



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers—Welcome to our end of spring term newsletter.

Firstly, thank you to you all for being so patient with us during the absence of Mrs Yerkess from school. Mondays and Tuesday will continue to be a challenge into the summer term as it is very often only Mrs Maskell in the office with some wonderful help from Laura Wilkinson on Monday mornings. If we could continue to keep phone calls and communications lower on these days it would be much appreciated. Occasionally there is no-one in the office but the answerphone is checked on the hour every hour, however, emails to the bursar/office/head cannot be guaranteed to be seen on these days. We thank you for your understanding in this matter but in all honestly cannot see it changing a great deal over the next few months.



If you could all take some time to read the school Behaviour Policy on the website it would be much appreciated. This version of the policy has been on the website since September 2023 and may have slightly changed from previous years policies. Of course bear in mind when reading this policy we very often use a common sense approach when dealing with individual matters in school.

May I also remind parents and their extended families that we will not tolerate threatening phone calls, emails or direct messages on Facebook. There is always someone to talk to at Sabden if you want to raise any issues in a calm, considerate and orderly manner.

Onto slightly more positive items now; all the clubs for summer 1 are now filled. Thank you so much for getting the return slips back promptly as it means we have been able to get it all done and dusted before Easter. Club payments are now on ParentPay with a deadline for paying of Sunday 14th April 2024. Any payments not received after this date means unfortunately the place will be lost and offered up to anyone else wanting to join that club. Please note that there will be NO CLUBS first week back or the last week of summer 1 term (apart from Crafts with Lizi running on the last week of term).



Swimming for all of Year 3 and those in 4, 5 & 6, that have already been notified, will start straight back after the Easter break on Wednesday 17th April 2024. Swimming is a statutory national curriculum subject and has to be undertaken. Unless your child has an injury/medical reason (both need to be confirmed by doctors) they have to go swimming. Pupils suffering with coughs, colds and asthma should be fine with this physical activity. Please don't forget to send them in on Wednesday with their swimming costumes, towel and goggles (only if you have returned the permission slip). Earrings are not allowed and all long hair regardless of gender identity must be in a swimming cap.

We have been informed by Ribblesdale that there is a transition evening taking place on Thursday 27th June starting at 4.00pm. If your child is attending this transition evening, you can collect your child and sibling/s from school at 3.00pm. Please drop us an email to office@ or call in (remember not Monday or Tuesday) to let us know they are attending.

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The school tuck shop has been a great success and we are hoping to continue this until the end of the academic year. Thank you to Year 6 pupils for all their hard work.

Four children from Year 4 have been working with The Grand in Clitheroe this term to create a Pod Cast. Well done to Thomas, Grace, William and Ailsa for your fantastic work. I highly recommend that you all tune in and listen to what they have to say.

The link is <https://www.thegrandvenue.co.uk/projects/podcast-project/>



Well done to all the children who have been on extra curriculum sporting activities, arranged by Mrs Cole, for their graceful behaviour in defeat and success, their effort and ethos of fair play.



Congratulations to Year 2 who have won this terms' Race to School, as a reward they have had an ice cream party. Well done Year 2.

As the school catering budget has been finalised it is now too late to change from school dinners to packed lunches. Unfortunately, as of September 2024, the school dinner will change from £2.50 to £2.60 due to rising food costs. School will continue to subsidise your children's school meals in order to keep the costs down as much as possible. For those children on packed lunches, school can provide a packed lunch at the same cost as a school dinner, and would be personalised to the individual child. So if you are finding making packed lunches a bit of a faff but don't want your child to have a hot meal at lunchtime we would be able to help.



Lastly can I say a great big thank you once again to the volunteers who come and support us at Sabden. To Laura Wilkinson for helping out in the office and her weekly reading sessions with the children; to Hilary Buckley again for her weekly reading sessions and marvellous baking and to John Runnells for his amazing gardening skills particularly at the front of school which looks absolutely beautiful and more recently his determined efforts to bring back our forest school area into a useable space. This support means a great deal to the staff at school and is a great asset in supporting your children. Anybody who would like to give up some of their time on a regularly basis please get in touch and I am sure we will be able to put your skills to good use. This may be gardening, hearing readers, painting, crafting etc.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the PFA who have once again organised events for the coming summer term, a children's beetle drive and a summer fair both of which will be advertised when we get back.

PFA 50 Club has been drawn and the winners are.....

1st prize £25.00	J Motley
2nd prize £10.00	S Botham
3rd prize £5.00	H Vickery



Congratulations and thank you for your continued support.

Finally, school closes today at 3.30 and re-opens for the summer term on Monday 15th April 2024, gates will be open at 8.45am.

Wishing you a lovely Easter break.

Kindest regards, Elizabeth Maskell

