



## High Spen Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending 20/01/2017



### Club Update

We had our very first computer programming session at High Spen this Tuesday. Thanks to a Community Fund grant we are now the proud owners of BBC Micro Bits, Raspberry Pi kits and numerous other gadgets with which I'm trying to keep up with the pupils!

Members of our School Council have also responded to a request from Y5/6 children. Credit to them, they have advertised, priced and staffed a Rugby Coaching Club!

**### NEWS JUST IN - WE HAVE A GROWING NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE STARTED PLAYING THE GUITAR; INTERESTED IN JOINING? KNOW OF A LOCAL GUITAR TUTOR? PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW. ###**

### Safe Entrance and Egress

Although many of our children LOVE dogs, we also have a significant number who are nervous around them. Can all adults bringing a dog to school please wait with them by the big vehicle gate and not by the small gate used by children.

It would also be appreciated if any smoking (real or vapes) could be done away from the small gate. We do however appreciate that this relies on your good will as we don't own the pavement.

### Early Arrivers

On Thursday morning we had a near miss with an older pupil and a car! Having dug about a little, it seems some children who come to school unsupervised are meeting up and taking themselves off for a scooter ride.

I've spoken to the children in Y5 and Y6 but wanted to make sure parents and carers (specifically of children travelling to school alone) have the chance to discuss what you are and are not happy for them to do before staff come on to the yard at 8:55am.

### Common/Not-So-Common Illness Advice

We have a number of poorly folk at the moment so I thought the following National advice may be helpful.

**Vomiting and diarrhoea.** Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. Most cases of [diarrhoea and vomiting in children](#) get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.

**Chickenpox.** If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all their spots have crusted over. Read more about [chickenpox](#).

**Head Lice.** There's no need to stay off school or wash clothing and laundry on a hot wash, as this is unlikely to be useful. [Lotions or regular Wet Combing](#) are most effective.

**Scarlet Fever.** The symptoms of scarlet fever include a [sore throat](#), [headache](#), high temperature (38.3C/101F) or above), flushed face and swollen tongue. The distinctive pink-red rash develops 12 to 48 hours later. With treatment, most people recover in about four to five days and can return to nursery, school or work 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.