



# Walton-le-Dale

## Wednesday Newsletter

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

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### MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

In line with recent guidance, all parents entering the school buildings must wear masks. This will apply at the front entrance, forthcoming brass assemblies, Reception Class Nativities and Celebration Assemblies. Please ensure you have a mask handy!

### SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022/23

The school term and holiday dates for the 2022/23 academic year have been approved by governors. These are published below and available on our website.

#### Autumn 2022

Starts: Monday 5 September 2022

Half term: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October 2022

Ends: Tuesday 20 December 2022 (School Closes at 1.15pm)

#### Spring 2023

Starts: Tuesday 2 January 2023

Half term: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2023

Ends: Friday 31 March 2023

#### Summer 2023

Starts: Monday 17 April 2023

May Day: Monday 1 May 2023 (School Closed)

Half term: Monday 29 May – Friday 9 June 2023

Ends: Friday 21 July 2023 (School Closes at 1.15pm)

### PTFA DISCOS

**Infant Disco: 5pm-6pm**

**Junior Disco: 6.30pm-7.30pm**

The PTFA are keen to organise another disco for your children and these will take place in the Junior Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Entry will be £3, which is only payable on the door. The cost of the ticket will allow your children a drink and a packet of crisps. You are welcome to send additional money with your child to enjoy the tuck shop. Please have the correct amount to help us get all children into the building as quickly as possible.

**Owing to this being our first disco for a while, parents are asked not to stay to attend the event with their children. Teachers and staff that are familiar will be present to supervise your children.**

Infant children will enter by the main junior entrance to purchase their ticket where they will be greeted by staff.

**At the end of the disco, parents of Nursery and Reception children will be invited to enter first to collect their children. Then parents of Year 1 will be invited and finally, Year 2. Please bring your mask.**

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## ON A VERY POSITIVE NOTE...AVA GIBSON

**Ava Gibson, in Jaguar Class is doing something very special for a member of her wider family.**

When Ava was watching the Pride of Britain Awards, she turned to her parents and asked if there was anything she could do to help Phoebe, a family member. Phoebe has dealt with two liver transplants whilst only being three years old.

Phoebe has been in and out of hospital all her life and has just spent the last 6 months leading up to and following the last operation.

The first transplant failed, but the second, from her Nana has been a success. Phoebe's mother, Lauren, has obviously had a tremendously challenging time supporting her through this and Ava felt that she could help make life a little better for them both by raising a little money. Her target was £100.

Ava has been going out every evening, in all weathers, to run a mile or so with her dad and her dog. As word has spread of her commitment to carry on doing this, she has now raised over £800 with other cash donations.

I personally think that this is a very impressive deed and shows how we can make a difference supporting each other.

Ava and her family would greatly appreciate any support you are able to offer. Well done Ava – fantastic effort!

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/forphoebe?utm\\_term=2g8aPBMVR](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/forphoebe?utm_term=2g8aPBMVR)

## SWIMMING POOL REDEVELOPMENT

We are excited to announce that our swimming pool is about to undergo a significant redevelopment. While the pool itself is an excellent learning facility the building is in need of replacement. The works will include removing the existing building and erecting a new building on the current site. We will also have new changing facilities and pool-side showers.

Due to the scale of the works, the swimming pool will be closed to all swimmers from January to March. We will keep you updated on the project as it progresses and will re-open the pool as soon as possible in the spring. We expect this facility to be an excellent addition to our school.

## HOLIDAY LUNCH CLUB CHRISTMAS 2021

The Communities Team at South Ribble have been supporting children across the borough with additional food provision during the school holidays and this will continue this Christmas too. **The team provide food parcels that are to support families on Free School Meals or low income. They will not be sending food parcels in to schools for Christmas 2021.** Instead, they will be allocating food parcels to the families that access the Holiday and Food Programme (HAF). For more information about the HAF locations please see the attached leaflet and book your child's place online: <https://www.southribble.gov.uk/haf2021>

It could not be easier to collect your parcels - you can pick yours up whilst the children are enjoying the HAF programme activity. You do not need to bring along any vouchers. Simply collect your parcel(s) from one of the team when you drop off or collect your child from the HAF activity. It is one parcel per school-aged child.

**If you have any queries about collecting food parcels from the Civic Centre instead please contact Sam on 01772 625590.**

## RUNNING CLUB

Running Club has now finished due to the darker evenings and bad weather. The club will restart in the Spring Term.

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## **TOY DONATIONS**

Breakfast/ After School Club would again welcome any donations of toys from parents. Please give directly to the Club or give in to the office.

## **PTFA CHRISTMAS HAMPERS – TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL 5PM FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER!**

Our amazing Christmas Hampers are back! And this year they're better than ever!

Thanks to your amazing generosity with donations so far, the PTFA Christmas Hampers will be absolutely packed with treats & goodies!

Tickets are available now on Parentpay. Buy as many as you like & don't forget to ask other family members if they'd like any tickets too!

Medium Hamper Tickets - £2 each (hamper value £20+)

Large Hamper Tickets - £3.50 each (hamper value £35+)

Luxury Hamper Tickets - £10 each (hamper value £60+)

Tickets will be sent home via your child & the lucky winners will be drawn on Wednesday 15th December.

**On sale now until 5pm on Friday 10th December!**

## **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY – LEMUR AND CHINCHILLA CLASSES**

Our Reception children would like to invite their parents to attend a Christmas Nativity, which will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Chinchilla will perform their nativity at 10am and Lemur Class will perform at 1.30pm. The event should last about an hour with the addition of photographs that parents may wish to take at the end. To allow social distancing to take place, tickets will have to be limited to two per child. These tickets will be sent home with your child.

## **IMPORTANT - MAKING THE SCHOOL AWARE OF NEW COVID CASES**

If you discover your child has Covid following either an LFD test or PCR test, please ensure that you let a member of the office or senior leadership team know as soon as possible. Some parents have recently taken to Class Dojo to inform teachers of new cases rather than the office, but this information may not be discovered quickly enough to react on, especially if messages are sent over a weekend.

During school hours, please send an email to the school office to either:

[shodgson@wldps.com](mailto:shodgson@wldps.com) or [cdobson@wldps.com](mailto:cdobson@wldps.com)

If you need to contact the school out of school hours or over the weekend:

[cshields@wldps.com](mailto:cshields@wldps.com) or [prichardson@wldps.com](mailto:prichardson@wldps.com)

## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or colourful jumper on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and bring a cash donation, suggested £1

## **CHILDREN ON SITE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

Children have been playing on site after school as late as 4pm. Please ensure that once your child is dismissed from class, they leave the school site - unless they are part of an approved school activity.

## PTFA - CHOOSE US AS YOUR AMAZON CHARITY

Experience feel-good shopping & earn money for the school!!

All you need to do is nominate WLDPS PTFA as your charity & shop on smile.amazon.com and they will donate to us, at no cost to you. Same account, same products, same prices, and same service. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. You only need to do this once & the rest is automatic!



## 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 – Year 6

Borwick Hall – Year 4

Yours sincerely,

C J Shields



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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Assessment Week
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Infant Disco 5 – 6pm PTFA Junior Disco 6.30 – 7.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Hobgoblin Theatre Company – King Arthur (performances for KS1 and KS2) PTFA Christmas Hamper Draw
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Breakfast with Santa 8am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Breakfast with Santa 8am PTFA Christmas Jumper Day – cash donation suggestion of £1 Class parties and entertainment
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term – 1.15pm

### SUPER PUPILS

Congratulations to our “Super Pupils” from last week:

Bison Class- Macie

Manatee Class-Sophia

Falcon Class- Nathan

Eagle Class-Hannah

Jaguar Class- George

Leopard Class- Noah

Loris Class- Stanley

Kakapo Class-Abdur-Rahman

Gorilla Class- Sophia

Orangutan Class- Isla

Elephant Class- Ella-Mae

Rhinoceros Class-William