## Todmorden CE (A) J, I & N School

# Newsletter

Wednesday 21st October 2020

Educating children for 175 years 1845 to 2020

#### Windows on the World

Looking for something to do over half term as the nights draw in? Enjoy a socially distanced evening stroll around Tod town centre and take in some local creativity.

Instead of Lamplighter, Handmade Parade brings you Windows on the World, artworks created by local schools and Tod residents and generously displayed by local shops and businesses. Some businesses have created their own themed displays to help brighten our town as winter approaches.

## The windows will be lit up between 5-9pm starting Saturday 24 October until Sunday 1 November.

This is part of Handmade Parade's bigger project WE ARE HERE which will create a short film using local people's artwork, instead of our usual outdoor events such as Lamplighter. Todmorden has created woodland scenes as night falls to help tell part of the story of an intrepid animal adventure of loyalty, courage and friendship.

Follow Handmade Parade on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or see the website to learn more about the project and watch the film once it is finished. We would love it if you send us your photos of you in front of the artworks and any comments you want to make about the project.

Shops and businesses participating are;

Morrison's, Waterside Lodge, The Golden Lion, Vedas, Get Stuffed, Tod Almighty, Ali Baba's, Creative with Nature, The Boardroom, The Apothecary, Healthy Minds, Age Concern, Tourist Information, Legacy Art Gallery, DC School of Dance, Calder Cheese House, The Wellington Inn, The Quirky Fox Den, Perfect for Pets, The Market Place, Wonderfully Made, Physio and Therapies.





Please return our devices questionnaire as soon as possible.

Also please see attached letter regarding purchasing devices.



## Don't forget that it is Halloween dress-up day this Friday!

Please remember not to send children in masks, with props or dressed as a horror movie

character. Also ensure they have layers so they are warm enough during this fun packed day!

On Friday we will be saying 'Goodbye' and 'Happy Retirement' to a very long serving member of staff.

Marie Wood has been the keyworker to many children in school and has given care and love to generations of our children. We wish her a happy, relaxing retirement and would like to say thank you for the years of dedicated service she has given to Todmorden CE School.





### READER OF THE WEEK

For children who consistently read at home.

Reception = Theo Claxton
Class 1 = Mia-Grace Brennan
Class 2 = Eric Holt
Class 3 = Esme Campbell
Class 4 = Lily Aspinall

Class 5 = Thomas Taylor Class 6 = Matthew & Marley



For showing our values of Love, Friendship, Trust or Honesty

Bunnies = Amber Duxbury
Owls = Esmee Pinnington
Reception = Lillie-Rose Lownds
Class 1 = Max Hartley
Class 2 = Elsie Stanford
Class 3 = Mia Rez

Class 4 = Aiden Houghton
Class 5 = Amos Terry
Class 6 = Max Kennedy



For children who have a positive 'can do' learning attitude.

Kingsley Kruszona

Frankie Oldham Bunnies = Owls = **Tobias Montague** Reception = Xander Haugh Class 1 = Parker Adams Class 2 = Haris Waseem Class 3 = Jacob Bingham Tommy Kipping Class 4 = Class 5 = Harry Gilbert

Class 6 =

#### 21.10.20

Dear Families,

We are delighted that all of our children are now on Google Classroom accessing homework, contacting their teachers and making contact with their friends.

We will use Google Classroom for our remote learning if we have to close school or any bubbles for any reason. We are aware some parents have struggled with this learning platform but are confident it will offer a central place for any remote learning to take place in the future. We understand that it will take time to get used to Google Classroom but please take the opportunity to learn alongside your child so you are confident with it in the event of a sudden closure.

We fully understand that not all children have devices such as laptops, tablets or smart phones and we are working extremely hard in school to purchase a bank of devices that could be loaned (under a loan agreement) to families if bubbles close.

For some parents, you might have thought about getting your child a new device over the festive period. I thought I would suggest some devices that are compatible with Google Classroom and are fairly reasonably priced. This is definitely NOT a presumption that you get these devices. We do not expect families to buy expensive devices but thought you might like to be armed with compatible choices if you were in the market for a device. There are many more devices that are compatible with Google Classroom and recommend that you check this, before buying a new or second-hand device.

On another note, please ensure that the questionnaire about devices at home that we have sent home this week is completed and returned to school.

If you have any concerns about devices or about Google Classroom please feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Leadbitter







