



# Walton-le-Dale

## Wednesday Newsletter

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### PARENT GOVERNOR POSITION

I would like to let parents know that there is a governor vacancy. If any parents are interested in contributing their time to this role, please contact the office to speak to Mr. Shields or Mrs. Dobson.

This position would involve one or two shorter meetings each term and a full governing body meeting towards the end of each term. These normally add up to approximately 3-4 hours each term in total.

### FOOTBALL CLUB COMPETITIONS

Children will be selected and be asked to represent their school at the Chorley School Sports Partnership Event which is beginning on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 4-6pm. This will be held for four successive weeks at the same venue which will be **Westway Sports Hub, PR7 6DJ**. The surface for playing will be AstroTurf, so trainers or boots with stippled grip or shorter studs will be best for this surface.

If there are any parents that are interested and available to support our football training after school or able to offer lifts to children on Thursdays after school, please contact Mr. Shields - [cshields@wldps.com](mailto:cshields@wldps.com) or Mr. Aguilar – [iaguilar@wldps.com](mailto:iaguilar@wldps.com)

### MEET THE TEACHER MEETING

We would like to invite you to a ‘Meet the Teacher’ meeting to get to know your child’s teacher and learn more of what your children will be learning over the course of this year. Details involving homework expectations will also be shared. Your teachers will soon be in touch using Class Dojo to provide you with a link and details to attend this meeting next week. This has previously taken place in school, but we would like to offer this alternative for obvious reasons. It will help enormously if you can download Microsoft Teams to enable you access to the meeting.

### SWIMMING HATS AND GOGGLES

We have been inundated with demand for our swimming hats and are now out of stock. All children, however, will require a hat to swim in school lessons and during after school club lessons. We shall allow children to swim this week only without a hat, if they have not been able to acquire one yet. This will allow you time to obtain a hat elsewhere before next week. The school is currently ordering new stock and hats will be available in the future weeks at the new price of £3.50. This price increase is a result of the increase in cost for the school to purchase them.

If you require your child to wear goggles, a form can be obtained from the school office. Once completed, this form must be returned to the school office.

### WATER POLO CLUB - WEDNESDAYS AT 6.30PM

Following the success over the summer break with our swimming and water polo sessions, parents and children have requested that these continue. I am pleased to let you know that Justin will be available to deliver a Water Polo Club on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. This club will run for 9 weeks starting 15<sup>th</sup> September and will cost £45. The full amount must be paid before the first lesson. Please note payment is non-refundable. If you are interested in

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your child taking up these sessions, please contact the office for availability. These sessions are to be for confident swimmers only.

### **SCHOOL COUNCILLORS – PLEASE HELP**

We would soon like to rebuild our school council team and would appreciate you talking to your children about applying for this position within their class. In the past, we have asked the children who have shown an interest in becoming a councilor to make a **short** speech to their classmates on how they think they can improve our school. The successful applicant is then voted for democratically by their classmates based upon the ideas they have shared. If you can speak to your child about this class position, it would be appreciated. We expect to have school councillors elected for each class by the end of September. With projects, such as the swimming pool, to be undertaken this academic year, we hope to involve the elected children in projects such as this.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS**

We intend to start all extra-curricular clubs towards the end of September or at the start of October. Please click on the link below if your child would like to take part in any of the options offered. Clubs may vary later in the year allowing different ages to take part and as new activities are introduced. We hope your children thoroughly enjoy taking part in the activities on offer with their classmates.

<https://forms.gle/iZhguBW5pFmHzurN6>

### **YEAR 2 HEARING TEST**

Hearing test letters were sent home last week. Please sign and return the consent slip to school (secure deposit box) if you are happy for this test to go ahead.

### **YEAR 1 VISION SCREENING**

Vision Screening letters have been sent home this week. The Vision Screening will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. If you do not want your child to have the Vision Screening please return the slip directly to the office.

### **PGL BOREATTON PARK – YEAR 6**

Children in Year 6 are given the opportunity to go on an outdoor pursuits holiday to PGL Boreatton Park, Shropshire. They enjoy many exciting activities, such as abseiling, climbing, high ropes, kayaking, raft building, archery and initiative & survival exercises. We believe that the combination of educational, physical and social skills which the children develop through this trip make it an extremely worthwhile part of the children's final term at Walton le Dale Primary School.

Apart from considering the merits of such a holiday, you need to know that a provisional booking for next year's trip has been made for **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The cost of the long weekend will be **£190**, which covers all activities, meals, travel and insurance. Children will only need **old** clothes and a little spending money.

We need to ascertain the number of parents who seriously wish their child to go on the trip before confirming the booking. The payments for the trip can be spread over 6 months, although some deadlines must be met for us to qualify for discounts. **All payments should be made using Parentpay.**

At this stage, we need to confirm how many places to book, so if you wish your child to go on the trip and can meet the payment deadlines then please give your consent by paying the initial deposit of £70 on Parent Pay by 24th September. Unfortunately if payment deadlines are not met, places will be lost.

## BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 2021/22

We are taking bookings for Breakfast and After School Club for the 2021-22 academic year. If your child needs a place, please complete the booking form, which can be collected from the School Office or printed from the school website. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

## TOY DONATIONS

Breakfast and After School Club would welcome any donations of toys. Please give directly to the club or into the office.

## 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

PGL Boreatton Park (for the new Year 6 classes)

Yours sincerely,

C J Shields

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Children Full Time
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Harvest Collection Day – Bring dried and long-life foods Football Team Competition – Central Venue 4-6pm Westway Sports Hub PR7 6DJ
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Governors' Resources Meeting 5pm Governors' Curriculum Meeting 6pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Football Team Competition – Central Venue 4-6pm Westway Sports Hub PR7 6DJ
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Football Team Competition – Central Venue 4-6pm Westway Sports Hub PR7 6DJ
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Football Team Competition – Central Venue 4-6pm Westway Sports Hub PR7 6DJ
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Football Team Competition – Central Venue 4-6pm Westway Sports Hub PR7 6DJ
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Break for half term at 3.20pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	British Legion Assembly with Michael Turner
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Virtual Parents' Evening (Parental Choice)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Face to Face Parents' Evening (Parental Choice)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Governors' Meeting 5.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Adrian Bowden Science Shows



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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Assessment Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Hobgoblin Theatre Company – King Arthur (performances for KS1 and KS2)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Class Parties
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	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-