



# School Newsletter

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**Note from Headteacher:** Welcome back to the new school year, and hopefully it will be a little calmer and more straight forward than last!

Last month we welcomed our wonderful new Reception class to Sabden and are delighted with the way they have settled in and adjusted to the new routines of both class and school. We welcome the Crowley and Salad families to our school who have already proved to be a great addition. It has been lovely to welcome all our children back into school after such a difficult summer term and especially so for our current KS2 children who weren't able to return to school after the initial lockdown. Although there are obvious gaps in the children's learning due to the upset with their education, we at Sabden are working hard to fill those gaps and ensure that all children continue to make the progress we have always been able to evidence. We continue to have very high expectations of the children and expect them to always try their hardest.

We have put in detailed plans in place in case there is another national lockdown and school is closed and these are ready to be sent to you at a moment's notice.

Thinking about the rest of the year we are very conscious that a lot of the fun activities we like to provide for the children may be hampered this year. However, we are busy planning a full and creative program of events that will be able to take place in and around school as part of our educational package. Once this has been determined we will let you know our plans.

I need your help, please? I have been nearly banned from all the local supermarkets for bulk buying Anti bacterial wipes and hand soap!!! If we could ask whilst you are shopping if you could add these to your basket for school it would be greatly appreciated. These can be handed into the class teachers when dropping off or collecting your child. We get no extra money for cleaning products and we are going through them very quickly.

I appreciate the efforts you are all making to socially distance especially in the afternoons when it is slightly more tricky. I hope that you all keep well and safe and remind you that if you are keeping your child off school you must contact school with regular updates.

**Thank you for your continued support. Elizabeth Maskell**

## Harvest Collection

Again this year we will be supporting the local foodbank with our Harvest collections. This has been a very difficult time for lots of families, the current crisis has meant that the foodbank has been busier than usual which is why they need our help.



There will be a box in each class room for your donations. Please could the children bring in donations to their class, week commencing 12th October.

Donations of the following are suggested:

Milk & fruit juice (Long life), sponge puddings, tinned meat, chocolate & snacks, instant coffee, sugar, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, ketchup & brown sauce, tinned custard, jams/marmalades, cleaning products, toiletries and toilet rolls.

Thank you for your support.



**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.

## School Dinners

We are very proud of our school dinners homemade by Mrs Orrell. We have attached our Autumn menu for you.



Week One will be served week commencing 12th October

Week Two will be served week commencing 5th October and 19th October.

## Physical Education

After half term, children are asked to wear black joggers/leggings, not shorts with the PE hoody. Please can you ensure they have black trainers for PE days too.



Also we have booked St Nicholas village hall in Sabden for PE lessons this will start when we return from the October half term.

Swimming lessons will continue for Y3, Y4 & Y5 on Fridays until 11th December 2020.

## General Information

Please can we remind you that Parents are not allowed into school unless for a specific appointment.

Our Website will be closing and our new one will be launching soon.

Due to COVID-19 it is sad to say that there will be no Nativity or Carol Service this year.

We finish for half term on Thursday 22nd October and return to school on Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

We will be in touch regarding "Parents Evening" in due course.

Social distancing rules apply when dropping off and collecting children from school. Thank you.