



# Walton-le-Dale

## Wednesday Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

### MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Thank you for all your harvest donations. The junior children have taken a massive amount of food that you have generously donated to the church today as part of their assembly in St Aidan's Church. Your support is very much appreciated by the school and local community.

### AUTUMN/ WINTER MENU

The new Autumn Winter menu will be sent home this week. The new Menu will start when we return to school after half term on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that the school menu is also uploaded to the school website each week.

### LANCASHIRE EVENING POST PHOTO- RECEPTION CLASS.

Please can all LEP first day photo forms be returned to school by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### PARENTS' EVENING- YEAR 1-6

Your child will bring home today a letter regarding parents evening, which 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 letter by **Friday 26th 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.

### INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GROUP PHOTOS

The Tempest Photography team were in school yesterday taking photographs of siblings and individual children. We will supply you with the proofs in order for you to make a decision as soon as they arrive.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:rae@aquastarsswimacademy.co.uk)

[www.aquastarsswimacademy.co.uk](http://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.

## OPEN DAYS FOR SOUTH RIBBLE HIGH SCHOOLS & ACADEMIES – FYI Y5 & Y6

Penwortham Girls High School – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 6.15-8pm

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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)

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 **31<sup>st</sup> October**. To apply online, [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools).

Applications for **primary schools** will have to be made by the **15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:shodgson@wldps.com) or [aarmstrong@wldps.com](mailto:aarmstrong@wldps.com) Thank you.

### PLANNED BUILDING WORKS - THE PLAN IS ...

In the next few weeks leading up to half term, we are intending on having further works carried out to improve the school. The Year 3 toilet block and cloak areas will be refurbished and it is planned that all remaining wooden doors and window frames around the school will be replaced with UPVC double glazed sections which should improve our school enormously. These works are being planned in order to create as little disturbance possible whilst the children are in class. All work affecting classrooms will be carried out over the weekends.

### 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](http://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 and allows them to reserve books they like within our own library, 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 don't 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 28<sup>th</sup> September**

China - monthly payments of £84

Nursery Fees

Lunch payments

Year 5 Clitheroe Castle- £5.30

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

Yours sincerely,

C. Shields

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability Training for Year 6 Manatee Class (PM)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly for Juniors (KS2) – St Aidan's Church (Parents welcome)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Open Day – 9.30 – 12.00
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Central Venue Football Tournament – Lostock Hall Academy
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Parent Meeting – PGL Boreatton Park Residential -5pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Clitheroe Castle Visit

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA Halloween Disco – Infants 5 – 6pm/ Juniors 6.30 – 7.30pm Reception class Stay and Play- 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term break
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	High Fives (Netball) Tournament – Lostock Hall Academy Borwick Hall Year 4 Parents’ Meeting Nursery trip to the woods
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery trip to the woods
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Parent Open Day – 9.30 – 12.00
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Special Dinner High Fives (Netball) Tournament – Lostock Hall Academy
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents’ Evening
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	High Fives (Netball) Tournament – Lostock Hall Academy
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Heart Start for Year 6 AM
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Borwick Hall, Lake District, Residential for Year 4 – Departure 12pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Borwick Hall -Year 4 arrive home at approximately 6pm Heart Start for Year 6 AM
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Christmas Craft session – 3.15 – 4.30pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 visit to Chester Zoo (proposed)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 Athletics Event – Lostock Hall Academy
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Disco - Infants 5 – 6pm/ Juniors 6.30 – 7.30pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Games Night 6pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Governor Resources Committee – 5pm Governor Curriculum Committee – 6pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performance 10-11am or 2-3pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Breakfast with Santa – 8am (proposed) Junior Carol Service – Brownedge St Mary’s Church
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Breakfast with Santa 8am (proposed) Christmas Pantomime – Cinderella – Preston Charter Theatre Nursery Christmas Party
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Entertainment Party –AM Junior Entertainment Party - PM
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Hobgoblin Theatre Company to present ‘The Snow Queen’ Infants 9am/Juniors 10.30am End of term 1.15pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school – Spring Term
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Nursery trip to a farm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother’s Day Tea Party
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Father’s Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Nursery Sports Day 10-11am or 1.30-2.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 children depart for Boreatton Park
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 children return from Boreatton park

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Trip to the Seaside
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Art Gallery
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Nursery Party Day

## **SUPER PUPILS**

Congratulations to our "Super Pupils" from last week:

Bison Class – Summer

Manatee Class- Freddie

Falcon Class-Millie

Eagle Class – Liam

Jaguar Class –Oliver

Leopard Class-Jake

Loris Class- Anna

Kakapo Class-Illa

Gorilla Class- Joshua

Orangutan Class-Mia

Elephant Class-Felicity

Rhinoceros Class-Theo

# 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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)**

You must apply if your child has a 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and/or if your child is in his or her last year of primary school from 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

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