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This Half Term's Values: Respect and Friendship

Newsletter #5 – Autumn Term 2023 – Friday 6th October 2023

Dear parents/carers,

This week started in the best possible manner with our wonderful Harvest Festival. The pupils performed brilliantly and set the tone for another great week of learning at Sageston CP School.

End of the School Day

A reminder that the school day finishes at 3.20pm for Robin and Barn Owl Classes and at 3.30pm for Swan and Kingfisher Classes. Pupils are busy learning until the final few minutes of the day so it is very important that they stay in school all day. We have noticed that an increasing number of pupils are being collected earlier than these end times to the day. Whilst we appreciate that there are sometimes valid reasons why a pupil may need to be collected early, we would be grateful if this was kept to an absolute minimum so as to limit any disruptions to your child/ren's learning.

We will be adapting our processes for signing children in and out of school and will require reasons to be given for any early collections. We will be asking you to sign your child/ren out if you absolutely need to collect them earlier and will request that you record the reason for collecting your child/ren in this book. This information will be used in my termly reviews of attendance.

Overall Attendance

As you know, attendance has been a challenge for many schools over the past few years and Sageston CP School has been no exception to this. Last year, we did see a slight improvement on the previous year and our overall attendance was 90.8%. This is still significantly short of our target attendance of 96%. I am, therefore, very pleased to say that our current attendance this year is 95.5% and we have had two days this week where every pupil on roll has attended school. This is really positive news and I hope that I can count on your support to ensure that, wherever possible, pupils continue to attend school each and every day in order to make the most of the brilliant learning opportunities we offer them.

Rotary Club's Shoebox Appeal

As I have mentioned before, we are collecting for the Rotary Club's Shoebox Appeal. Each class has two boxes to fill. We would be grateful if you could start sending in donations as the Rotary Club will collect the boxes in just under two weeks' time. We aim to create boxes in each class that roughly reflect the age of the pupils in that class, i.e. we will endeavour to fill boxes for children aged between 3 and 5 years old in Robin Classes, boxes for children aged between 5 and 7 in Barn Owl Class, and so on. We may need to move donations around to ensure we create boxes as close to this ideal as possible so please do not worry if you have already got donations that you feel may not be appropriate for the age range of your child's class.

I am once again providing you with the information about what can be donated and what should not be included within the shoeboxes as a guide.



Hello Yellow Day

As you know, each year we support the Hello Yellow cause as part of World Mental Health Day. The date for this is Tuesday 10th October. During this day, we will be encouraging pupils to wear yellow to school and, in classes, will be carrying out activities related to World Mental Health Day at an age-appropriate level.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Once again, many thanks to everyone for their generous support last week, through donating cakes and/or attending our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. As I stated in my Class Dojo message, we raised an incredible amount of money for MacMillan. Donations on the day totalled £280 and, together with a very generous donation of £330 from Yvonne Marriot following her Open Garden event earlier this year, we have been able to send £610 to the charity.

Harvest Festival

It was great to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival assembly on Monday. Those who attended were expertly entertained by each class singing a harvest song before the whole school performed one final song. We had many tinned and packaged foods donated which we were proud to deliver to PATCH today.

Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions

Next week will be the final Chance to Shine cricket session for pupils in Barn Owl, Swan and Kingfisher Classes. We are grateful to Sarah Williams and Cricket Wales for supporting the school and providing us with these excellent sessions.

Key Dates – September and October

October:

- Tuesday 10th October: Hello Yellow Day
- Monday 16th October: Shwmae Day (pupils can come into school in red, white and/or green)
- Wednesday 18th October: Final day for donations to the Rotary Club’s Shoebox Appeal
- Monday 23rd October: International Week
Appointments for Parents’ Evenings released.
- Wednesday 25th October: Halloween Disco (4.30 – 5.10pm 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 6th October](#)

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch
Headteacher