



High Spen Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending 25/10/13



HALF PRICE Book Fair - 25.11.13

You may remember that last year we opted to alter the way the Autumn Book Fair works. By giving up the schools commission from book sales we can sell them to parents at **half price**.

Last year we sold DOUBLE the number of books we normally do. This means we are helping families get even more quality books into homes. This backs up our desire for children to read for PLEASURE rather than just making money from commission (spread the word!)

We can only do things like this because you support the fundraising efforts of the PTFA. The many treats the PTFA pay for would normally have to come from school fund, which is why many schools understandably seek to maximise profit on things like book fairs. We have secured two half price fairs this year but there are rumours Scholastic may be reviewing the 50% off Book Fair next year, so fill your boots!

Autumn 2 Clubs

Unfortunately some of the clubs we had planned for Autumn 2 will have to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers. If you have already paid for a club which has to be cancelled please call in to school after half term to collect your refund.

Futsal - 5 children - cancelled
Dance - 6 children - cancelled
Drama and Little Kickers have enough children to run (in fact there are four spare places in each).
Science club is packed!

Spooky Success!

Thanks to all those who made last night's discos such a great success! We had record numbers of children coming (140!) and in addition to the spooky fun we raised another £270 towards our Panto trip! Thanks goodness it is half term though as everybody looks shattered today!

Panto News!

Talk about ending a half term on a high... following the AMAZING fundraising efforts of the PTFA and three of our classes we are ALMOST able to send EVERY child to the Panto ABSOLUTELY FREE! We have three classes currently planning their fundraising push and only £205 pounds to make! **This represents a massive amount of work as it is costing £12 for every single child attending!** Rumour has it that the PTFA may also be paying for treats whilst at the theatre too!

Harvest - thank you

I hope those of you who were able to get along to the Harvest Service enjoyed it as much as I did. I thought the message was delivered in a typically thoughtful and reflective FWD manner; as for the confidence of the speakers - WOW!

After a tip off about the atrocious forecast for today we opted to deliver the parcels straight after the Harvest Service.

Already we have had a deluge of heart-warming thank you messages from older members of our community who received a gift.

Thank you to all those families who sent in food.

Key Dates (see more on website calendar)

- 11.11.13** Remembrance Service - all welcome to join us in the memorial garden outside school (10.45am)
- 14.11.13** Wandering Minstrels - musical treat for children during the afternoon session.
- 15.11.13** Children in Need & Bling Your Bike - use half term to collect your shiny bits and pieces!
- 06.12.13** Christmas Fair
- 11.12.13** Whole School Panto Trip

Samaritan's Purse - Shoe Box Appeal

Once again we are giving families the opportunity to make Christmas a special time for children, who otherwise, have little to look forward to in their lives. We know that your wonderful donations are received with heartfelt thanks. If you wish to donate a box please send your box to school by Friday 15th November for collection. Leaflets are enclosed.

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