



Walton-le-Dale

Wednesday Weekly Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents,

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

A plea by our Early Years staff for Reception children's aged games to be donated. Can you help?

Games such as **Hungry Hippos, Snakes and Ladders, magnetic fishing games, Operation, Frustration, Buckaroo, Guess Who, Connect Four, Pop Up Pirates** are all examples of really great games if you have no further need for them

CHOIR

Unfortunately, there will be no choir this week on Friday 19th October.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Halloween Disco will take place tomorrow Thursday 18th October in the KS2 Hall. Tickets are £3 and available on the door only. The infant disco will start at 5pm and finish at 6pm. The junior disco will start at 6.30pm and will finish at 7.30pm. Please can all parents pick up their children promptly at the stated finishing times.

DRAMA CLUB

This will continue as usual before the disco is set to start.

BOOK BAGS

We would appreciate water bottles not be placed in book bags as we have had numerous cases of bottles leaking and ruining books. Thank you for your support in this.

PARENTS' EVENING- YEAR 1-6

Parents' Evening takes place this year on **Wednesday 7th November**. The evening will give you the chance to see the work your child has been doing and the progress they have made. It will also give your child's teacher the opportunity to share with you the targets set for your child, and how you can support your child's continued progress. Please choose the time most convenient to you and return the slip found at the end of the Parents Evening letter by **Friday 19th October**. We look forward to meeting you and discussing the development of your child. If there are any particular points you would like to raise, or would like to discuss any matters with myself, please make a note on the reply slip.

SWIMMING POOL

Our independent swimming provider, **IATD Fitness Limited**, will no longer be providing lessons at our pool at the weekends or evenings as of the end of October. I would like to confirm however that swimming lessons will be continuing as usual to all existing swimmers from the 1st November onwards. Tuition will continue under the swimming academy '**AquaStars**' with whom I am confident will provide you with a really great service.

Posters and signage will be put up this month to make all interested parents aware of the necessary details to contact AquaStars. All emails that I receive from parents will be forwarded to them so that you can communicate with them directly.

AquaStars Swim Academy is an established swim school who offer private swimming lessons to children from 3 years of age at a reasonable price.

The price of swimming lessons will be £55 per term (a term being 10 weeks long and consisting of 30 minute lessons)

There will be a £5 discount for the first term!

AquaStars offers you experienced water based swimming instructors.

To book, please contact rae@aquastarsswimacademy.co.uk

www.aquastarsswimacademy.co.uk Call Rae for any further information on: 07850468650

SPONSORSHIP OF SPORTING TEAM KITS

We are struggling to equip our sporting teams (as we have so many) with team kits for the various tournaments that we enter such as netball, rugby, football, athletics and cricket. We are really looking for any parents who own a business or work for businesses in the community that are interesting in sponsoring our team kits and having your business names printed on any sponsored kit. This would be much appreciated! Please let Mr Shields know if you are interested in helping us.

JEWELLERY – NO EARRINGS PLEASE

Please could all parents please ensure that earrings are removed from their children's ears each day at school. The school has a no jewellery policy to ensure your children can play a full part in their PE sessions and to ensure that they have no accidental injuries whilst in school. The school follows strict national guidance which states that no child can take part in PE wearing these.

CHILDREN'S COATS

Please ensure your child has a named coat in school every day. The temperature has dropped recently and we have experienced a few rainy days this term, but children are still expected to have their playtime outside unless the weather is particularly severe i.e. heavy rain.

VOLUNTEERS – READING TO CHILDREN

If you are interested in helping in school, we would very much appreciate your time if you are free to assist on a regular basis? We are primarily keen to have support with reading (with our youngest children) to ensure that they have regular opportunities. This support makes a huge difference to the progress that our children make and we would love to have you visit us. We also require help when we arrange numerous educational visits out of school. Please contact the office if you would be interested in this as we would love to hear from you!

SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS – RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 & YEAR 3 CHILDREN

Please could all parents whose children benefit from swimming lessons pay £12 each term through Parentpay. This term's payment is now due. This contribution is absolutely vital to maintain these lessons. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

JUJITSU CLUB VACANCIES – NIPPON UK

There has been a super take up and the club is almost full. There are one or two spaces available if you are still interested? Please let the office know if you are.

DIGITAL WINGS CURRENT TECHNICAL ISSUES

If you do experience any technical problems with our chosen educational packages within the Digital Wings section of our website, there is a web page named '*Digital Wings Current Technical Issues*' within the **Learning** tab which alerts you if the school is already aware of the problem and explains the issue. If you find that your problem is not listed on the website, please make us aware by getting in touch. Many thanks for this.

CLUBS

Mondays - HITT Workout – Junior Hall – 3.10 – 4.00pm (Mrs Wade & Miss Stevens) **starting W/B 24th September**

Mondays – Weaving for Year 3 – To occur in Orangutan Class Year 2 – 3.10 – 4.00pm (Mrs Hocking)

Mondays - Sewing for Year 5 & 6 – 3.10 – 4pm (Mrs Ormerod)

Mondays - Football for Years 5 & 6 initially – 3.10 – 4.15pm (Mr Moat)

Tuesdays – Jujitsu– All Years – 3.15 – 4.15pm (Nippon UK – Sensei Mark)

Tuesdays- Social Skills- Year 3 & 4- 3.10-4.00pm (Mrs Smith)

Wednesdays – Tag Rugby Club – Juniors – 3.10 – 4.20pm (Mr Johnson)

Wednesdays – Chinese Language – Years 6 initially – 3.15 – 3.45pm (Mrs Berry)

Thursdays – Drama Club –Y4 to Y6 – (Miss Keelan)

Thursdays – Internet Café – Juniors – 3.10 – 4.15pm (Mr Richardson)

Fridays – Choir – Y3 to Y6 – 3.10 – 4.00pm (Mr Shields)

CHILDREN DUE TO START HIGH SCHOOL - APPLICATIONS

Parents of children in Year 6 may like to take note that the deadline for applications for your choice of high school is the **31st October**. To apply online, www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

Applications for **primary schools** will have to be made by the **15th January 2019**.

REPORTING A CHILD ABSENT

Please do not report your child's absence on Class Dojo as this is designed for sharing children's learning. Instead please ring the school and leave a message on the answer machine. Alternatively you can report your child's absence via email to shodgson@wldps.com or aarmstrong@wldps.com. Thank you.

THE READING CLOUD

Our infant and junior children have been introduced to our new '**Reading Cloud**' library platform. This is to be found within **Digital Wings** – (www.wldps.com/digitalwings). Your child will need their login details for digital wings to access the **Reading Cloud**. (This will be wld + first name & first letter of surname in most cases e.g. **wldmatthewt**.) Your child will then have their own password, which they hopefully should already know! Infants can also login and will be guided through the platform this week. Reading Cloud is a very effective method of getting our children interested in different authors and new books. It allows them to reserve books they like within our own library and download over **1000+ eBooks**, which we have subscribed to this year and even allows the children to ask the school to buy books they are interested in but we do not already have! They can spend time at home making their profile and avatar to use to identify them when using Reading Cloud. Please have a look at this with your children as it is really impressive and used regularly will do much to help your children develop a love of reading and read more! Children will be returning books independently in their classes using scanners and thumbprint scanners in the library to take out books. We hope to invite you to an 'official launch' session allowing you to see this new resource in action soon.

CURRENT TRIPS AVAILABLE TO PAY ON PARENTPAY

The following items can be paid on ParentPay –

Brass tuition - £42 due for this half term

Year 4 - Borwick Hall – to be paid in full by 28th September

China - monthly payments of £84 to be paid in full by February 2019

Nursery Fees

Lunch payments

Swimming lessons- Reception to Year 3 £12.00 per term/ £36 for the year

Yours sincerely,

C. Shields

Wednesday 17 th October	Year 5 Clitheroe Castle Visit
Thursday 18 th October	PTFA Halloween Disco – Infants 5 – 6pm/ Juniors 6.30 – 7.30pm Reception class Stay and Play- 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th October	Half term break
Monday 29 th October	High Fives (Netball) Tournament – Lostock Hall Academy Borwick Hall Year 4 Parents' Meeting – 5pm Nursery trip to the woods
Tuesday 30 th October	Nursery trip to the woods
Thursday 1 st November	Parent Open Day – 9.30 – 12.00
Monday 5 th November	Bonfire Special Dinner High Fives (Netball) Tournament – Lostock Hall Academy

Wednesday 7 th November	Parents' Evening
Monday 12 th November	High Fives (Netball) Tournament – Lostock Hall Academy
Wednesday 14 th November	Heart Start for Year 6 AM
Tuesday 20 th November	Borwick Hall, Lake District, Residential for Year 4 – Departure 12pm
Wednesday 21 st November	Borwick Hall -Year 4 arrive home at approximately 6pm Heart Start for Year 6 AM
Monday 26 th November	PTFA Christmas Craft session – 3.15 – 4.30pm
Thursday 29 th November	Year 6 visit to Chester Zoo (proposed)
Wednesday 5 th December	Year 5 & 6 Athletics Event – Lostock Hall Academy
Thursday 6 th December	PTFA Christmas Disco - Infants 5 – 6pm/ Juniors 6.30 – 7.30pm
Monday 10 th December	PTFA Christmas Games Night 6pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Governor Resources Committee – 5pm Governor Curriculum Committee – 6pm
Thursday 13 th December	Nativity Performance 10-11am or 2-3pm
Monday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18 th December	PTFA Breakfast with Santa – 8am (proposed) Junior Carol Service – Brownedge St Mary's Church
Wednesday 19 th December	PTFA Breakfast with Santa 8am (proposed) Christmas Pantomime – Cinderella – Preston Charter Theatre Nursery Christmas Party
Thursday 20 th December	Infant Entertainment Party –AM Junior Entertainment Party - PM
Friday 21 st December	Hobgoblin Theatre Company to present 'The Snow Queen' Infants 9am/Juniors 10.30am End of term 1.15pm
Monday 7 th January	Return to school – Spring Term
Tuesday 26 th February	Nursery trip to a farm
Friday 29 th March	Mother's Day Tea Party
Friday 14 th June	Nursery Father's Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Nursery Sports Day 10-11am or 1.30-2.30pm
Friday 5 th July	Year 6 children depart for Boreatton Park
Monday 8 th July	Year 6 children return from Boreatton park
Wednesday 10 th July	Nursery Trip to the Seaside
Wednesday 19 th July	Nursery Art Gallery
Tuesday 23 rd July	Nursery Party Day

SUPER PUPILS

Congratulations to our "Super Pupils" from last week:

Bison Class – Lexie

Manatee Class-

Falcon Class-Sophia

Eagle Class – Marley

Jaguar Class –Sasha

Leopard Class-Finley

Loris Class- Neve

Kakapo Class-Charlie

Gorilla Class- Emelia

Orangutan Class-George

Elephant Class-Jack

Rhinoceros Class-Sia

PTFA HALLOWEEN PARTY



FOUNDATION AND KS1 5-6PM

KS2 6.30-7.30PM

£3.00 PER TICKET

INCLUDES A DRINK AND BAG OF CRISPS

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

PRIZE FOR BEST HALLOWEEN OUTFIT

Thursday 18th October



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SCHOOL & ACADEMY PLACES – SEPTEMBER 2019

**Do you have a child due to start
Primary or Secondary School / Academy
in September 2019?**

Do you live in Lancashire?

Apply for a school or academy place online at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 and/or if your child is in his or her last year of primary school from 3rd September 2018. You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school or academy.
Non-Lancashire residents must approach their home Local Authority.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

SECONDARY 31 OCTOBER 2018

PRIMARY 15 JANUARY 2019

Please read the admission arrangements carefully for the schools you are interested in applying to. These can be found on our website and/or obtained from the schools.

If transport is a consideration,
please view the home to school transport policy arrangements
at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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