



Walton-le-Dale

Wednesday Newsletter

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MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

School will be closing at 1.15pm this Friday. We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful summer break! We will all be returning on Monday 5th September refreshed and ready for a new year!

BOOK RETURNS

Can all parents and children return their library and home reading books before the end of this week. We wish to have a good look at their condition and restock these areas before the start of the September. Many thanks for this, your support is appreciated here.

MATHS TUTORING PACKAGE – 'TUTOR'

Tutor is set up and ready to be used for all children from the current Year 2 to Year 5! Children access with their regular Digital Wings usernames and passwords on: <https://www.wldps.com/learning/digital-wings>

We believe that with regular use, Tutor will help your child reach their potential, whether they need gaps filling from missing school over the last 2 years or to help them to excel. Real expert Maths teachers guide your child in pre-recorded videos. Your child just need paper and pencil to help themselves. They then take a quiz on what they have learnt. If successful, they move on. If not, they can either retake the quiz or go back to the video support. In school, this is where an adult would jump in to support.

For the class who use Tutor most over the summer holiday, they will get a pizza party when we return! From September it will become a key part of our homework, viewed: <https://www.wldps.com/learning/homework>

SUMMER SWIMMING COURSE

Our summer swim course is back! Following the success of our intensive summer course last year, on 10th, 11th & 12th August we are offering a set of 3 lessons over 3 days for £20. This intensive swimming course is designed to help your child make quick progress, develop their skills and improve their water confidence. Each class will cater for a different age group and ability, so whether your child already swims regularly or has never visited our pool before, there is a class suitable for them. Further information on the ability levels for each class is provided on our website. To secure your place visit our online booking site <https://bookwhen.com/wldswimschool> and search for "Summer swim" classes. Please check you are able to attend all 3 sessions to ensure your child gets the most out of the course. Bookings are non-refundable.

PARENTPAY - PLEASE CLEAR ALL DEBTS

As we are approaching the end of the year it is essential that all debts are paid in full before Friday 22nd July. Parents should not allow their Parent Pay account to go into debt for lunches, Before/After school club or Nursery. All debts have a negative impact on the budget the school has available to spend on educational resources so we would ask that all payments are kept up to date. Thank you for your co-operation.

VISIT TO FRANCE 2023

We are very enthusiastic about developing the cultural awareness of our children, along with nurturing a positive attitude towards learning new languages. Following the success of our school's French trip to St Omer in 2018, we are looking to repeat this visit during the Easter holidays next year. French is the primary language that we teach in Key Stage Two, and we would welcome the opportunity to take a group of year 5 and 6 children to France during the year. The trip will be organised through NST, a tour operator with fifty years of experience planning trips alongside schools. The dates for the trip are Thursday 30th March – Sunday 2nd April 2023 and travel would be by coach and ferry. The cost will be £330 per pupil. This includes all accommodation, travel, insurance, food and outings. Further information on the trip and the payment schedule has been emailed to parents.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come/first serve basis. If you would like your child to attend this trip and they will be in Year 5 or 6 in March 2023, please book a place by paying the non-refundable deposit of £100 and provide consent on Parentpay. Bookings will open on Parentpay on 1st August 2022.

If you have already paid the deposit for PGL but would prefer your child to go on the France trip instead please contact the office before 1st August to discuss this.

YEAR 5 – PGL VISIT IN YEAR 6 - JUNE 2023

When children are in Year 6 they are given the opportunity to go on an outdoor pursuits holiday to Boreatton Park, Shropshire. They enjoy many exciting activities, such as abseiling, climbing, kayaking, raft building, archery and initiative 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. A provisional booking for next year's trip has been made for **Friday 23rd June – Monday 25th June 2023**. The cost of the long weekend will be **£228**, which covers all activities, meals, travel and insurance. Children will only need old clothes and a little spending money.

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 non-refundable deposit of £70 on Parent Pay by 1st August 2022.

ARRIVAL AND COLLECTION TIMES NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR – SEPTEMBER 2022

From September, the start and end times of our day are to change slightly following a recent directive regarding time spent learning in school provided by the Department for Education.

Nursery doors will continue to open for children at 8.30am.

Reception Class starts at 8.45am.

Children arriving after 8.55am must report to the main office so that a late mark can be recorded and the time of arrival noted.

Nursery collection is at 3.15pm

Reception Class collection is at 3.15pm

Year 1 & 2 doors will open at 8.45am. Registers close and doors will be locked at 8.55am.

Children arriving after 8.55am must report to the main office so that a late mark can be recorded and the time of arrival noted.

Collection is at 3.15pm.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 doors will open at 8.40am.

Registers close and doors will be locked at 8.50am.

Children arriving after 8.50am must report to the main office so that a late mark can be recorded and the time of arrival noted.

Collection will remain at the same time 3.20pm.

Children not collected by 3.30pm will be entered into the After School Club for that day and parents will be charged accordingly.

SCHOOL DINNERS FROM SEPTEMBER

From September, school dinners will be priced at £2.60 per meal for our junior children. Do please contact the office if you wish your child to take advantage of a cooked dinner in the autumn term. Our menus are regularly updated on the school website and all meals are prepared from fresh on the school site each day.

SCHOOL DINNERS FOR CHILDREN MOVING FROM YEAR 2 TO YEAR 3

This message is to make all Year 2 parents aware that when your children move up to Year 3, they will need to either bring in a packed lunch or you are welcome to order school lunches for your child. School meals will be priced at £2.60 from September 2022. These meals are freshly prepared on our own school site each day and are provided by Lancashire Catering Service staff. Menus are regularly posted on our website for you to see the variety that we offer. All meals are payable via Parentpay.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Year 6 children in September (current Year 5) will require collared white shirts rather than polo T-shirts and ties. Ties are on sale at the uniform shop at Bamber Bridge Football Club.

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 trip to Level

PGL visit in June 2023

Wednesday 20 th July	Leavers Assembly Reception trip to Blackpool zoo
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers trip
Friday 22 nd July	End of summer term 1.15pm

SUPER PUPILS

Congratulations to our "Super Pupils" from last week:

Bison Class- Lexie

Manatee Class- Alethea

Falcon Class- Layton

Eagle Class- Ruby

Jaguar Class- Theo

Leopard Class- Thomas

Loris Class- Ernesto

Kakapo Class- Sebastian

Gorilla Class- Bella

Orangutan Class- Lewis



Elephant Class- Olivia

Rhinoceros Class- Josie