



Sageston CP School Newsletter – March 2024



This Term's Values: Honesty and Self-Confidence; Responsibility and Teamwork

I hope that you found last month's revamped newsletter useful and informative. I aim to keep the structure very similar each month. Any feedback on what you would like to see or what you feel is important to include in future newsletters would be very welcome. Just send me a message on Class Dojo.

On Friday, we said farewell to Mrs John, who has been leading our wonderful playgroup for the past four years. We will all miss her presence in the school but wish her much luck and success in her new role. I am confident Mrs O'Leary and Miss Lloyd will do a brilliant job continuing the excellent work the playgroup does in introducing many pupils to our fantastic school.

Important Messages

Healthy Eating and Drinking

I have asked Mrs Bowers and the Health and Well-being Council to work on creating a revised policy towards healthy eating and drinking in school. By the end of the summer term, they will be ready to present this policy to pupils and parents. In the meantime, I would like to remind parents that the school encourages pupils to bring a **healthy snack** for their breaktime snack – this would usually be a portion of fruit. In addition, we also encourage all pupils to bring a water bottle containing water to help keep them hydrated throughout the day. Please could I ask parents to check these bottles regularly; we are noticing leaking bottles leaving trails of water up the main corridor most mornings. The bottles that are most practical in school are the sports style water bottles that have a pop up/pull up style straw or a nozzle which can be pulled up and pushed back down with ease. Whilst we encourage recycling and, where possible, reusing plastic bottles, we have noticed a number of pupils bringing in 'Prime' bottles. These bottles have become distracting for the pupils and, therefore, we would be grateful if pupils do not bring them to school in the future. In addition, bottles with screw tops are not very practical in busy classrooms.

Pick Up at the End of the Day

To make things easier for teachers dismissing all the pupils from their classes at the end each school day, please could I ask that, as parents, you position yourselves where the class teacher can see you easily. I appreciate some parents may have children being released from two classes at the same time, and I would ask that, if it is practical to do so, that you position yourself centrally on the yard so that both class teachers are able to see you. This will help us to ensure that all pupils are released safely to their adults in a timely manner. A reminder that pupils should be picked up at 3.20pm if they are in Robin and Barn Owl Classes and 3.30pm if they are in Swan and Kingfisher Classes.

Breakfast Club

Please be advised that Mrs Williams stops serving breakfast at 8.30am. If pupils arrive after this point, we will not be in a position to provide them with breakfast. Pupils who arrive after 8.30am will go straight out onto the yard (unless it is raining!) where they will be supervised until the official start of the school day at 8.50am.

Upcoming Dates

March:

Friday 1 st March:	Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant/St David's Day Celebrations
Thursday 7 th March:	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March to Thursday 14 th March:	Parents' Evening Meetings Please note – only Board Games Club and Netball Club will run this week.
Friday 15 th March:	Comic Relief: Red Nose Day
Monday 18 th March to Friday 22 nd March:	Scholastic Book Fair in School
Wednesday 20 th March:	Robin Class's Landing Day
Friday 22 nd March:	Final Day of the Term

School Council News

The School Council met yesterday and will meet again before the end of term to discuss a number of key events which are happening in the school before the Easter holidays.

To start with, they have helped to plan for the activities that each class will engage in during World Book Day, which will take place later in the week.

We have also discussed activities and events that the pupils will engage with during Red Nose Day (Friday 15th March). We will provide parents with further information via Class Dojo later this week.

Members of the School Council will also be asked to support staff in running the Book Fair that will be in school during the final week of the term.

A reminder that there are three other councils: Welsh, Eco and Health and Wellbeing. Each one has projects they are working on to improve these aspects of life in Sageston CP School.

Each class has four council reps for each of the four councils (with the exception of Robin Class who share their ideas with Mrs Roach as a whole class and these are passed to the councils at their next meetings). Pupils are encouraged to share any ideas they have about how the school can be improved with their council reps who then bring those ideas to our meetings.

Please encourage your child/ren to share any ideas they have about how to improve life at the school with their school council reps.

The Latest from FOSS

Our new polytunnel has arrived! We are now just waiting on a spell of dry days to coincide with the installer's availability before it can be fully installed. Once it has been installed, we will start learning sessions in there and begin to grow our own plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables. Once again, I'd like to express our sincere gratitude to Planed, who provided the grant for the polytunnel, and of course the FOSS, particularly Mrs Yvonne Marriott for her work in applying for, and being awarded, the grant.

FOSS are running a raffle for Easter and would love donations to be put into the hamper for the prize. The hamper will be in the foyer to the school from early next week and we would be grateful for all donations. Tickets for the raffle will be sold at various points over the coming weeks – keep an eye out on Class Dojo for more information.

Key Events and Visits

Parents' Evenings will take place during the week beginning Monday 11th March. This is an important opportunity for staff to keep you updated on the progress your child is making. I strongly encourage all parents to book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have not already done so. Please contact Mrs Shatford in the school office to book your appointments.

We have been enjoying our Wythnos Cymreig this week. It was a pleasure to welcome parents this morning to our assembly where each class sang a Welsh song – we hope those who attended enjoyed themselves. In addition, we had a wonderful Eisteddfod in the afternoon to celebrate the amazing entries to each of the competitions. During the week, pupils have engaged enthusiastically with a range of a learning activities linked to Wales and our Welsh heritage.

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. As always, pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book. They can bring their favourite book to school with them to share during the day. At the end of the day, after we have spent the day in classes engaging in a number of activities related to World Book Day, we will gather in houses and the older pupils will share stories with the younger pupils. In addition, each pupil will receive a book token that can be used to discount the price of any book by £1 during the book fair, which will take place in the final week of term. During the week the book fair is in school, we will have it set up in the lobby and encourage everyone to come and have a look at the books available. All purchases made will help the school as we are given commission to spend on books for the school – the more books purchased, the more we can get for the school.

Robin Class's Landing Day for their Seaside topic will be on Wednesday 20th March. We would be delighted if parents and carers joined us from 10.30am for an hour. During this time pupils will share some of their key learning with parents.

Celebration Videos

Here are the links to the celebration assembly videos for February. The video for today's assembly celebrates the winners from our Eisteddfod rather than weekly certificates.

[Friday 2nd February](#)

[Friday 9th February](#)

[Friday 23rd February](#)

[Friday 1st March](#)

If you don't already know the password to access these videos, please contact me via Class Dojo and I'll be happy to share it with you.