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Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022 – Friday 18th December

Dear parents/carers,

I can't believe it, but we are over half way through November already! We are rapidly approaching a very busy period of the year with our visit to the panto, Christmas performances, the Christmas Fayre and Christmas dinner all to look forward to. I have provided you with key dates later in this newsletter.

Parent Questionnaire

At the end of this newsletter, there is a breakdown of the responses we received to the parent questionnaire we have been asking you to complete. The feedback was overwhelming positive, however, I am a firm believer that there are always ways in which we can improve and some of the responses certainly give us some ideas about areas for improvement in the future. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to this survey. It is something we will aim to do regularly, as your views are very important to the school as we continue to refine and improve aspects of our practice.

Vision and Values

We have been working with various stakeholders to create a new vision for the school and establish a list of values which pupils will be learning about through assemblies and learning activities. Earlier this week, I sent out a link to a Form asking staff, Governors and parents to select the values they feel are most important out of a longlist of almost 40 values. The aim is to establish a shortlist of 20 values with pupils having the final say on the 12 values they feel are most important. I have been delighted with the response to this request. If you haven't yet had your say, please follow the link below to complete the Form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k68z-0VufxxGpulAv773LuhUNik3NVpGSTVMV/U0TkpUN1UwNVYyWIU4Ui4u

Our vision has been drafted and should be ready to share with you very soon.

Children in Need

As you know, today is the BBC's annual Children in Need fundraising appeal and we are grateful for the donations pupils have brought in so that they could wear their spotty clothes and purchase items from our cake/bake sale. At the time of writing this newsletter, we had raised £239.88 – amazing!

INSET Days

I sent out a Class Dojo message earlier in the week updating you on our fifth INSET day. An opportunity has arisen to provide professional development for staff on improving oracy skills throughout the school at the start of the spring term. This means that Monday 9th January (the first day of the spring term) will now be an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils.

We have already taken two days of our current allocation of five INSET days. The dates for the remaining three are:

- Monday 9th January 2023
- Monday 17th April 2023 (Directed Day – all schools in Pembrokeshire County Council are closed for the day)
- Monday 24th July (staff will be attending twilight sessions throughout the year to make up the time so that they do not need to be in school on this day)

Christmas Performances

Earlier in the term, I shared with you the dates for the Christmas performances. I can now confirm the times for each performance. We do not know how long each play will last at this point but will provide you with estimated running times once rehearsals are in full swing. Due to the anticipated high demand for these performances, we will initially need to limit ticket sales to just two tickets per pupil for each performance. Once we have a clear idea about how many people will be attending the performances, we may then be able to offer additional tickets on a first-come-first-served basis until we sell out of tickets. More details about prices and how to order tickets will be made available shortly.

Barn Owl and Robin Classes:

Monday 12th December – 10am

Tuesday 13th December – 6pm

Kingfisher and Swan Classes:

Tuesday 20th December – 10am and 2pm

Wednesday 21st December – 6pm

Parents' Evening Meetings

It has been fantastic to see so many of you throughout the week whilst you have been attending your Parents' Evening meetings. These are valuable meetings which give you and staff an opportunity to discuss your child's learning. If you haven't yet arranged a meeting with your child's class teacher, please contact them directly and I am sure they will be able to arrange a ten-minute meeting with you in the next couple of weeks.

Once Miss Cole has returned to school, we will telephone all parents who had their meetings cancelled this week to arrange a new meeting time.

School Council Update

As promised in a previous newsletter, every fortnight, one of the school councils will update you with their progress and work during the year. This week it is the turn of the School Council.

So far this term, the School Council have been involved in the process of creating our new Sageston CP School Vision and Values. Older members of the school council have presented to the Full Governing Body meeting, which happened earlier this term, updating them on the new councils and how we aim to support the work of the school this year. Gracie (Chairperson) and Taisiya (Vice Chairperson) helped Mr Welch deliver a car full of donated food to PATCH following our Harvest Festival. In addition, the School Council planned for and organised a spotty 'treasure' hunt and cake/bake sale for Children in Need. We have lots of plans for the work we want to do throughout the year and we will be discussing these further in our fortnightly meetings.

Key Dates

December:

Wednesday 7th December: Whole school visit to the Torch Theatre to watch 'Sleeping Beauty'

Thursday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9th December: Christmas Fayre (3 – 5pm)

Monday 12th December: Robin and Barn Owl Classes' Christmas Productions (10am)

Tuesday 13th December: Robin and Barn Owl Classes' Christmas Productions (6pm)

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Dinner Day (pupils will be able to wear Christmas jumpers during the day)

Tuesday 20th December: Swan and Kingfisher Classes' Christmas Production (10am and 2pm)

Wednesday 21st December: Swan and Kingfisher Classes' Christmas Production (6pm)

Friday 23rd December: Final Day of the Term (Pupils can come in non-school uniform and bring a toy or game to play)

Celebration Video

Congratulations to all of our Stars of the Week, those who were presented with a Headteacher's award and our Cymro a Cymraes yr Wythnos. I hope you enjoy our weekly video showing these pupils and, of course, some of the wonderful learning which has taken place across the school this week.

[Celebration Video – Friday 18th November](#)

Wishing you all the best for your weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch
Headteacher

Analysis of Parental Questionnaire – November 2022

10 parents responded to the questionnaire which was available from to 14th October until 11th November.

1. My child likes Sageston CP School:

All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
60%	40%	0%	0%	0%

2. The school helped my child settle in well when they started:

Agree	Disagree
100%	0%

3. I believe that my child is safe in school:

Agree	Disagree
100%	0%

4. I believe that the school deals with any incidents of bullying, harassment or discrimination well.

Agree	Disagree	Don't know
70%	0%	30%

5. The school offers my child a range of interesting learning experiences, including educational trips and visits:

Agree	Disagree
90%	10%

6. My child receives the extra support they need:

Agree	Disagree	Not applicable
60%	0%	40%

7. The school keeps me well informed about my child's progress:

Agree	Disagree
80%	20%

8. The school seeks my views as a parent/carer:

Agree	Disagree
100%	0%

9. The school considers my feedback and, if needed, responds to it:

Agree	Disagree
90%	10%

10. If I share problems or issues with the school, leaders respond and deal with them appropriately:

Agree	Disagree	Not applicable
90%	0%	10%

11. The school shares important information with me in a timely and clear way:

Agree	Disagree
90%	10%

12. I would recommend this school to another parent/carer:

Agree	Disagree
100%	0%