



# Walton-le-Dale

## Wednesday Weekly Newsletter

*"Through working together, the best is yet to come"*

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Dear Parents,

### MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Please ensure your child continues to bring their PE trainers or pumps when they are required for PE. From half term, we would like to invite children to bring a pair of tracksuit bottoms/leggings to wear with their uniform during their PE lesson as the weather becomes colder. These should be brought in on PE days only.

### YEAR 6 ADVENTURE RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO BOREATTON PARK

A visit has been provisionally booked for our Year 6 children to attend the ever popular annual visit to Boreatton Park, Shropshire. This is a fabulous experience for your Year 6 children, which is remembered for life. We are very keen to confirm this booking now to ensure that this visit can go ahead, avoiding a last minute rush - assuming that residential visits are once again permitted by the government .

The total cost of the visit is £215. You are welcome to pay this through Parentpay immediately if you wish.

This amount includes all food, transport, activities, accommodation and insurance for your child.

If you wish to pay for the visit in instalments, the first deposit and interim, payment will be **£70**. This is required by Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> November.

The next payment will be £50 and this will be expected by the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

The next payment will be £50 and this will be expected by the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The final payment of £45 must be paid by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**Should the trip need to be cancelled as a result of Lancashire or government regulations, all parents will receive a full refund before the end of the summer term.**

### ADMISSIONS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL DEADLINE

**If you are a Year 6 parent**, please ensure you have submitted your choice of secondary school to LCC before the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Applications made after this date will affect your child's entry to the school of their choice.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE – 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\\_j0bkvw3vA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexpGozNqDDixXi2k6EGroAg6pLORdl6EW3u0vX_j0bkvw3vA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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## AN INVITATION FROM THE PTFA

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and your children have settled back well into school life.

Our usual PTFA events have been on hold for a while now and the situation looks set to stay the same for some time to come. That said, we are still working behind the scenes to come up with some fun things for the children to do in the next half term and as we approach Christmas. I really hope we can still count on your support and have some fun in the process!

With the challenges we are experiencing currently, we are keen to hear your new and innovative ideas, helping us to continue our valuable work for the children of the school.

This year, we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting** on Zoom and would love to have you join us. **The meeting is scheduled for next week at 7.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. If you would like to find out more about how to support the school through the PTFA or would like to join us at the AGM, please email me on [wldps.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:wldps.ptfa@gmail.com)**

I hope to see you there and look forward to welcoming the children back to our fun events just as soon as we are able.

Kind regards,

**Stacey - PTFA Chair**

## FLU VACCINE CONSENT FORM – PARENTS PLEASE COMPLETE

Dear Parent,

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=119286&Type=FLU>

The vaccinations will take place at school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The link will close on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at midnight.

If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since September 2020 please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397, option 6.

Kind Regards,

Laura Wickstead

Immunisation Team

Telephone Number 07818561168 or 0333 3583397 option 6

## MENUS

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

## 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.

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## PRIORY INFORMATION FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS INTERESTED

Below are some links for information on our transition page, which parents and pupils may find helpful:

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/virtual-tour)

<https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/transition>

## BROWNEGDE ST MARYS HIGH SCHOOL



## BIKEABILITY – YEAR 6

Our Year 6 children are receiving 2 days of safer bicycle coaching to prepare them for the future. Manatee will be cycling this 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. **Cycle helmets are essential to allow your children to take part.**

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

As set out on the school website, 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 all sessions booked, whether they are attended or not.

## PIANO LESSONS

Mr. Thomas has started 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).

## 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.

### 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

YEAR 6 BOREATTON PARK - **£70 Deposit and interim payment** – payable by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Breakfast Club

After School Club

Yours sincerely,

C J Shields

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



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Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Adrian Bowden's Science Show
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Vision Screening – Year 1 Parents Evening- via Zoom
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening- via Zoom

### **SUPER PUPILS**

Congratulations to our "Super Pupils" from last week:

Bison Class- Minuki

Manatee Class- Jake

Falcon Class- Laurie

Eagle Class- Evy

Jaguar Class- Alfie

Leopard Class- Devon

Loris Class- Ethan

Kakapo Class- Evie

Gorilla Class- Leo

Orangutan Class-Rasha

Elephant Class- Tommy

Rhinoceros Class- Isabella