



Walton-le-Dale

Wednesday Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

The school will be closing for the Easter break this Friday and all children are to be collected at the usual time. The summer term will begin on Monday 12th April.

VIRTUAL EASTER DISCOVER CAMP

Lancashire County Council are offering all children aged 4-16 the opportunity to take part in an online activity programme over Easter called "Discover Camp" run by Youth Action. This will run 6th – 9th April and includes live daily online workshops/ activities to suit all ages. This is free and the sign up process is very simple:

- 1) Parents/ carers need to go online: <https://discovercamp.youthaction.org.uk>
- 2) Click on 'Sign Up'
- 3) Fill in the brief sign up form
- 4) You will receive an email confirmation

COVID ABSENCE REPORTING

If you have reported your child absent with any Covid symptoms please ensure you inform the School Office of the result of your child's PCR test, whether positive or negative, as soon as you receive it.

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.**

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.

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.

PTFA WALKING TRAIL

The PTFA has put together a Walking Trail around the local area! Children and their families can follow the clues & answer the questions as they complete the walk. We estimate the walk will take between 30-40 minutes depending on the age & walking speed of your family.

The trail is only £1 per family & all children who send in a completed trail with all the correct answers will receive a small prize when school reopens after the Easter break.

If you would like to purchase the PTFA Walking Trail, please complete this form, one entry per family.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJGeA5Sk0Yda7n5rVcodoUlghHBrsQr78YXWPx_7biSRUENA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Payment should then be made via Parentpay in the usual way. The trail clues will be emailed out upon completion of the below form and payment on Parentpay.

If you have any questions, please email wldps.ptfa@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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	Tempest photography – Year 6 and Reception photos 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
Friday 18 th June	Tempest photography – Class photos
Friday 25 th June	Year 6 depart for Boreatton Park
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- Lauren

Manatee Class- Albert

Falcon Class- Luke

Eagle Class- Dominik

Jaguar Class- Nathan

Leopard Class- Lola-Mae

Loris Class- Holly

Kakapo Class- Elena

Gorilla Class- Esme

Orangutan Class- Stanley

Elephant Class- Meryem

Rhinoceros Class- Jessica