



# Walton-le-Dale

## Wednesday Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

### MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Please can all parents make every effort to properly social distance on the infant playground, especially under the canopy, and around the gate as you arrive, and depart. We fully appreciate the difficulty for all parents wishing to leave quickly, but ask that patience and real care be taken to remain 2m apart.

### WELFARE POSITION AVAILABLE

We are looking to employ an additional welfare assistant who would be willing to work in our infant building over the lunchtime period. This will specifically entail caring for the children, helping to serve them dinners, maintaining high levels of hygiene. The successful person will be required for at least 1 hour each day and the rate of pay will be £9.30 per hour. We are looking to appoint as soon as possible. If anyone would like to apply, please contact the main office for an application form. Many thanks.

### IMPORTANT – YOUR CHILD'S MEDICAL DETAILS

We are updating our systems to develop a higher level of awareness of our children's needs. If you have any medical concerns for your child, please ensure you complete this form. This includes current medication, allergies, etc. The form will take only a minute or two to complete and will be essential in helping all staff have the right level of knowledge to support your child's needs in school.

**Please use the link below to access and complete the form.**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexpGozNqDDixXi2k6EGroAg6pLORdl6EW3u0vX\\_j0bkww3vA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexpGozNqDDixXi2k6EGroAg6pLORdl6EW3u0vX_j0bkww3vA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### MENUS

The school menus for Reception and Years 1 to 6 are available on the school website.

### CONSIDERATION FOR RESIDENTS & PARENTS WHEN DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING

I regret to inform you that yesterday, two road incidents were reported to the school office. One involved parents stopping in the centre of the road to drop off their children causing a blockage to cars behind them at the start of the day. The second incident involved a parent blocking a resident's driveway and then almost knocking over a child cyclist whilst reversing and driving away. Unfortunately, the school relies completely on all parents modelling safe practise for members of our community.

### BIKEABILITY – YEAR 6 – NEXT WEEK

Next week our Year 6 children are receiving 2 days of safer bicycle coaching to prepare them for the future. Manatee Class will be cycling on Tuesday and Wednesday, Bison will be cycling on Thursday and Friday. Owing to the changeable weather, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as comfortably as possible with tracksuit bottoms, jumpers, coats etc. Uniform will not be required on the days that they will be undertaking Bikeability. All children are encouraged to take their bicycles home at the end of each day.

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## **MORNING & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING, CANCELLATIONS & PAYMENT POLICY**

As set out on the school website, from 1<sup>st</sup> October we require parents to give at least 4 weeks' notice if their child is to reduce their sessions or finish attending Breakfast/After School Club. Payment during these four weeks will be necessary and charged to your Parentpay account. This is essential, as the club must arrange their staffing in advance to ensure that correct ratios are in place when supervising the children. Please note that parents are charged for sessions booked whether attended or not.

## **TOY DONATIONS**

Breakfast and After School Club would welcome any donations of toys. Please give directly to the club or into the office. We will of course be cleaning all toys given to school.

## **PIANO LESSONS**

Mr. Thomas is starting piano lessons again in school and has a couple of spaces available. Lessons will be taking place on Friday afternoons and 20-minute individual lessons will be offered at the cost of £8 per lesson. If your child is interested in starting, please email Mr Reynolds on [jreynolds@wldps.com](mailto:jreynolds@wldps.com).

## **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. They are priced at £5 for each half hour lesson and lessons are bought in blocks by contacting the school office. This will then allow us contact you once we are aware of your interest.

## **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.

## **VISION SCREENING – YEAR 1**

Year 1 parents will have received a letter informing them that their child will be taking part in a Vision Screening Assessment. This will take place during the school day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020. If you **do not** wish your child to take part, please complete the reply slip and return to the secure box in the main entrance.

## **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.

## **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. Please contact Janet Corless on 07931414360 after 3.10pm.

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.

### **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.

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

The following items can be paid for on Parentpay –

Nursery Fees

Lunch payments

Breakfast Club

After School Club

Yours sincerely,

C J Shields

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Bison Class – Bikes & helmets should be brought to school
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Bison Class – Bikes & helmets should be brought to school
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Manatee Class – Bikes & helmets should be brought to school Governor Meetings – Resources Committee 5pm Curriculum Committee 6pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability for Manatee 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
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Vision Screening – Year 1

### **SUPER PUPILS**

Congratulations to our "Super Pupils" from last week:

Bison Class- Isabella

Manatee Class- Kieonie

Falcon Class- Lilybelle

Eagle Class- Alethea

Jaguar Class- Isaac

Leopard Class- Abhi

Loris Class- Leo



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Kakapo Class- Daisy

Gorilla Class- Molly

Orangutan Class- Hannah

Elephant Class- Megan

Rhinoceros Class- Ollly

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SCHOOL**



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**New term starts 24th Sept 2020**

**Age:** 4 - 18

**Day/Time:** Thursday

**Venue:** Lostock Hall Academy, Todd Lane North,  
Lostock Hall, Preston PR5 5UR

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