



# Sageston CP School

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## **This Half Term's Values: Happiness and Resilience**

### **Newsletter – Summer Term 2023 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Dear parents/carers,

It feels like quite some time since I wrote my last newsletter. However, plenty has been going on since the pupils returned to school at the start of the half term and I have lots to share with you as we move into the final five weeks of the year.

#### **Summer Fete – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Two weeks today, it will be our Summer Fete. This will start at 2pm and you are welcome to collect your child/ren early from school on that day (more details about how this will happen will be shared closer to the date). I met with members of the FOSS today and they have asked for donations for the hamper (which is now positioned in the entrance lobby) and prizes for the raffle to be donated as soon as possible, please. In addition, there will be a tombola and, as we have previously done, we are asking for small prizes of up to £2 in value to be donated. We have assigned a prize category to each class:

Kingfisher Class: toiletries

Swan Class: crafting items/toys

Barn Owl Class: sweets/chocolates

Robin Class: books

Ducklings (playgroup): drinks

We look forward to sharing this special event with you all.

#### **Sophia Gardens Trip – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

As per my Class Dojo message at the start of the week, we are allowing pupils attending this trip to leave school at 2.30pm (released from the main entrance to the school) so they can change and have something to eat before returning to school for 3.50pm. We will be leaving school at 4pm and hope to return by approximately 11.15pm. I will message parents throughout the evening via Class Dojo (on the Swan and Kingfisher Class stories) in particular on our way back so that you know exactly when to come and collect your child/ren. Pupils will not be able to bring electronics or phones with them.

Pupils will need to bring food with them to eat during the evening but we have been advised by the venue that they will not be permitted to bring in any glass or tin cans into the ground. They are not expected to wear their school uniform during the trip – we will ensure they are in high-visibility vests as we walk to and from the venue and we have several staff members accompanying so that we have a high teacher to pupil ratio throughout the trip.

#### **School Uniform Questionnaire**

Many thanks to those of you have completed the school uniform questionnaire. We have already had 45 responses which is an excellent level of engagement. If you have not completed this survey, please take a couple of minutes out of your day to do so – your views are very important to us.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sHvauWRzas>

#### **Contact Details and Permissions**

If you have not yet completed the contact details and permissions form sent home last half term, please could you do so as soon as possible. Mrs Shatford has been busy collating all of the completed forms but it is

essential that we have this up-to-date information from everyone. Many thanks to those of you who have already completed and returned this form.

### **Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors – Pembroke Castle, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

We have five pairs of tickets (one adult and one child aged between 5 and 15) to give away for a Horrible Histories performance on stage at Pembroke Castle at the start of July. If you would like your child's name to be included in a raffle for these tickets, then please let me know via Class Dojo. I will be drawing the winners next week.

### **Key Dates – June and July**

#### **June:**

Monday 19th June:	County Cricket Tournament – for pupils in Kingfisher Class
Wednesday 21st June:	Kingfisher Class visit to Car y Mor with Darwin Centre
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June:	Pupils from Kingfisher and Swan Classes visit to Sofia Garden, Cardiff for Vitality Blast cricket match
Friday 30th June:	Summer Fair – between 2pm and 5pm

#### **July:**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July:	Whole School Sports Day (pm)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July:	Transition Day for all pupils – pupils to spend time in their new class for September with Year 6 pupils spending the day at Greenhill School
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July:	Reserve Date for Whole School Sports Day (pm)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July:	End of Year Reports sent home
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July:	Final day of the term.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July:	INSET Day – school closed to pupils. Please note that staff will not be present in school on this day as they will have worked this day through attending twilights throughout the year.

### **INSET Days – 2023/24**

At the start of next year, there will be two INSET Days to ensure staff are fully prepared for the start of the new academic year. During these days, we will undertake key training which will focus on safeguarding policies and procedures, Additional Learning Needs strategies and implementation of the Curriculum for Wales.

The first day will be **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, which is a county-wide directed day and the second will be on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. This means that the first day of the 2023/24 academic year for pupils will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

There will be four more INSET Days throughout the rest of the academic year. They will be on the following dates:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024** (county-wide directed day)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

With the exception of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, we have arranged these dates at the start of a school term (or half term) to limit the disruption to families. However, due to the limited availability of a key trainer, we were unable to have much influence on the final INSET Day of the year (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April). During this day, we will focus on outdoor learning with a renowned consultant in this area which will help us to enhance outdoor learning opportunities across the school.

## 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 Assembly – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June](#)

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch  
Headteacher