



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of yet another term, we have found ourselves reflecting on how challenging education has been since lockdown but more specifically the challenges of this term when school was once again closed. It took us all by surprise to welcome back the children on the 4th January only to close our doors that very night. We are grateful for the fact that Sabden Primary seems to have escaped the worst of this terrible pandemic in that only one bubble has had to close during this time.

I must take this opportunity to thank you all for the enormous efforts you put into the remote learning for your children. Whilst there are obvious gaps in their knowledge and skills, we have been thrilled to see the improvements in reading in particular. Maths and writing has taken a bit of a hammering but considering what we now teach in primary school seems to be what we did in secondary education it is no surprise! We are confident that these gaps will lessen over time.

Over the last year we have been working hard in developing a new website for the school. Whilst it is not yet completed and there is still work to do, you can access the site by googling www.sabdenprimaryschool.co.uk.

As is the norm during the school holidays, please contact me on head@sabden.lancs.sch.uk if any of your household including the children receive a positive covid test.

I hope you have a peaceful Easter break and don't go too mad once you have dropped the children off again for the start of the summer term on April 12th.

Best wishes

Elizabeth Maskell

School Meals After the Easter break, school meals will be increasing from £2.30 to £2.35. The total for the week is £11.75. This price will be adjusted on ParentPay, please could you make sure that you increase your payments accordingly and remember, payments should be paid in advance. If your account goes into arrears you may be asked to go onto packed lunches until the debt is cleared.



During term time, if your child is absent from school because they or a family member is having a Covid test, please inform the school office of the result whether it is positive or negative. School must be informed prior to the child returning to school.

Many thanks for your help in this matter.

If your child is not in school—Report it to the office

Now that school has resumed, if your child is absent from school, please call the office to report the absence. If the office is unattended please leave a message on the absence answerphone. Please do not email the headteacher with absences, this was only in place when we were in lockdown.



Enrichment Clubs

Mondays	Spanish Afterschool Club	KS2
Mondays	Dodgeball Afterschool Club	KS2
Tuesdays	Ultimate Frisbee Afterschool Club	KS2

All Clubs are 3.30pm until 4.30pm and need to be booked on ParentPay.

Swimming Lessons for Y3, Y4 and Y5, will start after Easter.

The first session is Friday 16th April.

Letters have been sent home and if you wish for your child to use goggles we must receive the permission form before swimming starts. Hair will need to be in a swimming cap if it is long this applies to boys and girls. We do not provide or have any spare swimming kit in school, if kit is forgotten, then they will stay at school and continue with school work.

Transport is provided and the children need to wear a face covering/mask whilst on the bus. Please ensure your child has this with them on Fridays as they will not be able to go on the bus without it.



Parking around school is a big issue that we mention a lot on our newsletter. Please can we ask that when you

are dropping off and collecting your children, that you park safely, responsibly and that you consider the local residents too.

Blocking their driveways even for a few minutes can be very annoying for the residents!!

Many thanks for your help in this matter.

Payments

We run a cashless system called ParentPay. Please make sure you have activated your account as we use this system for correspondence too!!

Please ensure that you pay each week in advance for the services used.

If you go into arrears we will ask you to find alternative arrangements i.e. packed lunch until the debt on school dinners is cleared.



Physical Education

After Easter, PE days in school will be Mondays & Tuesdays. Children are asked to come to school wearing their PE Uniform of black joggers/leggings or shorts with the PE hoody. Please can you ensure they have black trainers for PE days too.

Swimming lessons will continue for Y3, Y4 & Y5 on Fridays until 9th July 2021.

