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## **This Half Term's Values: Politeness and Empathy**

### **Newsletter – Summer Term 2023 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

Dear parents/carers,

It appears that the start of the summer term has signalled a change in the weather, which is a relief! Let's hope it continues, although I certainly won't be holding my breath! Regardless of the weather, it has been a great start to the summer term, with pupils arriving back in school this week with high levels of enthusiasm and engagement.

#### **Homework**

Today, pupils will be bringing home a homework book with them. At the front of this book is a grid with activities linked to their termly topic for the children to complete at home. Teachers have set some of these tasks and the pupils have shared their ideas for other activities/tasks. They can be completed in any order, although there is no expectation that they complete all of the tasks. Pupils can bring in the book once they have completed a task. Please note that teachers will not mark homework in detail, however, they will acknowledge the work and the effort involved by making a comment about it.

At the top of the grid is a description of the weekly reading, spelling and maths tasks (for pupils in Barn Owl, Swan and Kingfisher Classes). These are tasks which are set weekly and we would expect all children to engage with these tasks to help them to make progress in their learning. Spelling lists will now be sent home via Class Dojo to cut down on the amount of paper we are using in school and pupils can use the back of their homework books to practise their spellings in.

We hope that the choice grid gives families flexibility in terms of when activities are completed, as we acknowledge that it is difficult to complete homework some weeks due to events going on outside of school. We also feel this will give pupils an opportunity to have a greater choice about which activities they complete. We're confident that the range of activities/tasks will provide something of interest for everyone! At the end of the term, we will ask for some feedback from pupils and families about this method of setting homework.

#### **Labelling Belongings**

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are labelled – this helps to find the correct owners for the various items that we inevitably find around the school each day. Could I also request that any handwritten labels in clothing are checked? Regular washing of clothing means these handwritten labels can fade over time making reading them increasingly challenging.

I am hoping to set up a pre-loved uniform area in the school foyer this term so that perfectly good uniform which no longer fits children can be donated for other families to access. Once this is up and running, I will let you know where it is and how you can access it should you wish to. If you have any donations, please could you send them into school? Please remove any labels which have your child's names on so that they don't end up back in circulation and find their way back to you!

#### **Easter Prize Bingo Night**

I am grateful to everyone who supported this event on the evening of the final day of the spring term. It was great to see so many of you enjoying yourselves. Of course, there were people who supported in other ways by donating towards the prizes and/or the hamper.

Once again members of the FOSS put in an enormous effort to organise and run the event – I am confident that whole of the Sageston CP School community is very appreciative of their continued support, especially in these challenging financial times.

Congratulations to all of the winners on the evening. I am delighted to say that an incredible £603.75 was raised for the school.

I can also let you know that FOSS raised £465.50 through the Christmas raffle. That's well over £1000 raised for the school since December – amazing work FOSS, thank you all very much!

### **Creu Gyda Mei**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, five pupils from Kingfisher Class attended a Welsh language event at the Regency Hall in Saundersfoot. They worked with pupils from all of the other schools in the Tenby/Greenhill cluster of schools to create an original Welsh song about Tenby and the surrounding areas with artist and composer Mei Gwynedd. The pupils were a credit to our school with their exceptional behaviour and attitudes throughout the day. Over the coming weeks, these pupils will work with other pupils in our school to teach them the song and then we hope pupils from Sageston CP School will be filmed at Carew Castle singing the verse they contributed to the song. This will then form part of the music video to accompany the song which will be released in due course. More details to follow.

### **Book Fair Update**

Thank you very much for all of your support during the book fair towards the end of the summer term. Families spent over £680 collectively on books meaning that we now have £340 to spend on books for the school. It is fantastic to see how much families value books and reading.

### **Key Dates – April and May**

#### **April:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April to  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April:                      Cycling Proficiency for Kingfisher Class

#### **May:**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May:                              School closed – Bank Holiday

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May:                                Whole School Lunch – for King Charles III's Coronation

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May:                                School closed – Bank Holiday

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May:                            Cluster Cricket Tournament – for girls in Kingfisher Class

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May:                        Swan Class visit to Bosherton Lily Ponds with Darwin Centre

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May:                            County Cricket Tournament – for girls in Kingfisher Class

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:                                Final day of the first half term

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> April](#)

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch  
Headteacher