



# School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Here it is the first official newsletter of this academic year - summer feels a long time ago already!! Our school newsletters are published at the end of each month.

At the beginning of term, we sent out the **What's On Autumn 2022**, hope you have all seen it! If there are any changes/amendments to this we will let you know, but mainly we will send text reminders of forthcoming events. This document is on our website and displayed in the school notice boards. Please familiarise yourself with this so you don't miss anything.

Thank you so much for supporting the **MacMillan Coffee Morning**, held in school today, it was lovely to see you all. The cake donations were fantastic and as you know we couldn't do this without you so thank you again.



Next week in school we will be celebrating **School Harvest** on Thursday 6th October. We are having a special Harvest lunch, if your child does not normally have a school dinner but would like to join, please order a school meal by emailing [bursar@sabden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@sabden.lancs.sch.uk) before 4th October. School meals are £2.40 and will be charged on ParentPay. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals and will not be charged. We are asking for donations for the Ribble Valley Food Bank. **They will accept any donations, but this is what they are short of: Tinned meat, vegetables, puddings, fruit etc. Long life Milk, Long life fruit juice, coffee, sugar, crisps, biscuits, Jams, Marmalade, toiletries, washing powder/liquids, cleaning products & toilet rolls.** Please help this valuable charity if you can by bringing donations to school on the 6th October.

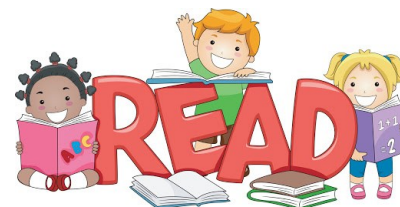
On Friday 7th October, it is **Family Bulb Planting**, where KS2 parents are invited to come to school and join their child in planting bulbs.

Our annual individual **school photographs** will take place on 12th October. Siblings in school together will have their photograph taken individually and together. Pupils with younger siblings not yet in school are invited to come to school at 8.30am prior to the start of school to have their photographs taken together.

**Attendance** For the last few years Sabden has had extremely positive attendance rates with a score last year of 97.5%. Thank you to all those parents who continue to send their children to school on a daily basis and who value the education that they are receiving at our school. Whilst we have always been proactive where attendance and absences are concerned this year the government is putting increased pressure on headteachers to ensure adherence to the schools attendance policies. Please make yourself aware of the schools attendance policy which is on the school website with paper copies available upon request to make sure you fully understand the implications of your child's absences and the action the school will take.



**Reading at home**—Unfortunately the habit of reading at home every night seems to be declining and this is having a direct impact on the reading standards of some of our children. Whilst we acknowledge that trained staff within school will teach your child the skills of reading, we urge you to practise and consolidate those skills at home on a regular basis. Once you have heard your child read, please date and sign the reading record book and make any appropriate comments. Again, I must stress that there is a direct correlation between reading at home regularly and progress and attainment achieved by the children. If you require some support in this area, please speak directly to your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to help.



**Breakfast Club**—Booking forms for next 1/2 term have been issued. If you wish to use breakfast club, the completed form needs to be returned to school by 12th October. After this date we cannot guarantee places and it is getting very busy!! Sessions must be booked in advance and we cannot accept drop-ins. If you require a form, please contact the office.

**Parking**—Playing around parked cars on the car park. It has been noticed that some children are running around the cars parked on the car park—please can you to stop your children doing this—it is not safe and the children may inadvertently damage the cars. For new parents, parking is on our newsletter a lot. We do get complaints from local residents expressing serious concern for pedestrian and child safety caused by the way some of our parents are parking at drop off and collection times. PLEASE show consideration to the local community, pedestrians and other road users by not parking on the flats carpark next to school (it is private property), blocking entrances to driveways and streets or obstructing junctions, please park your car in a safe manner. Thank you.



**School meals**—Please remember to inform the office before the end of 1/2 term if you wish to change your school meal options. This must be emailed to the office on [office@sabden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sabden.lancs.sch.uk). School meal patterns can be changed at the end of each half term for the next term ahead.

**School meals need to be paid for in advance if arrears occur you may be asked to move to packed lunches until the payment is made.**

Please make sure you have downloaded the **Sims Parent App**. This is a convenient way for you to access, review and request changes to the data held on you and your children direct from your phone. If you need any help, please contact [office@sabden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sabden.lancs.sch.uk).



**ParentPay** please make sure you have activated your account. We do send communications/letters to you via ParentPay and payment items are added for your child i.e. Breakfast club, school meals, trips etc.



Many thanks as always for your continued co-operation and support of the school.

Elizabeth Maskell, Headteacher

Copy of What's On is attached for information.