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This Half Term's Values: Respect and Friendship

Newsletter #1 – Autumn Term 2023 – Friday 8th September 2023

Dear parents/carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the pupils back to school this week. As always, they have settled back into our routines really well. We have been very lucky with the weather since our return to school and we are due some good weather for the rest of the month according to forecasts. Therefore, please can I remind you to ensure pupils come to school with adequate protection against the sun.

Class Dojo

A reminder that Class Dojo is our primary means of sharing information with parents. If you are not signed up to this, please contact your child's class teacher for details about how you can get all of the key communications we send out. A brief reminder that staff have set 'Quiet Hours' on their accounts so that they will not receive messages outside of the normal working day (8am to 5pm) and whilst they are teaching, they will not always have access to any messages sent via Class Dojo. If you need to get a message to a class teacher during the day, the most effective way of ensuring that the message is communicated is to phone the school office. We will endeavour to ensure that messages sent from the school are only sent during normal school hours, unless there is something we urgently need to share with you.

Staffing

Unfortunately, Mrs Gaynor Hughes has informed me this week that she will be leaving her Breakfast Supervisor and Lunchtime Supervisor in order to spend more time supporting her family. Mrs Hughes, who will be greatly missed, has worked at the school for over twenty years and is well known to all of our families. Her final day working at Sageston CP School will be next Friday, 15th September.

Website

Amongst all of the information to be found on our school website, parents will find a calendar of school dates, copies of all letters sent home, including weekly newsletters and information about the learning happening in each class. The website can be found at <https://www.sagestoncpschool.co.uk/>

Facebook/Twitter

We will also continue to utilise our Facebook and Twitter accounts more effectively this year to share some of the wonderful things happening in school. If you have access to these platforms, please check out our accounts. We, of course, will only be sharing images of pupils where we have your permission to do so.

Open Evening – Wednesday 27th September from 3.30pm

We are delighted to offer all parents an opportunity to come into the school on the above date and visit classrooms and informally discuss this term's learning with class teachers. The Open Evening will start with a brief introduction from myself in the school hall, where I will share our school priorities for this year with parents as well as some ways you can support your child/ren at home with their learning. Your opportunity to formally discuss your child's progress will come later in the term when we hold Parents' Evening meetings in November.

Rotary Club Shoebox Appeal

I apologise for mentioning Christmas so early in the autumn term, but we have taken delivery of a number of empty boxes for the Rotary Club's Shoebox Appeal. Due to the increased financial pressures on everyone, the Rotary Club has asked us to fill a limited number of boxes which can be filled by donations from a number of families rather than expecting individual families to fund the filling of a box entirely themselves. Therefore, each

class has two boxes to fill and we have two spare boxes for any surplus donations once the class boxes have been filled. We will be accepting donations from next week and have until Friday 22nd October to fill the boxes before they are collected by the Rotary Club. Below are a couple of images from the Rotary Club's leaflet about their Shoebox Appeal showing what can be donated and what should not be included in the boxes.



School Houses

Our new school Houses will be named after Pembrokeshire castles. We have decided not to use Carew Castle as we felt most pupils would want to be in this house, as it is our local castle and displayed prominently throughout the school, including in our school logo. Therefore, we have selected four other castles – Pembroke, Manorbier, Picton and Cilgerran. We are exploring the possibility of organising trips to these castles for pupils belonging to the house named after each one this year – more details will follow shortly. Your child will be assigned their new house next week and will be able to start earning House Points straight away. These points will be counted by Year 6 House Captains each week and the winning House will receive the new House Trophy at the end of each term. They will also earn a reward for the whole House which will be decided by the pupils at the start of each term. I must reiterate that there is no expectation that pupils have PE t-shirts in the colour of their new house. During Sports Day later in the year, they will only need to wear a t-shirt which matches the colour of their house – again, there is no need to purchase a logoed t-shirt for this event.

After School Clubs

Clubs will start up again next week. As per my Class Dojo message earlier today, there are a wide range of clubs for pupils to sign up to, with clubs for pupils of all ages to engage with each day, with the exception of Fridays. Please ensure that you sign your child/ren up for any after school clubs they would like to attend using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/5jzbabkM31>

Parent Voice – Topics

I have created an online Microsoft Form for you to share your ideas about each class's topic this term. If you feel there is any key learning around this subject which should take place or there is any way you or someone close to you can help out during the topic, then please put this information into the right area on the Form. We'll consider all ideas, however, please be aware that we may not be able to incorporate all of these ideas and suggestions into our planning for the term. <https://forms.office.com/e/3Vf92GggAR>

Key Dates – September and October

September:

Wednesday 27th September: Open Evening

Friday 29th September: MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (2 – 4pm)

October:

Monday 2nd October: Harvest Festival (9.30 – 10.30am)

Tuesday 10th October: Hello Yellow Day

Monday 16th October: Shwmae Day (Pupils can come into school in red, white and/or green)

Wednesday 25th October:

Halloween Disco (4.30 – 5.15pm Robins and Barn Owls and 5.15 - 6pm Swans and Kingfishers)

Friday 27th October:

Final Day of the 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 8th September](#)

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch
Headteacher