



Walton-le-Dale

Wednesday Weekly Newsletter

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

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

We would like to welcome you and your children back to school after the long closure.

Our children have shown a mixture of feelings when returning to school this week, but we are very pleased that they have settled so quickly back into a routine. They are now enjoying their friends and teachers once again. It has been great to see their return and now our focus is on ensuring their well-being, physical health and that their learning is prioritised.

We are still operating as 'bubbles'. To help us remain fully open, it is most important that we all continue to follow COVID guidance. Please support us by encouraging, reminding and helping your children practise regular hand washing with soap.

It is also still essential that all parents wear masks on the school site and practise social distancing at the start and end of each school day. Please closely follow the staggered start and finish times, helping us reduce high numbers of parents on the school site at the same time.

Finally, it is very important that you let our office staff know of any positive cases within our school community and the need for our children to self-isolate.

FRIDAY REWARD FOR ALL CHILDREN

The children are to be congratulated for settling so well and so quickly back into school life this week. We would like to invite them to 'dress as they like' on Friday this week as a reward for their efforts.

IPADS LOANED TO FAMILIES

Thank you to all parents who have returned school iPads loaned for home learning. If you have not yet returned your loaned iPad, please do so as soon as possible as they are required in classes. These should be fully charged and wiped clean.

PREVENTING LATE DELIVERIES

Please ensure that packed lunches, water bottles and book bags arrive with your children at the very start of the day. This week we have had many parents making additional trips to school. From a COVID perspective, we need to keep this as low as possible.

LATERAL FLOW TESTING FOR HOUSEHOLDS – GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

The following people in England will have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing made available to them as schools and colleges reopen:

- staff of primary and secondary schools and colleges
- **adults in households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils** and college students
- adults in households, childcare and support bubbles of staff of primary and secondary schools and colleges

To obtain an order to be delivered or collected, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

You can receive 7 by post or up to 28 by going to the Walton-le-Dale Park & Ride test centre or alternatively Leyland Civic Centre Car Park / UCLAN Berkeley Street Car Park.

EARLY WARNING – LOCAL ELECTIONS – POLLING STATION

We are aware that three different elections are to take place simultaneously on **Thursday 6th May**. The school has been notified that it will be required by Lancashire County Council as a polling station and will unfortunately have to fully close for the day. Children will carry out online learning at home using Showbie.

TERMLY PROGRESS REPORTS

These will not occur at the end of this term as usual. We intend to assess our children in the final week this term (22nd-26th March) to determine the impact of home learning and how to help address gaps in their learning. Once these have taken place and our children's data is known, we shall arrange parent teacher meetings in June to report more fully on the progress made.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER

We still have places available in our Nursery for September 2021.

Our popular nursery accepts applications from the age of three, where they learn in a calm and nurturing environment, full of rich learning opportunities with caring staff. Our outdoor areas are large and now full of possibilities to engage your child.

Parents who are entitled to 30 hours, have these hours met by attending Monday to Thursday 8.30-3.15pm and Friday 8.30-11.30am.

Parents using their entitled 15 hours, have these met by attending either mornings or afternoons 5 days a week. Extra sessions cost £20.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Please phone the school office on 01772 335065 if you have any questions.

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CURRENT TRIPS & PAYMENTS AVAILABLE TO PAY ON PARENTPAY

The following may be paid for using Parentpay –

Nursery Fees

Lunch Payments

Breakfast Club Payments

After School Club Payments

Year 6 Boreatton Park - Second Payment - £50

(Currently, this Year 6 residential visit is still planned and intending to go ahead. If parents wish to add their children's name to the list, you are welcome to do so. Please contact the School office. Should the trip be cancelled, a full refund will be made available.)

Yours sincerely,

C J Shields

Friday 26 th March	Break for Easter Holidays
Monday 12 th April	Return to school – Summer Term
Tuesday 20 th April	Full Governors' Meeting 5.30pm
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday
Thursday 6 th May	School Closed- Local/Police Elections
Monday 31 st May – Friday 11 th June	Half Term Break
Monday 14 th June	Return to School
Monday 19 th July	Full Governors' Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 23 rd July	End of Term – 1.15pm

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-