

# Sageston CP School

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# Newsletter - Autumn Term 2022 - Friday 16th December

Dear parents/carers,

We are coming towards the end of a long and busy term and everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break over Christmas. Despite this, pupils and staff remain in great spirits as we continue to work through our Christmas programme of events whilst also engaging in essential learning activities. It was great to see so many of you come to school to support the pupils in Robin and Barn Owl classes during their performances earlier this week. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did – the pupils and staff did an incredible job and I am very proud of them all. It also whet my appetite for Swan and Kingfisher Classes' Pantomime 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' which will be performed next week.

#### **Christmas Dinner**

Many thanks to Mrs Williams and Mrs Phillips for providing the pupils and staff with a wonderful Christmas dinner on Wednesday. It was fantastic to have the whole school in the hall to celebrate and eat together. We also need to say, 'Diolch yn fawr iawn' to Yvonne and Lisa for setting up to hall, helping to serve and also for assisting in clearing up afterwards.

This was the last Christmas Dinner at Sageston CP School for our Year 6 pupils who were given special treatment by sitting at the 'top' table on the stage. We hope you all enjoy the rest of your last Christmas with us, Year 6!

#### **Christmas Raffle**

We are grateful to the FOSS who have been organising the Christmas raffle and selling tickets at each of the Christmas performances. They will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday during the shows to sell tickets. There are some great prizes to be won, including a luxury hamper (donations from the whole school community), Scarlets tickets, several bottles of alcohol, two £10 vouchers for Olive and Harley's, a £20 Andrew Price voucher, two cheese and wine hampers, a hamper with Avon goodies as well as lots of other gifts, a luxury Christmas decoration and other prizes.

#### **Christmas Performance Photos**

Dave (ably assisted by Yvonne and Lisa) has been busy once again taking photos of the children in their performance costumes. Our hope is that these will provide you with a special keepsake of your child's involvement in these very successful performances. All proofs of these photos will be on display in the lobby before and after the performances on Tuesday and Wednesday. Details on how to order/purchase them will also be available then. If you have a child in Robin and/or Barn Owl Class and you won't be coming to the performances next week, we will arrange some time at the end of one of the school days for you to have a look and order any photos. On Monday, I will send out more details about when that will be.

#### **Winter Conditions**

In the interests of their health and well-being, please ensure that pupils come to school in coats throughout the winter months. We have, as you all know, been experiencing some very cold weather and children are expected to wear coats when we go out for breaks during the day.

### Kingfishers - Llangrannog Residential Visit

Please could you respond by the end of next week at the latest as to whether your child would like to attend the residential visit at the end of January/start of February. Any pupils not attending will be expected to come to school for that period of time and arrangements will be made for their learning to continue. If anyone would like to discuss payment with us, then please feel free to contact myself or Mrs Shatford.

#### **Key Dates - December:**

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

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

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Expressive Arts Club Visiting Nursing Homes (letter to follow on Monday)

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

A reminder that the first day of the spring term, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, will be an INSET Day with the school closed to pupils. The first day back in school for pupils will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

# After School Care with Mrs Macken

As many of you are aware, we do offer limited after school care on a Monday and Friday through Mrs Macken. Please could I ask that if you wish to utilise this paid for provision, that you book this through Mrs Shatford or Mrs Macken at the earliest possible opportunity. Whilst, in most cases we are able to accommodate any 'emergency' or unforeseen need for this provision, we cannot guarantee it will always be available at the last minute. In addition, please ensure that payment (£2.50 until 4pm and £7.50 after 4pm – with the provision finishing at 5pm) is made in advance or, at the very latest, when you pick up your child/ren from after school care.

#### **After School Clubs**

As mentioned in my last newsletter, there will not be any after school clubs next week as it is the final week of term. In the first week after the Christmas break, I will update you about the clubs which will be running from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **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 16th December

Wishing you all the best for your weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Welch Headteacher