



Walton-le-Dale

Wednesday Newsletter

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MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

School will close for Christmas on **Monday 20th December at 1.15pm**. There will be no After School Club on this final day of term, however Breakfast Club will be on as normal. Nursery is closed on Monday 20th December.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

Children can wear their own clothes and a Christmas jumper on their Christmas Party Day Friday 17th December.

FACE MASKS

In line with recent guidance, all parents entering the school buildings must wear masks. This will apply when coming to the main office at the front entrance and in all assemblies.

CHRISTMAS PARTY BUFFET

A Christmas Party Buffet lunch will be available on Friday 17th December. If your child is in Year 3,4,5,6 or in our Nursery and would like this meal, please pay £2.50 on Parent Pay under Lunches. As Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free school meals the Christmas buffet is at no cost to parents.

CHRISTMAS TREES

We have 2 real Christmas trees (approx. 8 - 9ft) looking for a home for Christmas. Any parent who would like to take a tree and is able to come and collect on Monday 20th December at 1pm should ring the school office this week. The trees will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION

For Reception Class children due to start primary school in September 2022, the statutory closing date is the 15th January 2022

Your application can be made using this direct link:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Should you need any help, support or guidance, the Pupil Access Office telephone number is 01772 532109.

SELECTION BOXES FOR SALE

The PTFA will be selling selection boxes for £2 each (cash only) outside the main school Reception from 3.10pm on Friday 17th December.

PTFA CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

An amazing 41 hampers have been created with your generous donations. Thank you!

Mr Richardson has drawn the winning tickets and the lucky winners are:

Green tickets (medium)

206 – Frankie (Manatee)
409 – William S (Kakapo)
223 – Bobby T (Chinchilla)
379 – Freya W (Elephant)
412 – William S (Kakapo)
344 – Sebastian L (Loris)
411 – William S (Kakapo)

Yellow tickets (large)

12 – Alethea (Manatee)
86 – Macey (Orangutan)
147 – Isabel T (Elephant)
200 – Tristan (Rhino)
190 – Alfie C (Jaguar)
32 – Rory (Chinchilla)
88 – Macey (Orangutan)
97 – Emily (Manatee)
113 – Isabella P (Gorilla)
121 – James (Bison)
162 – Jake J (Leopard)
178 – Janko (Chinchilla)
202 – Hannah F (Loris)

Orange tickets (deluxe)

468 – Janko (Chinchilla)
469 – Cath (Staff)
457 – Joshua S (Rhino)
464 – Harry C (Falcon)
419 – Tracey K
460 – Jbe (Loris)
467 – Lilybelle (Bison)
452 – Ellis (Manatee)
443 – Silver (Chinchilla)
412 – Ava W (Falcon)

Orange tickets (deluxe food hampers)

450 – Jbe (Loris)
430 – Kirsty (Loris)
452 – Ellis (Manatee)
453 – Dexter (Macaw)

413 – Megan A (Jaguar)
424 – Norah (Chinchilla)
444 – Liam (Lemur)
458 – Freya W (Elephant)

454 – Janet Ch (Staff)
411 – Phoebe P (Lemur)
426 – Olivia T (Rhino)

Hampers must be collected from the PTFA at the school office between 3.05pm and 3.30pm on Thursday or Friday.

PTFA CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2021

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or colourful jumper on Monday 20th December and bring a cash donation (suggested donation £1)

WELFARE ASSISTANT VACANCY

We are looking to employ a Welfare assistant from January who would be willing to work over the lunchtime period. The successful person will be required for at least 1 hour each day and the rate of pay will be £9.50 per hour. If anyone would like to apply, please email cdobson@wldps.com for an application form. Many thanks.

PTFA BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CANCELLED

The difficult decision has been made to cancel the two breakfast with Santa mornings this week. Sadly, due to increased COVID cases in the community, the PTFA feel it is the right decision at this time. Nobody wants to increase the risk of the children, staff or volunteers coming into contact with a positive case which would mean them being ill or isolating over the festive period. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Every effort will be made to process refunds by the end of term. The PTFA hopes to be able to resume more events in the spring term.

BORWICK HALL – NEXT PAYMENT DUE

The next payment is due for children on the Year 4 visit to Borwick Hall next April. Please pay £35 on Parent Pay by 21st December 2021.

NURSERY STAFFING CHANGE

Sadly, Miss Natasha Turner will be leaving us in the New Year to pursue her goal of becoming a teacher. Miss Turner has been a most popular member of staff, supporting the needs of our nursery children. We will be sad to see her leave us but wish her well as she moves on.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SAVE THE CHILDREN DAY

Thank you for all your donations on ‘Save the Children’ Christmas Jumper day last week. Our school raised £276.

TOY DAY

Children are invited to bring a toy or game to share with their classmates on Monday. Please insure it is non-electronic and not of a high value.

IMPORTANT - INCREASING NUMBERS OF COVID CASES IN SCHOOL

We are noticing a sharp increase in the number of children testing positive for COVID presently. Although some of our positive children have had a raised temperature or cough, many cases do not. Those children are showing one or more of the following symptoms:

Headache	General unwell feeling	Sore throat	Runny nose	Sneezing
Nausea	Diarrhoea	Vomiting	Extreme tiredness	

We are asking that if your child has any one of these symptoms, you give them a lateral flow test. If your child has several of these symptoms, particularly a general feeling of being unwell or headache, we ask you take them for a PCR test and keep them at home until their result returns.

By following these requests, you are helping to minimise the chance of outbreaks in school and keeping vulnerable members of our community safe.

If you are reporting your child as ill, please tell the office the result of your child’s lateral flow test when you report their absence.

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. Please do not use Class Dojo for this.

During the week please send an email to the school office: office@wldps.com

If you need to contact the school over the weekend or during the Christmas holidays prichardson@wldps.com

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 an infant. She 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 attempt at a transplant failed, but the second, from her Nana, has so far 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 around £1300 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

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

Friday 17 th December	Class parties and entertainment – wear your own clothes Christmas buffet lunch
Monday 20 th December	PTFA Christmas Jumper Day – cash donation suggestion of £1 End of Term – 1.15pm

SUPER PUPILS

Congratulations to our "Super Pupils" from last week:

Bison Class- Jack

Manatee Class- Harry

Falcon Class- Aleesha

Eagle Class- Harler

Jaguar Class- Faye

Leopard Class- Jamie

Loris Class- Ava-Lee

Kakapo Class-Maddie

Gorilla Class- Amelia

Orangutan Class- Damian

Elephant Class- Theo

Rhinoceros Class- Madeline