



# Walton-le-Dale

## Wednesday Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

### MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

#### A huge welcome back to school everyone!

I am sure you are pleased to have your children back in school with their friends and new teachers. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all parents who have read and followed our posters, following closely the guidance provided by the school. This is a very challenging time for all presently but your continued support is essential to keeping our school safe and open for the duration.

The school is currently operating well with the emergency planning that has been put in place. This essentially ensures that contact between all years is kept to an absolute minimum. This also promotes effective cleaning, handwashing and supervision of our children highlighted within our Emergency Policy. This is being closely followed and reviewed on a daily basis presently.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB REOPENING – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I am pleased to inform you that our Morning & After School Club is opening next Monday as usual. Many aspects of the club will remain the same, but owing to the constraints of keeping our year groups separated, some changes are necessary.

All infant children requiring this service will use the infant hall and infant playground areas for their morning and after school care. All junior children will spend their morning and after school care in the junior hall and junior playgrounds. The hall will be set up in order to distance each year group within each hall, making use of the outdoor spaces as frequently as possible. All children in the infants should be collected by their parents in the usual way from the infant hall and all junior children should be collected from the junior hall.

I am pleased that all parents' requests for before and after school care have currently been met.

It is essential that all children be collected by 6pm at the latest as both halls are required for use after this time each day. A charge will be applied to any parent collecting their child after this time.

### MEET THE TEACHER

We are sorry that we cannot offer you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher in the usual way this year. You will, however, be contacted by your class teacher in the days ahead inviting you to an online 'Meet the Teacher' Zoom meeting. Your child's class teacher will notify you of the date and it will take place at 5pm. You will initially need to download the Zoom app to take part. We are very aware that online meetings can be prone to difficulties but 95% of problems can be solved by logging out of the meeting and logging back in.

This opportunity is designed to help you get to know your child's teacher better, helping build a valuable school-home link to support your child as successfully as possible. This meeting will provide guidance on important areas of your child's school life such as expectations for their learning and behaviour, homework routines, uniform (jewellery including earrings not allowed for example) and a little about your child's year ahead of them.

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## SHOWBIE

We are currently developing our knowledge and use of a resource called SHOWBIE. This is a platform system which allows your child (Years 1-6) to continue learning at home should they become ill or need to self-isolate. If you have an Apple device, you can download the app free of charge. If you have an android device, the app is coming soon but you can access via the website [www.showbie.com](http://www.showbie.com) Login details will be your child's usual Digital Wings username and password e.g. Doodle Maths

## SWIMMING LESSONS

We are concentrating on introducing swimming as safely as possible following the guidelines available to us. Although swimming during the school day/week is not to be introduced yet, we are opening our swimming pool to appointment based swim lessons with Justin Daubney after school on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays at first. If you wish your child to receive swimming lessons please complete the booking form available on the school website. This will then allow us contact you once we are aware of your interest.

## BAGS, PE KITS, SWIMMING KITS, PACK LUNCHES, BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child attends school each day with their reading bag, trainers or pumps and their packed lunch only. We are doing everything we can to limit all unnecessary items entering school and trying to send a clear message to all of our parents to make it work successfully. We have a large school, but we are limited by having small cloakroom areas and crowded hooks. This is, essentially, why we are not allowing any rucksacks or shoulder bags.

## PARENTS DETAILS – DATA COLLECTION SHEET UPDATE

All parents will be sent a data collection sheet by the end of this week. Please would you all check this to make sure that all of your details are correct and add any medical/dietary conditions. If any corrections are necessary, such as a new mobile phone number, **please update the sheet clearly in ink and return it to the secure boxes located in your child's office by Friday 18th.**

## PARENTS ENTERING THE FRONT OFFICE

Please could all parents entering the reception desk at the front of the main school please ensure they are wearing a mask. We are currently allowing one parent/family in the reception area at a time.

## LETTINGS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN?

We have recently obtained a number of enquiries for the letting of our school, which may interest you. These are all running presently.

**Ruth's Get Fit Class** (Ruth Johnstone 07843561562)

Mondays, Tuesday & Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm and Saturdays 9.15-11.15am all in the Junior Hall

**Lancashire Kickboxing** (Gemma Wilkinson 07957228425)

Mondays, Wednesdays Thursday 6 – 8pm and Saturdays 2 – 4pm all in the Infant Hall.

**Nippon UK – Jujitsu** – Saturdays at 4pm

**Ribble Valley Juniors Cycling Club**

Saturdays 10.15 – 11.15am - Learn to ride and beginner sessions (**free first session on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**)

## PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE - IMPORTANT

At this time, it is absolutely essential that all children arrive at their designated year group time. This will help keep all of our families safe, practising proper social distancing.

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Please also note that all 'lates' are recorded by the office and Mrs Bell (Assistant Head) is informed. Late marks can result in parents receiving fines from Lancashire County Council.

Children arriving 15 minutes after their designated time must report to the office so that a late mark can be recorded and the time of arrival noted.

If a child arrives 25 minutes after their designated time without an adult explanation, an unauthorised absence is recorded.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - ATTENDANCE**

Please notify the office if your child is not attending the After School Club on the evening you have them booked in. This will help the club maintain an accurate register and save them time chasing up children who have been booked in, but have not attended.

If your child is regularly collected late without a valid reason being communicated to the school office, they will be placed in the after school club from 3.30pm and parents will be charged.

Please contact Janet Corless on 07931414360 after 3.10pm.

### **CYCLING HELMETS ARE ESSENTIAL!**

Please ensure your child is wearing a helmet if they are cycling to school. All children in Year 6 are very aware of the need for protective headgear as part of their bicycle training, particularly when cycling on roads.

### **ILLNESS POLICY**

Please can you ensure that children only return to school 48 hours after the last time they have vomited or had diarrhoea as we have had children sent to school earlier than this causing further incidences of illness.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

Unfortunately, we do not offer meals if arrears build up to more than £25. Parents are welcome to pay in advance for their children's meals through **ParentPay** to avoid this occurring.

### **JEWELLERY – NO EARRINGS PLEASE**

**Please could all parents please ensure that earrings are removed each day at school.** The school has a no jewellery policy to ensure your children can play a full part in their PE sessions and to ensure that they have no accidental or avoidable injuries whilst in school. The school follows strict national guidance, which states that no child can take part in PE wearing these.

### **DO YOU QUALIFY - FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

If you feel that you qualify for free school meals and are in receipt of any form of family support, please contact Lancashire's Pupil Access Team on 01772 531809.

### **REPORTING A CHILD ABSENT**

**Please do not report your child's absence on Class Dojo** as this is designed for sharing children's learning. Instead, please ring the school and leave a reason for the absence on the answer machine. Alternatively, you can report your child's absence via email to [shodgson@wldps.com](mailto:shodgson@wldps.com) or [cdobson@wldps.com](mailto:cdobson@wldps.com) Thank you.

### **CURRENT TRIPS & PAYMENTS AVAILABLE TO PAY ON PARENTPAY**

The following items can be paid for on Parentpay –

Nursery Fees

Lunch payments

Yours sincerely,  
C J Shields

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Early Years classes attending full time Morning & After School Club reopening
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Manatee Class – Bikes & helmets should be brought to school
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Manatee Class – Bikes & helmets should be brought to school
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Bison Class – Bikes & helmets should be brought to school Governor Meetings – Resources Committee 5pm Curriculum Committee 6pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Bison Class – Bikes & helmets should be brought to school
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Governor's Appraisal Meeting 4pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Half term break
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccinations – Whole school
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Adrian Bowden's Science Show
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Adrian Bowden's Science Show

## SUPER PUPILS

Congratulations to our "Super Pupils" from last week:

- Bison Class –
- Manatee Class-
- Falcon Class-
- Eagle Class –
- Jaguar Class –
- Leopard Class-
- Loris Class-
- Kakapo Class-
- Gorilla Class-
- Orangutan Class-
- Elephant Class--
- Rhinoceros Class-

