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Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022 – Friday 21st October

Dear parents/carers,

We reach the end of another busy week in school, with just one more week before all pupils and staff can take a well-earned break for half term. I'd like to remind you all that the first Monday of the second half of term (Monday 7th November) is an INSET day and school will be closed to pupils for the day as school staff join their colleagues from schools across the Tenby/Greenhill Cluster of Schools to work collaboratively on the continued implementation of Curriculum for Wales 2022.

It seems that I have an awful lot of information and news to share with you today. In addition, at the end of this newsletter, I have pleasure in attaching information from the Friends of Sageston School (FOSS). Please read this and see if there is anything you can do to help out in the coming weeks and months as we approach Christmas.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who have already engaged with the parent questionnaire mentioned in last week's newsletter. I am repeating this information here to ensure that as many of you as possible give your views and ideas.

Your feedback, views and opinions on how we are currently performing as a school are very important to us. We hope that you will feel that your child is happy, safe and making good progress whilst in school. However, we would always encourage you to come and talk to us if you feel this isn't the case.

We would be very grateful if you could complete the following survey expressing how you feel about the school and the provision we provide. This will help us to be as effective as we can be in providing a safe, engaging and stimulating environment for all pupils, where they make good or better progress in their learning. We will analyse the results of the survey to find out whether we need to adapt/improve our processes in specific areas.

<https://forms.office.com/r/JfUDHAMuDS>

The survey should take only a few minutes to complete. We will publish summary data from the survey following the deadline for completing it, which is Friday 28th October.

Parent Group

You may remember that at the end of the summer term, I asked for people to volunteer to be part of a parent group which would meet each half term to discuss school-based issues, giving us a parental perspective on the work we do in school. I hope this will prove a useful way of ensuring that parental voice is heard and that we can use parental ideas and opinions to help improve aspects of school life.

This week, we had the first meeting of the group and it was great to hear the positive things parents had to say about many areas of the school. We discussed the school vision and values and hope to be able to share revised versions of these with you on the new website in the next few weeks. We now have a list of issues and topics to discuss in future meetings. We'll provide more information in the coming months about these agenda items and how those who aren't part of the group can contribute to these discussions.

New Website

We are really pleased to be working with e4education (who are experts in school website design) to build a new school website. We hope that this will provide pupils, parents and the wider community a more effective tool to find out key information about the school. Watch this space for more information about when we expect to launch the new website!

Harvest Festival

It was an absolute pleasure to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival this week. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the whole Sageston CP School community in donating so many items of food for PATCH. I was delighted to take the Chair and Vice Chair of our School Council to deliver these items to PATCH in Milford Haven on Monday afternoon.



School Photos

On Monday, Mr Dave Marriott will be taking individual and family photos for all pupils across the school. Therefore, we would ask that children come to school in their uniform so that they can look smart for their photos. Once again, we are grateful to Dave for giving his time to take these photos. He will be able to offer these photos at a significantly reduced price in comparison to the larger companies who provide this service to schools. We hope that this will be of some help to families in the current challenging financial climate.

Halloween Disco

Please see further information below from FOSS about the discos next Wednesday. Younger pupils (Robins and Barn Owls) will be from 4.30 to 5.15pm and older pupils (Swans and Kingfishers) from 5.15 to 6pm. There is no charge for attendance. FOSS will be selling a range of snacks and drinks and transferable tattoos, so please send your children with some money if they would like to purchase any of these items.

Clothes Recycling Scheme

As you know, we are working with Rags 2 Riches to raise funds for the school. Pupils brought home bags to collect these items in. The bags will be collected from school on Wednesday 9th November so please make sure bags are returned by Tuesday 8th November. They will not accept school uniform but will accept any clean, good quality, dry, reusable clothing.

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to those who have taken a shoebox for the Rotary Shoebox Appeal. There are still a few left if there are any more families who would like to put a shoebox together. They will be collected on Thursday 10th November, so please ensure you have returned the box to school by Wednesday 9th November.

Christmas Card Design

This is a final request for any Christmas card designs to be returned to school as soon as possible as Mrs Shatford will send these off next week to ensure they are printed in time for the Christmas period.

Bonfire Night Menu

You will have received information about a special Bonfire Night menu being provided by the kitchen next half term. The poster states that the menu will be served on Monday 7th November. As the school will be closed for an INSET day on Monday 7th November, this menu will be served on Tuesday 8th November instead.

Key Dates

October:

Monday 24 th October:	School Photos for Individual Pupils and Family Groups Parents' Evening Appointments Released
Wednesday 26 th October:	Halloween Disco (4.30 – 5.15pm Robins and Barn Owls and 5.15 - 6pm Swans and Kingfishers)
Friday 28 th October:	Final Day of the Half Term

November:

Monday 7 th November:	INSET Day (School closed to pupils for staff training)
Tuesday 8 th November:	First Day of the Second Half Term
Friday 11 th November:	Remembrance Service
Monday 14 th November to Thursday 17 th November:	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 15 th November:	Flu Vaccine
Friday 18 th November:	Children in Need

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 21st October](#)

Wishing you all the best for your weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch
Headteacher

FOSS Update

Halloween Disco

If anyone has any Halloween decorations, they could lend or donate to us for the parties on Wednesday, we would be very grateful.

Volunteers to help with both parties would also be very welcome. FOSS will be selling hot dogs and refreshments throughout both parties.

We will be having a pumpkin competition for both parties, please bring along a pumpkin with your child's name on, which has been carved or decorated. They will need to be taken home at the end of the party. (If you wish to put a candle in it, please make sure it is a battery one)

Christmas Events

FOSS would like to put together a Christmas hamper to raffle off at the end of the term, if anyone is able to donate a Christmas treat to add to it, please bring into school, there will be a labelled box in the main entrance.

There is a Christmas Craft day for the children on the 1st of December, if anyone has any of the following items to help us make the most wonderful craft to sell at the Christmas Fayre, this would be most welcome:

- Acrylic paint- red, white, green, black, yellow
- Feathers-small brown and white
- Buttons- small
- ECO FRIENDLY-glitter red, green, blue, silver, gold
- Small - Googly eyes
- Fresh Holly and greenery
- Christmas silky ribbon
- Small cones
- Dried oranges and cinnamon sticks
- Mini baubles

We would like to replace our Christmas decorations for the school. Before we purchase new baubles, tinsel, garlands etc., does anyone have any new or nearly new/good condition decorations they no longer use and would like to give to the school?

We will be putting up the Christmas decorations at school on the 25th of November, so can all decorations be given in by 18th November please?

If anyone is able to volunteer for any of the events:

- Halloween Discos
- Christmas Fayre
- Selling raffle tickets at end of some chosen school days and during the Christmas performances

Please email the school with your name and number and it will be forwarded to the relevant person

Many thanks for your continued support.

I know we are all looking forward to a wonderful festive end of year.

FOSS