



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first half term we have had here at Sabden. I am delighted that the children have settled back into the routine of classes, clubs and school events.

The only clubs running this half term will be:

Mondays: Girls Football—KS1 & 2 (book on after half term)

Thursdays: NFL Flag Football—school team

Clubs will run weeks commencing 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November, 2nd December but no NFL on the 5th December due to a competition that morning.

Getting changed in school for PE

Current advice and expectations given to schools is that children should return to getting changed for PE in school instead of coming into school, as we do currently, in their PE kit/uniform. This means that after the Christmas holiday all children should come to school on PE days wearing school uniform. They should bring with them their PE kit, including pumps or trainers, and change into them in school.

Each child will need a PE bag which you will be able to buy from school – nothing fancy, no logo and as cheap as we can get it.

If I can only ask one thing it would be to ensure that all clothing is clearly named. Whilst staff do their best to try to match discarded items with their owners it is an unnecessary and thankless task trying to find a jumper that has no name and return it to its owner.

We will not be changing the PE uniform so at least no need to go out and buy anything new. Having said that though, every child needs a pair of black pumps for indoor PE and a pair of black trainers for outdoor PE. Please organise this during the holiday so we can start the Spring term as we mean to go on.

Parking in the flats carpark

Please, please, please DO NOT park in the car park of the flats next to school or across the entrance to the car park. I had a particularly unpleasant and unsettling confrontation with an equally unpleasant and unsettling character the other day regarding this and would be grateful if I could avoid having to deal with that person again.



Reading books



Thanks to the wonderful efforts of those who took part in the silent, glow in the dark disco we now have a lovely selection of books for our children to read and enjoy. Books will be coming home and brought back to school daily. Please ensure that they are looked after as, unfortunately, any damaged/ smelly/ dirty books will have to be replaced at your cost as we simply can't afford to replace the books ourselves. If you don't agree to reimbursing school should a book be damaged in your/ your child's care then please let me know by email within the next week and we will make other arrangements for your child's reading.

Sunset Club

Sunset Club is proving really popular amongst those who use it as we have bought lots of age appropriate educational toys and every night organise arts and crafts activities, imaginative play, physical outdoor activities and lots more. We still have a few places available and would really like it if you supported the school by using our provision when needed.



If there is an event on in school (run by school) such as Bingo Night or Film Night then the children who come to Sunset Club on that night can attend the event with the cost included in the Sunset Club fee for that night. No need to book them in for the event. However, if they are in Sunset Club but don't want to attend the event please let us know so we don't 'force' them into doing something they don't want to do.

Summer Holiday Club

Thank you to those who returned the form (17 children out of 86). Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be much demand for a summer holiday club at Sabden Primary so this will not be going ahead. We always try to offer our children and families childcare support at Sabden but there simply doesn't look as though there is enough interest for this to be a viable option.



Online Safety Sessions for Parents – I am sure many of you will know about and understand the dangers we face in this world of modern technology and of Online Safety and how it can affect every and any child, including those lucky enough to live in and around Sabden. We are proposing to hold Online Safety and other Safeguarding sessions in school twice a couple of times a year (probably 3.30pm – 4.30pm) These sessions will be run by external professional agencies, will be free and open to all parents who want to know more about how to keep their children safe in this ever increasingly complex world.

Please let me know if you are interested so I can gauge the audience numbers. An email will do.

Dates for your diary



Hallowe'en Disco – 31 October. Come to school in fancy dress (£1.00, cash on the day) and then stay for the glow in the dark disco 3.30pm – 5.00pm (£4.00 on Parentpay). This payment item has closed now, hope you have got your tickets.

It should be a spooktacular time!

Wreath Making for parents only on 27th November at 2pm. Professional florist, Amelia Price, will be coming into school to hold a wreath making session for Parents. It is an absolute bargain at £30.00. Refreshments included and you get to take home a beautiful festive wreath. Places will be limited, please book on ParentPay.

EYFS & KS1 Nativity Thursday 12th December at 2pm.

Don't forget that we are back in school on TUESDAY 29th October.

Have a lovely half term.

Best wishes **Elizabeth Maskell**