



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

Thank you very much for the donations offered this week towards our PTFA Christmas hampers. Please keep them coming. Today will be small games and Christmas stocking items, and tomorrow will be bottles such as wine. These should be placed safely in the plastic crates outside each classroom in the mornings.

VISION SCREENING CHECKS

These will take place for our Year 1 children today

VIRTUAL PARENTS' EVENINGS THIS WEEK – SOME HELPFUL GUIDANCE

For almost all classes, Wednesday and Thursday will be our Zoom Parent's Evenings. The most tricky part will be the technical side. Hopefully the below helps:

- 1: Please try and join another zoom meeting beforehand if possible, for your initial setup so you don't spend the slot sorting audio and video. Here is a link to test your audio and video: <https://zoom.us/test>
- 2: Please make sure the device you are connecting with is named as your child. Failing that, the name you used to book the parent's evening slot. Otherwise, it will be difficult for the teacher to know who is in the waiting room!
- 3: Please only join 5 minutes before your time slot. That way the teacher won't have 10 unknown names in the waiting room to try and sift through to find the right parent.
- 4: When you join, hearing your teacher is most vital. If you can't, please check the options for audio which are located at the bottom of your screen on most devices.
- 5: Your own audio may well ask you to allow 'internet audio' on the first join. Accept this. It then may default to 'mute'. Press unmute. As with all options, this is likely to be at the bottom (probably on the left).
- 6: After trying points 4 + 5, if either are not working, you can leave the meeting and rejoin. This fixes 90% of problems.
- 7: As long as you can still hear your teacher, you can find out what they say and anything else can be communicated through Dojo after the event (such as questions you might have). The teacher will have to move on to the next slot if there are still technical issues.

We hope you have a good experience during your virtual parents' evening!

THIS FRIDAY – DRESS AS YOU LIKE DAY FOR £1

Children are invited by the PTFA to come dressed in their preferred clothes on Friday 27th November for the price of £1 (cash to be brought in on the day). The PTFA are very grateful for all contributions and all proceeds will help the PTFA afford their planned events.

PTFA CHRISTMAS

Despite the difficulties our PTFA are having working around COVID, they are determined to keep working to provide some festive cheer!

Raffle

We are not able to hold our usual events, but we would love to offer you the chance to win a number of luxury and high quality hampers which we usually prepare at this time of year with your help. They will be well worth winning and usually last you well beyond Christmas. Raffle tickets are available via Parent Pay.

We would hugely appreciate your help with donating any items over the course of the week beginning the **23rd – 27th November**. All donations can be left in the green plastic trays left outside your classroom each morning during the week. We do not expect a donation each day, but whatever you can offer will be appreciated! These items will be stored and quarantined appropriately before being used.

Wednesday 25th will be used to collect small **GAMES** and Christmas **STOCKING ITEMS** (felt tips, crayons, pencils, colouring books, packs of cards, travel games etc.)

Thursday 26th will be used to collect bottles of **WINE or other bottled drinks**

Friday 27th – children will be invited to dress as they like for £1 (cash only, pay on the day)

If you have any question about the PTFA Christmas Events please email wldps.ptfa@gmail.com

TOY DONATIONS

The whole of Breakfast and After School Club would like to say a big thank you to all the families that have donated toys to them. It is very much appreciated.

They would welcome any more donations of toys. Please give directly to the club or into the office. We will of course be sterilising all toys given to school.

BAMBER BRIDGE SPORTS SHOP – SCHOOL UNIFORM

In response to the government lockdown announcement, the uniform shop has been temporarily been closed.

For any orders, queries or quotes please contact Julie on:

Facebook- Bamber Bridge Sports

Twitter- BamberBrigSports

Email- bamberbridgesports@gmail.com

Website- bamberbridgesports.com

For any orders of school wear, delivery can be arranged into school or by appointment from the shop.

Other items can be ordered using the above contacts and Julie can arrange for you to collect from the shop.

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

Year 6 Boreatton Park - interim payment

PTFA Events

Yours sincerely,

C J Shields

Monday 23 rd to Thursday 26 th November	PTFA collections of toiletries, sealed foods, small games and stocking fillers & wine
Wednesday 25 th November	Vision Screening – Year 1 Parents' Evening- via Zoom
Thursday 26 th November	Parents' Evening- via Zoom
Friday 27 th November	PTFA 'Dress As You Like' Day for £1
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children – optional £1 donation

SUPER PUPILS

Congratulations to our "Super Pupils" from last week:

Bison Class- Sasha

Manatee Class- Matilda

Falcon Class- James

Eagle Class- Khloe

Jaguar Class- Amelia

Leopard Class- Maizie

Loris Class- Felicity

Kakapo Class- Tommy

Gorilla Class- Lucas

Orangutan Class- Betty

Elephant Class- Lexi

Rhinoceros Class- Freya