



# Sageston CP School

## Newsletter – March 2025



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

We're already over halfway through this half term and now have just two weeks before the Easter holidays are upon us. It has been lovely to see so many of you coming into school this week to attend Parents' Evening Meetings. I hope you found them helpful in understanding the progress your child/ren has/have been making this year.

This is my penultimate newsletter as Headteacher of Sageston CP School and as well as working busily with staff and Governors to ensure a smooth transition to new leadership, I have also been reflecting on my three years at the school. I will write something in more detail in my final newsletter for April but I continue to be extremely proud of the pupils and the work the staff do day-in-day-out. I recently received the following in an email from our Spectrum facilitator who has been working with Swan and Robin Classes this month. More than anything, this sums up how I will always feel about the school and its wonderful pupils and staff:

*'I wish to thank you for welcoming Spectrum into your school with open arms, we've had the most amazing time with the Swans and Robins over the past two days.*

*They are a testament to the amazing job you and your staff do; happy, confident, inquisitive children!'*

### Upcoming Dates

#### March:

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March: FOSS Easter Prize Bingo Night, Carew Memorial Hall at 6pm

#### April:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Swan Class to Attend First Experiences Music Festival at Ysgol Greenhill.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Robin Class Landing Day from 2.30pm – Parents Invited to Attend  
Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions for Barn Owl, Swan and Kingfisher Classes

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Carew Cheriton

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Swan Class Landing Day from 2pm – Parents Invited to Attend

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April: Barn Owl and Swan Classes to St David's Cathedral

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Final Day of the Spring Term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April: INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April: First Day of the Summer Term

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# Important Messages

## School Leadership

Governors have, today, shortlisted candidates for the Headteacher vacancy. They expect to interview at the end of next week and hope to have positive news for the school community shortly after.

## New Curtains/Sensory Space

I am delighted to share photos of the new curtains that have been fitted to the stage. We now have a completely dark space that we are able to utilise as a sensory area. We have new resources including projectors and a range of sensory toys for pupils to utilise in there. We are expecting delivery of additional items that will complete the space. I will share some further photos once they have arrived and have been set up.



## Football Goals and Netball Posts

I am very grateful to the FOSS for agreeing to purchase new netball posts and some more goal posts. This will mean that we can have two sets of football posts on the yard as well as the new netball posts that arrived yesterday. We can also keep a set of football posts on the field.



## INSET Days

A quick reminder that we have already had four of our six allotted INSET days for the year. The first day of next term will be an INSET Day: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The final INSET Day for the year will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July and staff will be expected to attend twilight sessions over the next couple of terms to make this time up so that they do not have to come into school on that date.

## Key Events and Visits

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** Welsh Week/Wyhnos Cymraeg – throughout the week, we spent time learning about our Welsh culture, history and heritage as well as competing in a variety of competitions. Llongyfarchiadau to all the pupils who entered and won a certificate.
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day – we celebrated World Book Day a few days later this year so that we did not distract from our Welsh Week events. Pupils came dressed as their favourite books characters and spent time in their houses, with older pupils reading to younger pupils.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** DC Gareth Bain and police sniffer dog Stan visited pupils in Kingfisher Class to demonstrate the work that they do. A big thank you to Clara in Kingfishers for this suggestion. Gareth and Stan will be back to work with Swan Class soon.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Spectrum sessions in Swan and Robin Classes – pupils in Swan Class learnt more about healthy relationships and how to be effective peer mentors. They utilised these skills with the pupils in Robin Class on the second day.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Size of Wales workshops – pupils in Robins, Barn Owls and Kingfishers had workshops on understanding the harm done to our planet by deforestation and what we can do to be more effective in looking after our planet.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Scholastic Book Fair in school. During the week, you spent £558.59 on books and this earned the school £223.44 worth of rewards to spend on books with Scholastic. Diolch yn fawr iawn!
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Comic Relief – Red Nose Day. By donating a £1 each for dressing up for Red Nose Day in party clothes, we raised £91 for the charity. Thank you for your generosity!

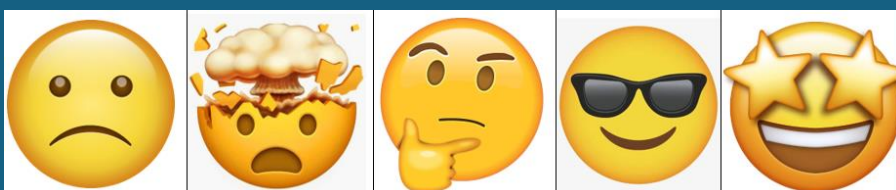
In addition, we also received visits from Reverend Hannah, Deacon Jon and Honey (our Burns By Your Side Reading Dog) and her owner, Sharon, this month.

## School Improvement

### Priority 3: Strengthen Assessment for Learning approaches, allowing learners to become more reflective and critical about their learning.

This month, I wanted to let you know how we are encouraging pupils to be more reflective and critical about their learning. You might not expect this but we are actually using emojis! After their learning, pupils in all classes are reflecting on how they have felt during their activities and are using a range of emojis to describe their reaction towards it. Through conversations with pupils in each class, I am confident that pupils can also think about how they want to feel in their learning and, if their learning was challenging, what they might need to do in the future to improve it.

As an example, here are the emojis that Barn Owl Class are using when reflecting upon their learning:



## The Latest from FOSS

A quick reminder about tonight's Easter Prize Bingo in Carew Memorial Hall at 5.15pm ('Eyes Down' at 6pm). Please come along to support the school.



# Happy Easter

FOSS would really like your help please. We would be very grateful for any donations of the following items for our Family Fun Bingo Night.

*Easter Eggs      Easter Craft items      Easter Treats*  
*Easter Gifts for our Hampers*  
*Bottles of Wine      Non-Alcoholic*

If you are able to donate, please can you drop the items to school

Hi all, Friends of Sageston School (FOSS), have a great fundraising team, that raises money for our school. We are always looking for new volunteers, to help organise and run fun events and activities for the children at our school, alongside their families. If you would like to get involved, bringing new ideas and join our lovely welcoming group of members, please email Luisa Shatford at the office school  
**admin.sageston@pembrokeshire.gov.uk**

You will be given the relevant contact details.

If you would like to volunteer at the Easter Bingo on 28<sup>th</sup> March, please message your details to Luisa, we very much look forward to meeting new members.

Thank you for all the continued support that we receive.

## Celebration Videos

As you know, each week, we have a celebration assembly where we award various certificates earned in school. It is also an opportunity for children to celebrate their achievements outside of school.

Here are the links to the celebration assembly videos for March:

[March 7<sup>th</sup>](#)

[March 14<sup>th</sup>](#)

[March 21<sup>st</sup>](#)

[March 28<sup>th</sup>](#)

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