



Sageston CP School

Newsletter – October 2024



This Term's Values: Respect and Friendship; Self-belief and Kindness

Where did the first 8 weeks of term go? Pupils, and staff alike, have been very busy in the first half of the term. As you will see from the list of dates below, there's plenty more to come during the rest of term. Before then, though, I hope you and your children have a wonderful and relaxing October half term break. I'd like to remind you that the first day of the second half of term will be Tuesday 5th November as the school is closed on Monday 4th November for INSET training.

Upcoming Dates

November

Monday 4 th :	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 11 th :	Remembrance Service – 9.30am
Monday 11 th to Thursday 14 th :	Parents' Evenings appointments
Friday 15 th :	Children in Need
Tuesday 26 th :	FOSS' Christmas Crafting Day (please note this has changed from the date originally shared)

December

Wednesday 4 th :	Whole School Visit to Torch Theatre for Pantomime
Friday 6 th :	Christmas Fayre – 3pm to 5pm
Monday 9 th :	Christmas Performance – 1.30pm
Tuesday 10 th :	Christmas Performance – 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th :	Christmas Performance – 5.30pm
Thursday 12 th :	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 th :	Carol Service at St Mary's Church – 2pm
Wednesday 18 th :	Christmas Dinner Day (pupils will be able to wear Christmas jumpers during the day)
Friday 20 th :	Final Day of the Term – Class Christmas Parties (pupils can come in non-school uniform and bring a toy or game to play)

Important Messages

Seesaw

It's great that all families have now connected with Seesaw so that we can share information with you all. A quick reminder that, should you wish to contact us, please either phone the office to speak with Mrs Shatford or myself, email admin.sageston@pembrokeshire.gov.uk, speak to me at the gate in the morning or approach your child's class teacher at the end of the school day.

School Uniform and PE

Please ensure that **all belongings are labelled with your child's name**. We continue to have lots of unclaimed items that are not labelled and, therefore, very difficult to return to their rightful owners. Please can I remind you that, unless staff explicitly state otherwise (through messages on Seesaw), pupils are expected to come to school in their school uniform and change into a PE kit for their PE sessions. Please do not send your child into school in their PE kit at the start of the day if you know they have PE later in the day.

Pick Up at the End of the Day

As I have requested in previous newsletters, to make things easier for teachers dismissing all the pupils from their classes at the end of each school day, please could I ask that, as parents, you position yourselves where the class teacher can see you. 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, 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. After school clubs finish at 4.15pm and we would be grateful if pupils are collected promptly if they are attending a club.

In addition, please could I remind you that we need to be notified if there is to be a change to the person collecting your child/ren at the end of the day. If we are at all unsure, we will need to phone you and this unnecessarily delays some pupils and families from leaving the school site.

Finally, please could you ensure that, where you have to wait between 3.20pm and 3.30pm to pick up children because you have younger and older children to collect, your children are supervised at all times. A number of incidences have occurred recently, including children going out of gates towards the road without their parents being aware. If we continue to have concerns about this, then we will need to keep the silver gate at the bottom of the small slope closed in future for everyone's safety. Please can I also ask that, if you see children playing with footballs, netball or rugby balls on the yard at this time, that you ask them to return them to school. There are too many people on the yard during pick up for it to be safe to play ball games.

Behaviour Charter

School staff have worked to develop a revised approach towards behaviour at the school. The aim of the new Behaviour Charter that we are now using is to try to ensure that behaviour is dealt with consistently. We also hope that all pupils will feel that they have a clearer understanding of what is expected from them on a day-to-day basis. The new charter establishes a range of unacceptable behaviours and the consequences for them. We are confident that it ensures greater equity and fairness for all pupils.

As you know, positive behaviour is encouraged through our House Point system, but we all recognise that there should be consistent consequences where behaviour is not acceptable.

There are two pages to the charter, with pupils in Robin Class working from the first page and all other pupils working from the second page.

Please follow the link to the 'Pupils' page of our school website where a section on behaviour can be found and where our Behaviour Charter has been uploaded.

[Sageston CP School - Pupils](#)

Key Events and Visits

Harvest Festival

I was delighted to see how well attended our first Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church in Carew Cheriton was. I know that Reverend Hannah was also very pleased to have the school in the church and we both hope that it can be the start of more regular visits to the church for the whole school – we already have a Christmas Carol Service booked in December. I hope everyone, who was able to attend, enjoyed the service. We were very grateful for the large amounts of donations for PATCH for Harvest.

Open Evening

It was fantastic to see so many of you attend our Open Evening on Wednesday 2nd October. We hope that you enjoyed seeing the classrooms and that you could see how much effort has gone into ensuring the classrooms are bright, welcoming, well-resourced and organised learning environments. In the second week after half term, we are offering you the opportunity to come into school again, this time to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress so far this year. If you have not yet made an appointment, please do so during the first week back after half term.

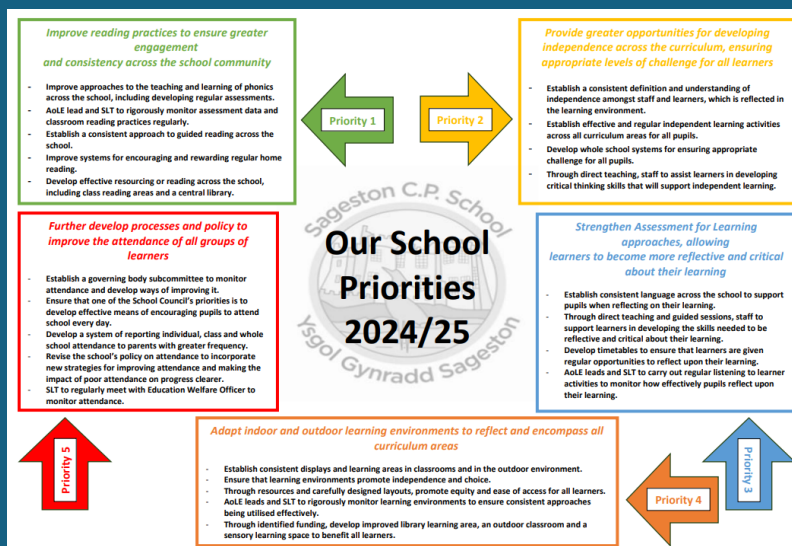
Cross Country

Today, Mrs Simes, Mrs Davies and I, accompanied 40 pupils to the cross country event held at Golden Grove School in Pembroke. The pupils were excellently behaved and it was fantastic to see so many children keen to take part. Looking around at the other schools, I am sure we had one of the largest teams at the event. Well done to all of those who took part (and all of the pupils who took part in the qualifying races earlier in the week) for your determination, perseverance and enthusiasm. As well as several pupils finishing in the top twenty of each race, we had three medallists (the top ten in each race were awarded a medal): Elliot in the Year 2 Boys' race, Misha in the Year 4 Boys' race and Evie in the Year 6 Girls' race. A special well done to those three pupils.

We have also celebrated Hello Yellow Day and Diwrnod Shwmae since my last newsletter and this week we had Humanities week where we learnt about Black History Month and various different religions.

This Year's School Priorities

As you know, each year we have some key priorities to work on. These priorities make up our School Improvement Plan. This year's priorities (and Improvement Plan) can be found on our website using the following link: <https://www.sagestoncpschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Improvement&pid=45>



School Council Priorities

Our new councils have now met three times this term and they have been working hard on identified projects/areas.

As those of you who attended the Open Evening at the start of this month will have noticed, we now have a display board for each council in the main corridor. On this board, it shows what the key priorities are for each council and how much progress has been made towards achieving these priorities.

I thought you would be interested in knowing what each council is working on this term/year:

School Council

Encourage improved reading across the school and Encourage good school attendance

Health and Wellbeing Council

Create a healthy eating and drinking policy and Encourage physical activity in and out of school

Criw Cymraeg

Achieve Siarter Iaith Gwbor Arian (silver status in the Siarter Iaith) and Plan and record a Welsh podcast to add to the website

Eco Council

Achieve Eco Schools status and Create a more eco-friendly school

The Latest from FOSS

At the start of October, members of the FOSS met to discuss future fundraising events and it was great to see so many there to support. On behalf of all the pupils, staff, governors and families, I'd like to thank all members of the FOSS who supported our Halloween Disco (where we raised approximately £250) and the LATCH fundraising event. When added to the money the children raised earlier in the term, we raised a phenomenal £1300 for LATCH. We will be presenting this money to representatives from LATCH in a special assembly next month.

After half term, we will provide parents with some details about what the money raised by FOSS has been spent on over the past few years, as we recognise that it is important for parents and other members of the school community to know where the money they have donated has gone. Whilst I do try to inform you, through newsletters and messages, about what the money has been spent on, it hasn't been a comprehensive list.

Celebration Videos

Here are the links to the celebration assembly videos for October.

[September 27th](#)

[October 4th](#)

[October 11th](#)

[October 18th](#)

[October 25th](#)

If you don't already know the password to access these videos, please contact me via the methods shared earlier in this newsletter and I'll be happy to share it with you.