



Walton-le-Dale

Wednesday Newsletter

“Through working together, the best is yet to come”

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Dear Parents,

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We currently have staff and the children of Year 4 and Eagle (Y5) self-isolating, together with various staff and individual children in other year groups.

New symptoms for the **‘Delta Variant’** are: headaches, high temperature, runny nose and a sore throat.

If your child has these symptoms above, strongly consider administering a LFT test or PCR test.

Classics symptoms (raised temperature/persistent dry cough/loss of taste and smell) occurring must result in immediate isolation and a PCR test.

A flow chart has been attached to this newsletter, which adds further guidance.

Our main focus is to keep your children safe and our school open. It is therefore essential that all parents follow this guidance to reduce the number of class closures.

TRANSITION DAYS & NEW CLASSES

Despite our best efforts, our intended Transition Day for our children to meet their new teachers will not be able to take place next Wednesday as planned. This is owing to the recent significant rise in cases in our community.

Please find your child’s new class and teacher below.

WLDPS – New Classes for September 2021 – 2022

Current class	Current teacher	New class/teacher
Macaw	Mr Johnson	Mrs Tunstall/Mrs Wright Mrs Bailey
Fd2 Lemur	Mrs. Tunstall/Mrs Wright	Y1 Miss Dunderdale
Fd2 Chinchilla	Mrs Bailey/Miss Stanley	Y1 Mrs Hocking
Y1 Rhinoceros	Mrs. Hocking	Y2 Mrs Smith
Y1 Elephant	Mrs Parkington	Y2 Mrs Beswick
Y2 Orangutan	Mrs. Beswick	Y3 Mr Richardson/Mrs Ormerod
Y2 Gorilla	Mrs. Smith	Y3 Miss Finch
Y3 Kakapo	Miss Bogert	Y4 Miss Bogert
Y3 Loris	Mr. Richardson/Mrs. Ormerod	Y4 Mr Aguilar



Y4 Jaguar	Miss Stevens	Y5 Mrs Bell
Y4 Leopard	Mr. Aguilar	Y5 Miss Stevens
Y5 Falcon	Mrs Bell	Y6 Mrs Wade
Y5 Eagle	Mr Moat	Y6 Miss Keelan

PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR SEPTEMBER - CONSULTATION

We are currently planning for next September and reviewing our timetable in order to bring back a level of normality following the changes that have been required since last summer. To make any alteration to the length of the school day, we are required to share the following proposed changes with you before presenting any comments to the governing body of the school on the 19th July.

This year, we have slightly shortened the school day. This has been primarily to help a staggered start and end time as well as trying to consider the drain of this most unusual year on all staff. We now have to work our way back to a new normal, as guided by forthcoming government guidance changes for schools.

The proposal:

Reception Classes – Start 8.50am Finish 3.00pm

Year 1 & 2 Classes – Start 8.50am Finish 3.10pm

Years 3-6 Classes – Start 8.40am Finish 3.20pm

The main changes are the infant classes (Y1 & 2) finishing five minutes later than our original timetable and our junior (Y3-6) classes finishing ten minutes later. We don't really feel that longer than this would be beneficial for the age of the children, as they would not learn as well with a much later finish and we strongly believe they need time outside of school each day to be children, see their friends and play. We believe this to be the right balance.

Reasons for these changes also include:

- The staggering of times will undoubtedly help reduce levels of congestion and traffic at the end of each school day and prevent potential accidents.
- Balance the shorter days this year in our children's overall primary education
- Help support children who are increasingly missing large chunks of learning
- Allowing for our staff to feel less squeezed for time and more able to fit everything in. This extra time will help with keeping our curriculum breadth wide across all subjects, as significant portions of the day are taken up with reading, writing, spelling, grammar and vocabulary development.

If you wish to offer feedback regarding these changes, please email head@wld.lancs.sch.uk and it will be shared and considered by the governing body.

SPORTS DAYS

I am sure that it will be of no surprise that our Sports Days will not be open to parents to watch this term. The school has experienced numerous issues causing several bubbles to close over the last two weeks as a result of the transmission rate being so high in the local area. The events will continue to take place for the children on the organised dates, whilst keeping the bubbles separated.

REDUCING SPEED ON DUDDLE LANE

A resident has politely asked me to ask all parents to be mindful about the 20 mph speed limit on Duddle Lane. Unfortunately, the resident was most concerned at the number of cars travelling at speeds well beyond this limit. Previously, great efforts have been made to establish this limit in order to maintain the safety of all children and parents at the start and end of the school day. This is particularly important as Lancashire Authority are currently unable to provide a Crossing Patrol Staff member owing to staffing issues.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER

We still have places available in our Nursery for September 2021.

Our popular nursery accepts applications from the age of three, where they learn in a calm and nurturing environment, full of rich learning opportunities with caring staff. Our outdoor areas are large and now full of possibilities to engage your child.

Parents who are entitled to 30 hours have these hours met by attending Monday to Thursday 8.30-3.15pm and Friday 8.30-11.30am.

Parents using their entitled 15 hours, have these met by attending either mornings or afternoons 5 days a week. Extra sessions cost £20.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Please phone the school office on 01772 335065 if you have any questions.

BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 2021/22

We are now 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. If your child is already attending the Breakfast or After School Club this year, you do still need to complete a booking form for next year. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

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 1 Educational Visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies'

Year 6 Leavers' trip

Yours sincerely,

C J Shields



Wednesday 14 th July	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 10.30am Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 1.30pm
Thursday 15 th July	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 10.30am Reception and Nursery Sports Day 1.30pm
Friday 16 th July	Sports Day Finals 1.30pm
Monday 19 th July	Full Governors' Meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers trip
Friday 23 rd July	End of Term – 1.15pm
Friday 3 rd September	Start of Autumn Term

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- Poppy

Orangutan Class- Ernesto

Elephant Class- Freya

Rhinoceros Class- Luisa