



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of our new academic year 2024-2025. I hope you all managed to have a lovely break over the summer and that the dismal British summer weather didn't get you down too much.

On Monday we were delighted to see all the children return to school in such good spirits (not sure about tears and tantrums at home but at least they were smiling for us). We welcome our new reception class who I have to say have come into school remarkably well. There have been no tears or tantrums either from the children or Mrs Jackson and I am delighted to say each and everyone of them has just got on with the business of being at big school. Well done to those parents who have obviously taught their children independence, resilience and the ability to socialise. Pats on the back all round.



I am very pleased also to welcome back our friend Mrs Yerkess after such a terrible year and long term absence. She has been missed but things are starting to look much brighter as she returns to work. Thankfully normal duties in the office are starting to return to normal with the exception of Monday and Tuesday afternoons where the office will be unmanned, and therefore I ask for an extension to your patience for admin matters on these afternoons. Hopefully it won't be too long before we are back to the normal running of the school office.

I am delighted to announce that Miss Lofthouse has recently become engaged and would like to wish her and Chris our sincere best wishes for their future together.



We had a lovely surprise on Wednesday when we received a telephone call from Tesco in Clitheroe informing us that they had raised £547.00 for the school from their charity book sale in store.

All our children have come back to school looking really smart but a gentle reminder about school shoes—they should be all black with no flashing lights, coloured stripes etc. I am happy for children to wear trainer type shoes as long as they resemble shoes more than trainers.



On Thursday 12th September, we are having school photographs in school. This year & going forward the photographs are just for children attending Sabden Primary School, Nursery to Y6. We are no longer including younger siblings who do not attend school. Please can we ask for smart uniforms. If your child is doing PE on Thursday please come to school in uniform and bring your PE to change into, just on this occasion.

PE Days:

EYFS	Mondays and Wednesdays
Class 1	Wednesdays and Fridays
Class 2	Thursdays and Fridays
Class 3	Mondays and Wednesdays



Children are to come to school in PE kit on the PE Days for their class.



Our afterschool club (Sunset Club) is now well and truly up and running and the children that attend are having a great time. The club is open from 3.30 until 5.45pm Monday to Thursday and children have a range of activities to keep them busy, can play and socialise with children their own age and receive continued care from Sabden's dedicated staff. If you do require places please call the office or call in to complete a booking form. We do have to remind you that once booked there is a commitment to pay regardless of whether your

child attends or not. There are limited ad-hoc places, so if you know you will be needing a place please book as early as possible.

Our Enrichment Clubs start next week, 9th September 2024. Like last year we are running enrichment afterschool clubs this half term but not after next half term. However, Sunset Club will be able to offer activities and childcare should you so wish.

Previously, children attending other childcare provision have at times been collected late. If this happens your child will be put into the Sunset Club and a charge made. Anything up to 30 minutes late (3.30-4.00pm) a charge of £4.50 will be made and anything after the 30 minutes a full charge of £9.00 will be made. For all other children who are collected late, the same will apply, as we simply do not have enough staff to "babysit" children at the end of the school day. Contractually, teaching assistants are not expected to undertake supervision duties after school has closed.

Unfortunately, we have received complaints from residents on the flats next door to school. Please do not let your children play in the flats' car park next to school before or afterschool. Also please remember not to park in this area. It is a private car park and should not be used by anyone other than residents. It is also dangerous to let your children play on car parks!!



This year for the first time in many years we have not hit our school attendance target of 97%. Admittedly it wasn't far off at 96.7% but the number of unauthorised holidays in term time has had a negative impact on our school attendance figures. You all received information regarding the new DfE rules about school absence and holidays in term time so I won't labour the point further.

Please can we remind you that payments need to be made in advance for school meals. It is £13 per week and payments need to be made on ParentPay by Friday 12 noon of the week before. Remember that Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals and no payment is required for these meals.

Lastly, due to an increase in food allergies and intolerances in our pupils, we can no longer accept cakes, biscuits, sweets etc coming into school for pupil birthday treats and other celebrations. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Best wishes Elizabeth Maskell