



High Spen Primary School Newsletter

13th July 2012



Well, they said the first year would fly past and sure enough here I am writing what will probably be the penultimate newsletter for this academic year!

I promised not to mention the weather as we still have Strawberry Teas to look forward to and rumour has it the rain has not been down to areas of low pressure but down to me claiming to have booked sunshine for various events!

Library Move

We were really pleased with the band of merry helpers who stayed for an hour to help move the hundreds of library books in to the annex. It was a huge and potentially brain melting task. However, due to typical High Spen spirit we were finished in no time with almost no catastrophes! Thanks again to all who helped.

Library Books Back

Exactly what it says on the tin... would you please make sure you look under the beds and behind the wardrobes to check ALL library books are returned by Monday. Our volunteer librarians are not to be messed with and they are coming in to do a full book sort on Monday so need books back in by 9am.

Strawberry Teas!

Whilst you are searching for library books keep an eye out for unwanted treasures which may make good items for Strawberry Teas. We would like any bric-a-brac, toys, books, cds, dvds, plus any unwanted new items for the tombola. Please NO videos, as these don't sell.

Christmas shopping... anyone?

We all know it's VERY early but here's a little note on our new Christmas enterprise club run by Mrs. Wang and Mrs. Whitfield. The aim of this club is to raise money for our school trip to the Theatre Royal's Christmas pantomime.

We are handcrafting a great range of gifts that are perfect for your friends and family! These will be to sell in the Autumn term, 2012.

Here's where you can help us! We are conducting some market research. An order form has been included with this newsletter. Fill in your details of what you would order and in what quantity. This will be a huge help to give us ideas of what and how many things we need to buy in and hand make over Summer and the Autumn term.

Our stall will also be at Strawberry Teas for you to have a good look and place some orders with us then too. All orders need to be in to us by Thursday 19th July.

Thank you!

Mrs Wang, Mrs Whitfield, Lucy, Max, Marianne, Elena, Neave, Jessica, Paige, Clare Wade, Sharron Connelly and Rebecca Connelly.

Jars please!

Donate your old glass jars to school for the Enterprise club. We need small and large jars of clear, colourless glass. Please help us by cleaning them thoroughly and taking off the label too if you want extra brownie points. Thank you!

Robin Wood

For those families who have secured a place at Robinwood with a £25 deposit – the deadline for paying up the balance is fast approaching (some have already paid chunks off so don't panic!) Please make your final payments at the office during this week as the payment has to be sent by school in full on the 20th July.

Website Problems

It is such a shame as we are putting more than ever on our website to share with you but we know it is not always available for you to see as it should be. Frustratingly there is nothing I can do about this apart from keep checking the progress our LA technicians are making with it. We were delighted with the positive comments last week about how helpful you found the website for finding up to date information about the trip which was sadly cancelled.

A trio of questions for your consideration!

1. After school clubs

Someone had the bright idea of running as many different after school clubs as possible this year – logic being this would wet the appetite of the maximum number of children. **YOU LIVE AND LEARN!** We have spent more time than enough writing out about clubs, booking coaches, allocating places... starting the process again every six weeks! From September I would like to try a different approach; running fewer clubs but for longer periods. To make this work we need to know what clubs you would like to do and for how long you would like to commit.

2. Local Childcare – our directory of local child carers needs to be updated. If you know of a local childcare provider please let the office have the basic details. We can not recommend a specific child carer but are happy to pass on contact details when asked.

3. Wrap around care – I was recently asked about the provision of wrap around care by a couple of our new parents. I'm not sure when this was last looked at but clearly it can only happen if sufficient long term interest is out there. We would only be looking at exploring bringing in independent wrap around care, so there would clearly be a cost.

To share your opinion about any of the above, please tick / write on the form below.

Clubs we'd like:-	Gym	Dance	Football	Tennis
	Please list any other long term clubs...			
Length of time we'd sign up for:-	Year?	Term?	Half Term?	Other?
Local childcare we'd recommend:-	Details:			
Wrap around care we'd be interested in paying for:-	Before school?	After school?	Both?	Days per week?

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