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Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022 – Friday 11th November

Dear parents/carers,

Whilst pupils have had a shorter week in school this week, due to Monday's INSET Day, it has been encouraging to see how hard they have worked on their return to school after just over a week away. As always, there has been a lot going on in school and I hope that you continue to find these newsletters informative and interesting. If there is anything you feel could be added, please get in touch with your suggestions.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to those who took the time to complete the parental questionnaire which has been available for the past few weeks. My initial analysis shows that there are lots of positives with some helpful suggestions for how certain aspects of our work might improve in the future. I intend to provide you with a more detailed analysis of the responses in next week's newsletter.

Parents' Evenings – Next Week

Many of you have now signed up to meet with your child's class teacher next week. If you have not done so, please contact the school so that we can book you an appointment. This is an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and I would strongly encourage everyone to attend.

As this is the first time you will have met with your child's class teacher in person for quite some time and there will be lots to discuss during the meeting, we will not have pupil books out for this parents' evening. During our next parents' evening in the spring term, you will be given the chance to look at books. There will be an opportunity for you to look at them in detail before and/or after the meeting in the spring term and staff may well want to highlight some examples of your child's work during your discussions.

The meetings are ten minutes long and it is important that we run to time as staff will be meeting with several parents each evening over the course of the week. We would appreciate your support in helping us to stick to the arranged meeting times for everyone's convenience.

Remembrance Service

It was a pleasure and honour to welcome members of the Cresselly and District branch of the Royal British Legion to school today for our Remembrance Service. Members included Mr John Brock, MBE, President of the branch and Mr Martin Hyde, Chairman of the branch. The pupils behaved impeccably throughout the service which included a two-minute silence, the laying of crosses and lighting of candles in memory of fallen soldiers from the Carew Parish in both world wars and Mr John Brock describing some of his memories of life in the second world war and leading the school in song. Many of our visitors commented on how wonderfully the pupils had behaved and how respectful they were. I can only say, once again, how proud I was of them all. I am grateful to all staff for their support in ensuring the service ran smoothly this morning and I must thank Mrs Yvonne Marriott from the FOSS who served teas and coffees to our guests after the service – diolch yn fawr iwan Yvonne.

Pupils have been displaying their poppies this week, whether on badges, bracelets or bands, and have shown great generosity in their donations to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. It is important that we continue to learn about the significance of poppies at this time of year and understand the sacrifices made by service men and women at times of war and conflict to protect the freedoms we all enjoy today.

FOSS – Christmas Preparations

A reminder that FOSS would be grateful for donations towards the Christmas craft activities. The deadline for handing these in is 24th November. If you have any Christmas decorations you can donate, please bring these in on Monday 14th November.

We have our luxury Christmas hamper in the foyer ready to accept donations – the cut off for donations is Friday 16th December. The draw for this will be made on Wednesday 21st December during Kingfisher and Swan Classes' evening performance (I will be sending out final details of these performance times early next week – the dates can be found on the Key Dates letter sent out earlier this term).

Clothes Recycling Scheme

The bags of clothes you have been bringing into school over the past few weeks were collected earlier this week. I am pleased to say that we were able to raise over £90 for the school. Many thanks to those who brought in clothes to help support the school – we are very grateful.

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

13 shoeboxes from Sageston CP School were collected yesterday and will make their way to disadvantaged children in time for Christmas via the Saundersfoot Rotary Club. We are incredibly grateful, as ever for your generous donations. If anyone still has a box and would like to bring it into school, then the Rotary Club have told us that they can collect them early next week.

Children in Need

The School Council have recently discussed plans for next week's Children in Need fundraising event. This is an annual event which we are always keen to support. We will be asking pupils to wear spotty clothes during the day – the theme of this year's appeal is 'Spotacular' – and will also be running a bake sale. If children would like to wear spotty non-uniform for the day, we are asking for a £1 donation. For the bake sale, we would be grateful if pupils were able to bring in cakes and bakes to donate. We will be selling these during the day – with pupils requested to bring a maximum of £1 to spend. In addition, the School Council are organising a spotty treasure hunt for pupils to participate in during the day.

Key Dates – November:

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

Because of our Remembrance Service, we did not have our usual Friday Celebration Assembly this week. Therefore, the weekly video looks slightly different. There are still slides showing the learning which has been taking place this week. We have also shared some of the photos from our special assembly this morning and from the School Council's visit to the Carew War Memorial.

Weekly Video – Friday 11th November

Wishing you all the best for your weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch
Headteacher