's happening in the News this week?** Who is responsible for Antarctica?

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/newsletters>

## **Contract School Wear - Additional Uniform Items with the Walmsley Logo**

Beanie Hats £5:00

Caps £6:00

These are available to purchase from Keith every Friday morning - 8:00am to 9:00am. A sample is available from the school office.

## **BBC Children in Need**

Our grand total for Children in Need is £239.20. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fantastic amount.

## **Bolton Together - Information for Parents**

IThrive Parent Peer Support

Being a parent isn't easy - Parent Drop-in Sessions

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/newsletters>

## **Request for Football Kit Donations**

We have been asked by one of our parents, on behalf of a school in Great Lever, for donations of old/unwanted football kits, boots, shin pads, etc. If you have anything suitable at home you would like to donate, please send these into school.

## **Lost Property**

Our lost property box is once again overflowing with unnamed school uniform. All unclaimed items will be recycled on Friday, 15th December.

## **Our wonderful PTA sponsors...**



## Christ Church Walmsley Notices

Thank you to all who came to our Christmas Fayre at the Hall last Saturday. Following its success, bringing our community together and raising the amazing sum of £1,750, we now ask if you would please nominate us to receive a £1,000 donation - through a giving source being promoted by the Diocese of Manchester - to go towards the Walmsley Parish Community Hall toilet fund. Many of our children use the Hall and would benefit from modern, accessible toilet facilities.



It's super simple to take part: Please place your vote at this link <https://movementforgood.com> then nominate Christ Church Walmsley. We are a registered charity, not-for-profit organisation; it is one nomination per charity, per person. The more nominations a charity gets, the greater their chances of winning, so spread the word and please share this on your social media! THANK YOU.

## 🎄URBAN OUTREACH Christmas Dinner on Jesus🎄

We have pledged to donate **100** boxes of 12 Christmas Crackers.

If you're able to donate, please drop off your boxes of Crackers at the back of Christ Church and mark them off on the Cracker Tracker!

## Bolton Lions Christmas Toy Appeal

We are collecting for Bolton Lions Christmas Toy appeal at the FAMILY and PARADE service at Christ Church Walmsley on Sunday, 3rd December.

**Bolton Lions Christmas Toy Appeal**

THANK YOU

Supported by Christ Church, Walmsley

**Sunday 3rd December**  
9.30am Christ Church  
11am St Andrew's

Please bring along donations of toys (unwrapped) for children up to and including 11 years old. For older children donations can be made towards vouchers by scanning the QR code.

Thank you if you are able to help us with the gift of a toy or a donation.

## Songs for the Season

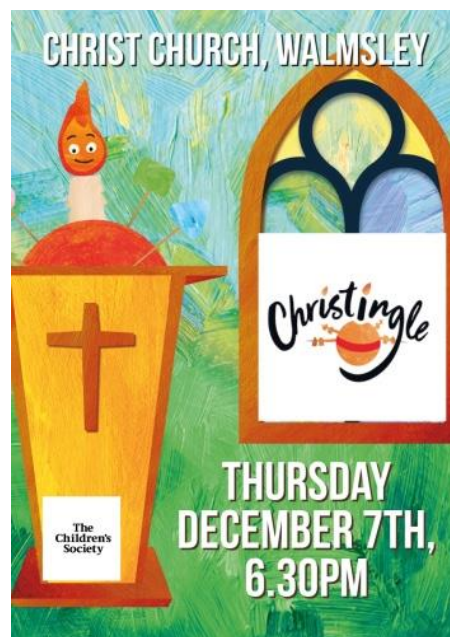
Are you looking for local festive activities? Look no further!

Walmsley Parish is pleased to present 'Songs for the Season' - an evening of festive entertainment - at Dunscar Conservative Club on Tuesday, 5th December. Tickets are £10, you can contact the numbers on the poster for yours - or e-mail [dawn@walmsleyparish.org](mailto:dawn@walmsleyparish.org).



## Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service is on Thursday, 7th December at 6.30pm. ALL WELCOME.



We will be sharing dates of Church Christmas events in the next School E-news and on our church website: [www.walmsleyparish.org](http://www.walmsleyparish.org)

## Fancy a Sing? Join us for the magic of Christmas!



*The first Nowell the angels did say...*

*Hark, the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Come and sing your favourite Christmas carols this Christmas in your local churches. Christmas has always included singing ever since the angels provided the first Carol Concert for the shepherds! We sing together but we also sing to God as we remember the reason for Christmas.

Join the angels in singing glory to God, serenading the newborn King, as we celebrate not just his birth but the truth that God is with us. In a dark and hurting world this is good news.

**Come and join the celebration,  
you will be most welcome!**





### Fancy a sing?

#### Come to a Carol Service on 17th December!

6.30pm St Maxentius    6.30pm Christ Church Walmsley  
6.30pm St Anne, Turton    6.30pm St Peter, Belmont

#### ...Or maybe you'd prefer a Crib or Nativity Service ?

17th Dec, 10.30am St Peter, Belmont  
17th Dec, 11am St Andrew, Bromley Cross  
20th Dec, 6pm St Maxentius  
24th Dec, 9.30am Christ Church Walmsley  
24th Dec, 5pm St James, Edgworth

#### Join us for the magic of Christmas Eve...

7pm St Andrew, Bromley Cross  
7pm St Maxentius  
11.15pm Christ Church, Walmsley  
11.30pm St Peter, Belmont  
11.30pm St Anne, Turton

#### Celebrate with us as we welcome Christmas Day!

9.30am Christ Church, Walmsley  
10am St Maxentius  
10am St Anne, Turton  
10.30am St Peter, Belmont

