



# Sageston CP School

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## **Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Dear parents/carers,

What a brilliant first half term we have had at Sageston CP School. On Wednesday, both governors and Mrs Linda Davies, School Improvement Adviser from Pembrokeshire County Council, visited the school and they were all really impressed with the learning environments and the attitudes and behaviours of all the pupils. As she left, Mrs Davies said to me, 'You must be very proud of the school.' She was absolutely right; I am, every day.

Please remember that Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET day and, as such, school will be closed to pupils for the day whilst staff work with colleagues from other local schools at Greenhill School. Pupils will return to school after half term on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you to those parents who have already engaged with the parent questionnaire mentioned in last week's newsletter. I am repeating this information here to ensure that as many of you as possible give your views and ideas.

Your feedback, views and opinions on how we are currently performing as a school are very important to us. We hope that you will feel that your child is happy, safe and making good progress whilst in school. However, we would always encourage you to come and talk to us if you feel this isn't the case.

We would be very grateful if you could complete the following survey expressing how you feel about the school and the provision we provide. This will help us to be as effective as we can be in providing a safe, engaging and stimulating environment for all pupils, where they make good or better progress in their learning. We will analyse the results of the survey to find out whether we need to adapt/improve our processes in specific areas.

<https://forms.office.com/r/JfUDHAMuDS>

The survey should take only a few minutes to complete. In order to give as many people as possible to respond to this survey, I have extended the deadline for completing it – it will now close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Mrs Reynolds – School Cook**

Sadly, we say goodbye to our long-serving school cook, Mrs Reynolds, today. After 22 years of providing delicious meals for the pupils of Sageston, Mrs Reynolds will be moving to Templeton Primary School which is much closer to her home. Pupils and staff showed their gratitude to Mrs Reynolds in assembly today by presenting her with cards and gifts. We wish her all the very best of luck in her new role and hope that she will keep in touch – we will always consider her part of the Sageston CP School family.

### **Photos**

We have sent home an order form for individual and family photos today. Please complete these and return them to the school office if you would like to order prints of these photos. Please ensure that all orders are made by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Any orders that are received after this point can be processed, however, parents making these orders will be expected to cover delivery costs. Once again, I would like to thank Mr Dave Marriott for taking the photos and arranging the printing.

## **Scarecrows to Heatherton**

This week, pupils in each of the classes have been busy creating scarecrows which will be displayed in Heatherton World of Activities. They were collected yesterday and taken straight to the park. So, if you are planning to visit Heatherton over the next few weeks, please look out for the Sageston CP School scarecrows. I'm sure you'll agree, they look great!



## **Halloween Disco**

Many thanks to members of the FOSS who spent the afternoon on Wednesday decorating the hall for the discos which took place after school. In addition, FOSS were responsible for selling snacks and drinks and raising over £250 for the school – another fantastic amount of money raised for the school. Thanks, as well, must also go to staff who gave up their time to supervise pupils in the hall during both discos. We hope the children enjoyed themselves at the discos, the staff and members of FOSS certainly did!

A number of pupils brought their pumpkins in for the 'Best Pumpkin' competition. As you can see from the photo, they were all fantastic and each pupil who brought one in was awarded a prize.



## **Football Tournament**

On Monday, eight Year 6 pupils competed against schools from across south Pembrokeshire in one of the qualifying rounds for the EFL Kids Cup. I was impressed with how much resilience the pupils displayed and what fantastic attitudes they had throughout their matches. Whilst we were unable to qualify for the next round of the competition, the team improved after every game and tried their hardest every time they ran out onto the pitch. A wonderful team effort – well done!



### **Cross Country**

30 pupils from Year 3 to 6 participated in the annual Pembrokeshire Primary Cross Country event at Carew Airfield on Thursday. Year 3 and 4 pupils ran for 1000m and Year 5 and 6 pupils ran for 1500m. In wet and muddy conditions all of the pupils did exceptionally well. Their behaviour, attitude and effort were all exemplary and it was a pleasure to accompany them. Da iawn pawb!



### **Pantomime – Torch Theatre, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

I am delighted to inform you that we will be taking the whole school to the Torch Theatre to watch 'Sleeping Beauty' on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The school will fund transport to and from the venue and I am extremely grateful to FOSS who have agreed to subsidise the cost of tickets for every pupil. Therefore, we will be asking parents for a voluntary contribution of just £5 per child for this visit. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the whole Sageston CP School family to enjoy a day out together. We will send out further details about the visit after half term.

### **School Councils**

Today, the various school councils met for the second time this year. Each council has their own responsibility and areas of focus. Each fortnight we will include an update from one of the school councils in the weekly newsletter so that each set of councillors can keep you informed of the work they are doing. This week, it is the turn of Criw Cymreig:

*It has been a busy first half term for us in the Criw Cymreig as we have started the process to try and achieve the silver award for the Siarter Iaith scheme. The aim of the scheme is to inspire children and young people to use Welsh in all aspects of our lives. We are very excited because the Siarter Iaith is for everyone; all members of our school community have their part to play. There will be lots of activities coming up throughout the year which we will need your support and involvement with.*

*Other events we have been busy organising and leading this half term...*

- *Establishing a Welsh Committee of four representatives from each class.*
- *Introducing the Welsh Speaker of the Week award into celebration assembly.*
- *Planning and organising a Welsh assembly and a carousel of activities for Diwrnod Shwmae.*

## **Clothes Recycling Scheme**

A reminder that we are working with Rags 2 Riches to raise funds for the school. In the last couple of weeks, pupils have brought home bags to collect old clothing. The bags will be collected from school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November so please make sure bags are returned by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. They will not accept school uniform but will accept any clean, good quality, dry, reusable clothing.

## **Rotary Shoebox Appeal**

Thank you to those who have taken a shoebox for the Rotary Shoebox Appeal. There are still a few left if there are any more families who would like to put a shoebox together. They will be collected on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, so please ensure you have returned the box to school by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Key Dates**

### **October:**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Final Day of the Half Term

### **November:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November: INSET Day (School closed to pupils for staff training)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: First Day of the Second Half Term

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Service

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Flu Vaccine

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need

## **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 Video – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October](#)**

Wishing you all the best for your weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Welch  
Headteacher