



Walton-le-Dale

Wednesday Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

The school will be closed next Monday and Thursday owing to the Bank Holiday and the school being used as a polling station on Thursday. Our teachers hope to meet with all parents by Zoom on Thursday 6th May after successfully booking an appointment.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 2021-22

We are now taking bookings for Breakfast and After School club for the new academic year. If you would like to book your child into the Club from September, please complete a registration and booking form. This form is available from the After School Club manager or from the school office (please do not use the online form on our website, as this form is linked to the booking system for our current academic year.)

Places will be offered on a first come first served basis so please complete and return your booking form to the school office as soon as possible to ensure you get the sessions you want. We will confirm your place in writing.

Prices will remain the same as the current year. Our full terms and conditions are on our school website.

SUMMER CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take the time to look at the parent questionnaire accessible through the link below.

<https://forms.gle/oJ6mmMtg4vjgirH39>

Plans are being prepared to hold a summer club at the start of the summer break starting on the 26th July. This will be available for the first two weeks of the break only. We are interested in hearing if this will be of interest to you and are keen to read your responses. The club will run and function with activities, just as our Before & After School Club runs each day. We also hope to be able to offer swimming provision during each week it is open. Please complete the questionnaire as this will help us to plan.

YEAR 1 – 'BRING YER WELLIES'

Year 1 are planning to visit 'Bring Yer Wellies' in Hoghton. Rhino class will attend on Tuesday 29th June and Elephant Class will attend the day after on Wednesday 30th June. This visit is linked to the children's Science, Geography and Design Technology curriculum. A letter and consent form has been sent home today.

A NEW TEACHER FOR CHINCHILLA CLASS

We would like to welcome Mrs Bailey to Walton-le-Dale Primary School. Mrs Bailey will be teaching in Chinchilla class whilst Miss Stanley is on maternity leave.

PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATION DAY – POLLING DAY THURSDAY 6TH MAY

As you are now aware, the school will be closed on Thursday 6th May owing to Lancashire County Council requiring the school premises as a polling station. We would like to take advantage of this day and invite you to book an appointment with your teacher to discuss your child's attainment following the last school closure.

I hope that the additional time on the 6th May will allow you the opportunity to hold a more informed discussion with your child's teacher. You have been sent a text and/or email from the school office allowing you to make an appointment from a selection of times that will span across the day on 6th May. These meetings will be held by Zoom, just like the last parent-teacher meetings. During the course of this week, you will also be sent information using Class Dojo by your child's teacher regarding your child's most recent results for you to look at before your meeting.

As result of this, children will have home learning tasks set on Thursday 6th May during their day out of school, but will not be able to contact their teachers.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF TERM DATES – SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021

Following the governors' meeting last evening, I would like to highlight a change of dates at the start and end of our Autumn Term. The new term will now start on Friday 3rd September and finish on Tuesday 21st December at 1.15pm. This is now displayed clearly on our website under **Essentials>Term Dates**. I very much hope that this will not inconvenience any of our families. The change has had to be made to allow time for essential staff training that could not take place earlier, owing to national Covid restrictions. Following this change, the children will still be attending school for the correct number of days this year.

HOMEWORK UPDATE FOR PARENTS

In light of the lockdowns, we have adapted our Homework Policy to best fit with the core learning needed in each year group. Digital Wings subscriptions have also been updated to reflect this.

To find out what is expected for your child's year group, please visit: www.wldps.com/learning/homework

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 1 Educational Visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies'

Year 6 Boreatton Park PGL

Yours sincerely,

C J Shields

Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday
Thursday 6 th May	School Closed- Local/Police Elections
Monday 24 th May	Year 5/6 Sports Day 10.30am Year 1/2 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tuesday 25 th May	Year 3/4 Sports Day 10.30pm
Friday 28 th May	Sport Day Races 1.30pm
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 1pm
Tuesday 29 th June	Visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies' in Hoghton-Rhino
Wednesday 30 th June	Visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies' in Hoghton- Elephant
Monday 19 th July	Full Governors' Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 23 rd July	End of Term – 1.15pm
Friday 3 rd September	Start of Autumn Term

SUPER PUPILS

Congratulations to our "Super Pupils" from last week:

Bison Class- Jake

Manatee Class- Lucas

Falcon Class- Sophie

Eagle Class- Emily

Jaguar Class- Luke

Leopard Class- Evie

Loris Class- Billy

Kakapo Class- Ava

Gorilla Class- Sienna

Orangutan Class- Aiza

Elephant Class- Bella

Rhinoceros Class- Henry