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Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022 – Friday 30th September

Dear parents/carers,

I always enjoy walking around the school and seeing our wonderful pupils engaged with their learning. This last four weeks, the school has been a fantastic place to be with pupils working hard to make progress in their learning in a calm and purposeful environment. I am very proud of the way the pupils have returned to their learning after a long break over the summer and I am very excited about what they can all achieve throughout the year. I remain grateful to the incredible staff team here at the school who continue to work tirelessly to provide your children with a rich, varied and engaging curriculum and a safe, welcoming and caring environment in which they can learn and flourish.

It Starts in School

As you know, Pembrokeshire County Council are currently running the 'It Starts in School' campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of regular school attendance for their children. You may have seen adverts via social media or heard some on the radio and you will certainly have noticed the large banner on the fence at the front of the school. Attendance in schools dropped considerably in the past two and a half years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is now important that we focus on improving attendance for the benefit of all learners. Therefore, as a school, we have included improving attendance within one of our key priorities for the year. As I mentioned at the end of last term, if attendance falls below a threshold of 90%, then it is likely that I will contact parents/carers and/or send a letter offering support aimed at improving attendance in the future. However, if attendance does not improve, then I may need to send further letters, arrange meetings with parents/carers and in some cases, refer persistent absenteeism to the Education Welfare Service. I hope that we can work together to address absenteeism – if you require our support in ensuring that your child or children attend school regularly, then please contact me to arrange a meeting where we can discuss this further. We are here to help.

Lexia

Lexia is a brilliant tool for supporting the development of reading skills and strategies and is available to all our pupils from Year 1. There is strong evidence that regular use of this program leads to pupils making good or better progress in their reading. Each child has a set weekly target in terms of the time they should be working on the program and meeting this target is key to making progress. All pupils in Barn Owl, Swan and Kingfisher Classes should have their login details but if you are unsure, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Key Dates

We have almost reached October already! Each week, I will share the key remaining dates for the month. This list will also include any we have added on over the course of the term.

October:

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| Monday 3 rd October: | Firework Safety Talk for Barn Owl and Kingfisher Classes |
| Friday 14 th October: | Shwmae Day (Pupils can come into school in red, white and/or green) |
| Monday 17 th October: | Harvest Festival (9.30 -10.30am) |
| Monday 24 th October: | School Photos for Individual Pupils and Family Groups
Parents' Evening Appointments Released |

Wednesday 26th October: Halloween Disco (4.30 – 5.15pm Robins and Barn Owls and 5.15 - 6pm Swans and Kingfishers)

Friday 28th October: Final Day of the Half Term

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to Mrs Bowers, the team of Kingfisher pupils who were helping out this afternoon and of course the FOSS for supporting with today's event. Many thanks for your generous donations of cakes and for turning up to support this annual charity fundraiser. As soon as we have a total, I will share it with you and we will arrange for all of these proceeds to be sent to MacMillan Cancer Support who do an amazing job in supporting patients and their families across the country.

Celebration Video

This video, as always, shows those pupils who we celebrated in today's assembly and some of the learning which has taken place:

[Celebration Video – Friday 30th September](#)

Arts and Crafts Club – Thursday 6th October

Finally, a brief reminder that Mrs Harland's Arts and Crafts Club is cancelled for next week only due to staff training. Netball Club will carry on as usual and things will return to normal the following week.

Wishing you all the best for your weekend

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch
Headteacher