

# Sageston CP School

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# This Half Term's Values: Honesty and Confidence

# Newsletter – Spring Term 2022 – Friday 13th January

Dear parents/carers,

It has been great to get back into school this week and pupils have settled fantastically into the routines of the new term. Despite the weather, we have enjoyed being back in school and pupils have engaged enthusiastically with the start of their spring term topics.

# **Adverse Weather Conditions**

We continue to experience some adverse weather with high winds and torrential rain throughout the week. It is, therefore, very important that all pupils come to school with suitable coats which will keep them warm and dry throughout the winter months. Please ensure that their coat, along with all other items of property (including their uniform) is clearly labelled with their name so that it is easy to return any lost items to their correct owner.

# Parental Voice and Choice

At the start of each term, pupils are given an opportunity to shape their learning by contributing ideas to the 'Voice and Choice' grids for the topic they will be studying. We would like to extend that opportunity to parents. Please take a few moments to share your ideas for learning opportunities under each Area of Learning and Experience for your child's topic this term by following the appropriate link below. If you believe you have expertise, experiences or knowledge which will be beneficial to a particular topic then please include this on the Microsoft Form.

Robin Class – 'Fairy Tales' https://forms.office.com/e/ZrdX3fz4r6

Barn Owl Class - 'Giants' https://forms.office.com/e/fjrzimiNig

Swan Class - 'Tale as Old as Time' https://forms.office.com/e/6DsMA1udUq

Kingfisher Class – 'Cynefin' https://forms.office.com/e/e2zQzzXfqZ

# Sageston CP School – 70th Birthday

At the end of the half term, Sageston CP School celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are planning a week of learning which looks at the history of the school and what it would have been like to attend school in various decades since it opened in 1953. In addition, we will be opening our doors to the local community, including past pupils, staff and governors during an open event. I have sent out a leaflet which details how people linked to the school in the past may be able to help us in the lead up to and during the week and I would be grateful if you could share this with anyone who has had past associations with our wonderful school.

## **Performances**

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week if you will be joining us to watch one of the performances of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'. There are still tickets available for each of the performances. If you have not taken us up on the option to purchase up to two extra tickets per pupil for each performance and you would like to, then please contact me via Class Dojo or email Mrs Shatford.

There will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets before each performance with the winning prize being a TV (kindly donated by Tesco) and accompanying treats for a family movie night! Lisa from the FOSS will also be selling tickets for the raffle after school on Monday and Wednesday for any of you who wish to purchase tickets but won't be at the performances. The winning ticket will be drawn at the conclusion of the final performance on Wednesday evening.

Photos of pupils in their costumes from both sets of performances (Swan/Kingfisher and Robin/Barn Owl) will be displayed and available to purchase before each of the performances. Funds raised will support the school in purchasing equipment and resources to support learning across the school.

#### Cricket Coaching – Barn Owl, Swan and Kingfisher Classes

This week, pupils took part in the first of four weekly Chance to Shine sessions provided by Sarah Williams from Cricket Wales. We are extremely grateful to Sarah and Cricket Wales for this great opportunity for pupils to learn new skills and/or to enhance their existing cricket skills. These sessions will be on Wednesdays each week apart from the fourth and final week which will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please ensure that your children come to school with the appropriate PE kit.

## First Experiences Music Sessions – Swan Class

As part of an exciting national initiative aimed at Year 4 pupils, the whole of Swan Class are undertaking weekly music sessions during the spring term. The programme, called 'First Experiences' has been developed to meet the expectations of the recently published National Plan for Music Education. It aims to ensure that every child and young person has an equal opportunity to play, sing, take part in and create music in primary schools and settings. Tutors from Pembrokeshire Music Services are working in schools across the county to provide this programme.

#### Key Dates – January

As per the accompanying Key Dates letter, these are the key dates for your diaries in January:

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January:	Swan and Kingfisher Classes Christmas Production (Daytime Performances – 10am and 2pm)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January:	Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions (for Barn Owl, Swan and Kingfisher Classes)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January:	Swan and Kingfisher Classes Christmas Production (Evening Performance – 6pm)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January:	Barn Owl Class Visit to Carew Castle
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January:	Kingfisher Class Residential Visit to Urdd Centre, Llangrannog

### After School Clubs

After school clubs will commence next week, with the exception of Monday's clubs. They will start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Please note that Wednesday's Board Games Club is now full. If any spaces become available later in the term, then I will inform you.

#### **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 13th January

Yours sincerely,

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Mr A Welch Headteacher