

School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy first 1/2 term, thank you for all your support—we raised £464.51 at the MacMillan Coffee Morning—this is amazing!!

Also, thank you for your donations for the Harvest Celebration, The Ribble Valley Food Bank came to collect the donations and were delighted that we helped them so much.

Another thank you for all your bottle donations today, rest assured they all remain intact - we haven't drunk any of the more "exotic" liquids and instead they will be go to good use at this year's Christmas Fair on 25th November.

Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather we felt the need to cancel the welly walk today on the grounds of health & safety. When we plan our activities it is always in the hope that the weather gods will be kind but we need to be realistic with the weather that we get.

Next half term we are having a big push on manners in school. If you could spend some time reminding children about saying their please and thank you's we would be most grateful as we are finding that every so often some children are forgetting.

Unfortunately, despite several reminders we are finding that some children are not being heard to read at home on a regular basis. I cannot stress enough the importance of an adult hearing a child read regularly outside of the classroom and therefore next half term we will be monitoring the children's home reading books carefully. We have decided that those children not regularly reading at home will not be taking a reading book home as there seems to be little point. With that in mind, I am asking for any parents who have both the inclination and the time to help support reading in school by giving up a few hours a week to hear readers. We will provide full training so that you feel confident in supporting children to read. If you feel that this is something you can help us with, please get in touch via email.

As you will already know we are organising our popular Hogwarts Week for the end of next term. Children will be wearing their full school uniform with the addition of a witch hat and cape for the whole week. There is nothing else needed we are just giving you the heads up so you do not discard your Halloween outfits or to look out for something in the sales.

At Sabden we pride ourselves with the enrichment & extra-curricular activities we organise for your children. It is really important that parents read the information we send out so that your child does not miss out, gets picked up late or misses an important deadline. We place deadlines for payments and confirmation of activities for a reason and going forward absolutely will not extend them in the future. We feel that you are given plenty of time and reminders and you can always contact the office if you have an issue but please again before the deadline.

Remember it is the Halloween Disco for those who have booked and paid via ParentPay. This is for Reception to Year 6 on the first day back the deadline for booking has now closed. Timings are 5pm until 6.30pm.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and return healthy and refreshed on Tuesday 1st November.

Elizabeth Maskell

Headteacher