

# NEWSLETTER

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## REMINDERS

- **SICKNESS BUG** - If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, even if you think it is not related to a tummy bug, as per Health Protection Agency guidelines please keep them off school for the full 48 hours to do what we can to prevent any spread of infection.
- **ABSENCES** - Please remember to contact us if your child is going to be absent. The easiest way to let us know is by using the ParentMail app. Alternatively you can email Mrs Rourke ([bursar@walton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@walton.lancs.sch.uk)) or call us on 01772 335945. We need to know the full reason for the absence to ensure register entries are recorded accurately.
- **APPOINTMENTS** - Wherever possible appointments for dentists etc should be made outside of school hours. Should this not be possible then please remember to inform your child's teacher prior to the appointment. You should also inform the office so that we know to expect you.

### CAR PARK/ROAD SAFETY

Once again it is disappointing to receive more complaints of cars driving on the pavement on Rosewood Avenue. This week **five** cars have been observed, all of whom were visiting school. What is more concerning is that there were pedestrians on the pavement at the time. This is becoming an increasing problem and we would ask that drivers leaving school observe the Highway Code and where there are parked cars that they give way to oncoming traffic.

Speed of traffic in the school car park also remains a concern and again we would ask all parents and carers to drive slowly and carefully in and out of the car park.

Please ensure that the two disabled parking spaces at the front of school are kept clear for designated users and that you do not park in the space adjacent to the disabled parking spaces and along the fence by the path as these are for staff only.

### PARENTMAIL

- **Robinwood payments**  
Weekly, monthly or full balance options available. **Please ensure all payments are completed by 4th May.**
- **Dance from the Heart training**  
Consent form for selected children from Year 5/6. **Please complete by 9am on Monday 16th March.**
- **Year 4, 5 and 6 visit to Brockhole, Windermere**  
**Consent form and payment to be completed by 9am on Monday 16th March.**

If there are any parents of children not in Year 4, 5 and 6 who are able to help out on this visit please let Mrs Plowman or Mrs Rourke know.

### CORONAVIRUS

We would like to reassure parents and carers that we are following all guidelines relating to the current Coronavirus outbreak. We receive daily emails from the Department for Education and Public Health England and will act upon any relevant guidance.

We would ask that you emphasise with your children the importance of handwashing, which is the current recommendation to try and prevent the spread of the virus.

The school nurse team have forwarded to us the following links to handwashing videos which you may find useful:-

<https://www.facebook.com/NHSwebsite/videos/nhs-hand-washing-video-for-kids/1989903804426108/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

If you or your children have recently travelled abroad, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/> for guidance.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY - 5TH MARCH 2020**

Well done to all the children who came to school in their PJs or onesies for World Book Day. Children enjoyed a variety of activities including den building, made bookmarks, read stories, book swap, puzzles, decorated biscuits, scavenger hunt and collaborative art.



## **LAST CHOIR STANDING**

Those children taking part in this competition on the 24th March with Mrs Clayton have already brought home details of how to order tickets, however here is a reminder of the information you need:-

*King Georges Hall, Blackburn Box Office  
01254 582579  
[www.kinggeorghall.com](http://www.kinggeorghall.com)*

*Tickets are £7.50 per spectator, £6.50 concessions.  
Children taking part do not need a ticket.*

*Our children are in heat 4.*

Children taking part need to be at King Georges Hall for 5pm. The event is estimated to end between 9pm and 9.30pm.

If you have any further queries, please see Mrs Clayton.

## **FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCHES**

Please note that the organisers of the matches have had to postpone the start date due to pitch conditions. Matches will now take place on the 16th, 23rd and 30th March.

## **YEAR 3 FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS**

Today children in Year 3 started their forest school sessions. These will take place every Friday afternoon until the Easter break.

Please make sure children wear suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor activities, and take into account the weather conditions on the day.

## **SING TOGETHER 2020**

Well done to our 22 strong choir for another fantastic performance at King Georges Hall, Blackburn on Thursday evening. Thank you to all the families who came along to support the children.



### YEAR 3 FISH KEEPER NEWS

This week's Fish Keeper of the Week is Ella-Grace. This is what she has to say about their experiences so far:-



*'On our visit to the fish shop this week we picked up two new fishy friends. They are called Bronze Corys. They are part of the catfish family and we called them Whiskers and Cory. We looked at photosynthesis and why live plants help our tank. We pick up our final three fish next week. Our tank is nearly complete!'*

### FACEBOOK UPDATES

Please visit our Facebook page, Higher Walton CE Primary School/Nursery to see what we have been up to this week!

- Sing Together
- World Book Day
- Fish Keeper news

### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Over the last few months we have been developing our new school website, which went live on Tuesday this week. There is still a little bit more to do, but please have a look <http://www.walton.lancs.sch.uk> and let us know what you think!

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to our achievement winners for week ending 6th March:-

#### EYFS

Maths - Olivia & Eddie  
Reading - Arthur  
Writing - Reeva

#### YEAR 1/2

Maths - Riley  
Reading - Aleesha  
Writing - Emily-Sue

#### YEAR 3

Maths - Xavier  
Reading - Amelia  
Writing - Maisie

#### YEAR 4/5

Maths - Hayley  
Writing - Charley  
VIP - Finlay

#### YEAR 5/6

Maths - Joe  
Reading - Kian E  
Reading - Jack B

#### GOLDEN TICKET

Millie (EYFS) - who can come in her own clothes on Tuesday.

#### INTRA SCHOOL COMPETITION - TARGET

Year 1/2 - Teddy  
Year 3 - Jamie  
Year 4/5 - Callum  
Year 5/6 - Joe

#### ACHIEVEMENT TROPHIES

Well done to our achievement trophy winners for the last half term:-

EYFS - Sophia-Rose  
Year 1/2 - Evie  
Year 3 - Ella-Grace  
Year 4/5 - Stella  
Year 5/6 - Lily

Medals were awarded to our previous trophy winners:- Bella-Mae, Nicole, Jamie, Lilly and Aaron

## SCHOOL DIARY

### March 2020

9th	-	Football tournament at Lostock Hall Academy - week 1 <b>**POSTPONED**</b>
10th	-	Guitar tuition - week 8
10th	-	Judo after school club - week 3
13th	-	Non uniform day - bring an Easter Egg for a bingo evening prize
13th	-	Year 3 forest school - session 2 <b>**NEW**</b>
16th	-	Football tournament at Lostock Hall Academy - week 1 <b>**updated**</b>
17th	-	Guitar tuition - week 9
17th	-	Judo after school club - week 4
20th	-	Year 3 forest school - session 3 <b>**NEW**</b>
20th	-	PTFA family bingo evening - details to follow
23rd	-	Football tournament at Lostock Hall Academy - week 2 <b>**updated**</b>
24th	-	Dance from the Heart training - selected children
24th	-	No guitar tuition
24th	-	Judo after school club - week 5
24th	-	Last Choir Standing semi-finals at King Georges Hall, Blackburn
26th	-	Year 5/6 class worship 3pm - all welcome
27th	-	Year 3 forest school - session 4 <b>**NEW**</b>
27th	-	Year 3 class worship 3pm - all welcome
30th	-	Football tournament at Lostock Hall Academy - week 3 <b>**NEW**</b>
31st	-	Guitar tuition - week 10

### April 2020

2nd	-	EYFS class worship - all welcome
3rd	-	Year 3 forest school - session 5 <b>**NEW**</b>
3rd	-	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Crafts - after school
3rd	-	School closes for Easter break 3.30pm
20th	-	School re-opens for summer term 9am

### May 2020

*8th	-	Bank Holiday closure
20th	-	Year 1/2 visit to Fleetwood Museum - details to follow
22nd	-	School closes for half term and Inset break 3.30pm

### June 2020

8th	-	School reopens 9am
w/c 8th	-	Dance from the Heart Roadshow - date to be confirmed
11th	-	Art exhibition in school - details to follow
12th	-	Year 4, 5 & 6 visit to Williamson Park, Lancaster - details to follow
15th	-	Class photographs

### July 2020

14th & 15th	-	Year 5 bikeability days - details to follow
17th to 19h	-	Robinwood residential weekend
20th	-	School closes for the summer break 3.30pm

### September 2020

1st	-	School re-opens for the autumn term 9am
		Holiday dates for 2020/21 can be found on the school website

**\*Please note the May Day Bank Holiday is now Friday 8th May due to the Government changing this date to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day**

## PTFA NEWS

### CLOTHING COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to the collection. This raised £31 for PTFA funds.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13th March - non uniform day - bring an Easter Egg for a bingo evening prize

20th March - Family bingo evening

**Friday 20th March 2020**  
Doors open at 5.30pm Bingo starts at 6pm

**Bingo!**

**Tickets £3 (4 games)**

Please send payment via PayPal (friends and family) to [higherwaltonptfa@gmail.com](mailto:higherwaltonptfa@gmail.com)  
OR purchase with cash via our PTFA members at school

- Refreshments - hotdogs, sweets & drinks on sale
- £1 dabbers or bring your own
- Prizes - Easter Eggs and chocolate!

Enquiries to: [higherwaltonptfa@gmail.com](mailto:higherwaltonptfa@gmail.com) or via Facebook  
Friends of Higher Walton - PTFA

ParentKind  
Member Association

3rd April - Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Crafts - after school

June - Body Shop party

June/July - Pop-up ice-pop shop weather permitting

Details of these events will follow nearer the time.

### NEW MEMBERS

New members are always very welcome! If you would like to get involved with the PTFA then please contact us via the Facebook page or by email: [higherwaltonptfa@gmail.com](mailto:higherwaltonptfa@gmail.com).

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH NOTICES

<https://www.allsaintshigherwalton.org.uk/>



### QUIZ NIGHT

Hosted by All Saints Higher Walton  
& Holy Trinity Hoghton

at St Aidan's Church Hall  
Bamber Bridge PR5 6QL

**Saturday 14th March  
at 7pm**



RAFFLE



**HOTPOT SUPPER & LICENSED BAR**



MAXIMUM 4 players per team



**PREPAID TICKET ONLY EVENT £7.00**



Available from

Stephen Houghton 01254 851202 or  
Stephen Niven 01772 312340



### SERVICES

**1st and 3rd Wednesday**

10.00-10.30 Communion followed 10.30-12.30 Coffee Morning

**1ST SUNDAY**

9.15am Morning worship

**2ND SUNDAY**

9.15am Morning worship, with Holy Communion

**3RD SUNDAY**

9.15am Morning worship, with Holy Communion

**4TH SUNDAY**

8am Holy Communion, BCP, said service. 9.15am Morning worship

**5TH SUNDAY**

9.15am Morning worship, with Holy Communion (alternating between Holy Trinity Hoghton and All Saints Higher Walton - see the newsletter on All Saints Church website for details)

## COMMUNION *then* COFFEE MORNING

### 1st & 3rd Wednesdays here in church



10am - 10.30am



10.30am - 12.30pm

A moment to pause during the week and then enjoy coffee, cake and chat

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please note that School does not endorse any of the information we publish in our notices section. This information is provided to you as part of our commitment to keep you informed of extended services and community activities.



### We're raising funds for 1st Houghton Scout Group



*and we're going to paint  
St Peter's Sheep!*

Come and have a fun evening,  
enjoy a tippie or two and raise  
some much needed support  
for the kids of 1st Houghton.

Tickets  
**£25**



You don't need to know how to paint, just how to have a good night out!  
Book your spot now with Amanda Butterfield at  
mandbennett@googlemail.com or call 07879 270401.

Where: Higher Walton Community Centre PR5 4HU  
When: Monday 30 March 2020, 6.30pm - 9.30pm



# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 15



## WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020**

Enquiries:  
applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk



### **Brownedge Parish & Community Festival 2nd - 8th May 2020**

St Mary's RC Church, Brownedge,  
Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6SP  
Festival Chairman Fr Mark Harold BA, STL

#### **ART & PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS, EVENTS, FLORAL DISPLAYS**

*Your Bank Holiday week entertainment - all displays & events free to enter!*

**Sat 2nd Open 2 pm - 5 pm & after Vigil Mass  
2.30 pm Official Opening & Awards presented  
by Cllr Harry Hancock, Mayor of South Ribble**

**Sun 3rd Open 1 - 5 pm & after Evening Mass  
2.30 Film (Narthex) 4.00 Solemn Benediction**

*Open weekdays 1 pm - 5 pm & 6.30 pm to end of evening event*

**Mon 4th Preston Gilbert & Sullivan Society 7.30  
Songs from the operas**

**Tue 5th Skylarks Choir 7.30**

**Wed 6th Cuerden Church School Choir 2 pm  
Fr Colin & friends 7.30**

**Thu 7th St Mary's & St Benedict's Primary 2 pm  
The Last Supper (Cantata) 7.30  
Cantata with congregational hymns**

**Fri 8th Festival Finale by Octavius 7.30**

*Full disabled access to all displays and events  
Light refreshments available 2pm - 4 pm & during concert intervals  
For more information and details of additional displays see us on  
Facebook or visit us at [www.brownedgefestival.org.uk](http://www.brownedgefestival.org.uk)*

