



Walton-le-Dale

Wednesday Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

The PTFA have offered our children an 'Art Challenge' this term with the deadline for all entries being the 22nd March. The theme chosen is simply 'Spring/Easter'.

This piece can be created with any materials you have available, the more creative the better! These can include lego, items found in nature or any art materials you already own.

Your pieces can be uploaded to Showbie from Years 1 -6 and uploaded to Class Dojo for Nursery & Reception children.

Prizes will be awarded for winning entries.

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.

LATERAL FLOW TESTS VS. PCR TESTS

To help make sense of the use of these tests – the use of Lateral Flow Tests is purely for people who are asymptomatic (showing no symptoms). If you or your children are presenting with symptoms, please ensure you book yourselves in for a PCR test as soon as possible. **A lateral flow test will not be as reliable - the reason being that they are less sensitive.**

SAFER PARKING

It has been sad to note that I have been sent numerous photographs since we returned taken by members of the public and parents walking their children to school. These pictures have revealed some of our parents' cars parked very irresponsibly and even dangerously. Pedestrians and prams have been prevented from accessing pavements and some badly parked cars are seriously reducing the visibility to those walking to school and crossing the roads. The staggering of our start and finishing times should have generally improved this situation, but please do think and act considerately when parking your vehicle in the roads directly outside the school. To ensure this works for everyone, please park a little further out and walk the last part if you need to bring your children to school by car.

FOOD DELIVERY FOR THE EASTER BREAK – FREE SCHOOL MEALS

A delivery of food has been received from the local authority for the school to distribute and help the children of families qualifying for Free School Meals. If parents wish to collect a bag of food, they should come and collect these from the front entrance from today until next Wednesday.

HOME READING AND READ WRITE INC RESOURCES

Following the school closures both this term and over the last summer, a large number of books and resources were taken home but not returned. Please can I ask that parents look for and return these reading books so that they can be used in school again. It will also help us look at our stocks when ordering for the next year.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ATTENDANCE

If you have booked a place for your child at After School club and then choose to instead collect them at the end of the school day, please ensure you inform the school of this in advance. The After School club staff collect children from each classroom at the end of the day based on the registers created from the booking system, so to prevent any misunderstandings we need to know if you plan to collect your child from their class on a day when they are usually in After School club. You can either contact us by emailing cdobson@wldps.com or you can ring the school office on 01772 335065. Alternatively you can send a text to the After School Club manager.

PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons will be restarting this week on Thursday and Friday. Matthew Thomas will hopefully have already contacted each family receiving lessons this week.

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.

5 STARS!

Angela Cookson, our Lead School Kitchen Cook, is delighted to inform you that her kitchens have once again received a 5 Star hygiene and preparation rating following an inspection this week.

RETURN OF TROPHIES - INFANTS

As the term draws to a close next, we would like to request the return of the trophies awarded to children last Christmas. These are specifically the four infant trophies for English Writing, Mathematics, Music and Drama. Please deliver these back to your teachers.

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.

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 Due 22nd February

(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-