



Sageston CP School

Newsletter – July 2024



This Term's Values: Politeness and Empathy; Happiness and Resilience

This will be my final newsletter of the year. It has been another very positive year in the life of Sageston CP School. We have two very busy weeks before the end of term when we will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. I am sure you will join me in wishing each and every one of them the very best of luck and success as they start the next part of their learning journey in Greenhill School from September.

Upcoming Dates

July

- Monday 8th to Thursday 11th July:** 'Our Locality' whole school topic week
- Wednesday 10th July:** Whole School Trip – The Dinosaur Park Tenby
- Friday 12th July:** Transition Day for all pupils – pupils to spend time in their new class for September with Year 6 pupils spending the day at Greenhill School
End of year reports sent home
- Monday 15th July:** Health Visitor 'Fussy Eating' talk and drop-in session (2pm)
Barn Owl Landing Day – 2pm (parents Invited to join us)
- Wednesday 17th July:** Kingfisher Landing Day – 2pm (parents invited to join us)
- Friday 19th July:** Final day of the term – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9.30am)

September

- Monday 2nd September:** INSET Day – school closed to all pupils
- Tuesday 3rd September:** First day of the new academic year
- Friday 13th September:** INSET Day – school closed to all pupils

We Want Your Views

Periodically, it is important to us to seek your views on how well the school is operating. As we reach the end of this year, we would like to find out how you feel about the school. This will help us to adapt/improve our practices in the future. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the following questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5jgX2YRbE4>

Important Messages

Staffing

Here is our staffing in full for next year:

Duckings (Playgroup):	Mrs Katie Heywood (Playgroup Leader) Mrs Anna O'Leary (Playgroup Assistant)
Robin Class (Nursery and Reception):	Miss Jody Thomas (Class Teacher until April 2025) Mrs Joanne Bowers (Class Teacher from April 2025) Mrs Donna James (HLTA – mornings only) Miss Hannah Lloyd (LSA - part-time – Monday to Wednesday) Mrs Cathy Collings (LSA – part-time – Wednesday to Friday)
Barn Owl Class (Year 1 and Year 2):	Miss Sian Cole (Class teacher) Mrs Esther Macken (LSA)
Swan Class (Year 3 and Year 4):	Mrs Nancy Simes (Class teacher – mornings) Mr Adam Welch (Class teacher – afternoons) Mrs Wendy Davies (LSA – interventions)
Kingfisher Class (Year 5 and Year 6):	Mr Nathan Davies (Class teacher) Mrs Wendy Davies (LSA – interventions)

In addition, Mrs James will continue to teach each class in the afternoons to cover staff PPA sessions. We also have Miss Emma Barnes and Mrs Clare Alldritt supporting individual pupils.

INSET Days – 2024/25

I know that the following information has been in the past two newsletters but I want to ensure everyone is aware of our dates for INSET Days next year:

Next year will start with an INSET day on Monday 2nd September. This is a designated INSET day meaning that all schools in Pembrokeshire will be closed for staff training. In addition, we have organised a second INSET Day on Friday 13th September so that we can engage in some professional learning with staff at Tenby Primary School, St Oswald's Primary School and Stepside CP School. This day has been chosen based on the availability of the trainer.

There will be an additional four INSET days throughout the year. We have provisionally set Monday 4th November as a whole cluster INSET day where we will be working with colleagues from across the Tenby/Greenhill cluster of schools. Monday 28th April 2025 is also a designated INSET day in Pembrokeshire. Monday 21st July 2025 will be an INSET day, with staff having engaged in twilight training during the spring and summer terms to make up the time for this day. This will mean that school will finish for the summer holidays on Friday 18th July 2025. The sixth and final INSET for the day will be set at a later date and I will inform you of this in due course.

Annual Reports to Parents

Towards the end of this week, you will receive your child's annual report. You will notice that the format has changed. We hope that you find this format more user friendly. It starts with teacher and pupil comments; we feel that these are the most important part of any annual report. Through targets it provides ways forward for your child and it also shows what key skills they have developed over the year and their current attainment and progress. After receiving this report, should you wish to discuss the contents further, please contact the school to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Please use this link to provide us with feedback on your child's report (including feedback on the revised format): <https://forms.office.com/e/dUnUu4ESPu>

NEWS FROM FOSS

It has been a very busy term for our wonderful Friends Of Sageston School team.

Summer Fayre

Once again, we had another successful Summer Fayre this year on Friday 21st June and we just about beat the weather! With plenty of fun outside and a number of stalls indoors as well, there was lots to entertain those of you who came to support us. The team worked tirelessly throughout the day to set up and then get the school back to normal after everyone had left. In total we raised £583.84.

Sports Day

With Sports Day at Carew Cricket Club for a second year running, I am grateful to everyone involved, including the FOSS, as it means extra work in moving everything to and from the sports ground. However, it was yet another very successful event and the large majority of pupils say they would like Sport Day to continue to be held at the sports ground in the future. The FOSS did a fantastic job of providing much needed refreshments throughout the afternoon. They also helped set everything up in the morning. The amount raised for the school through the selling of refreshments came to a very impressive £437.10.

Sageston's Got Talent

Today's Sageston's Got Talent was another huge success – the audience were amazed by the range and quality of talents on display. Once again, as well as superb work from Miss Cole and Mrs Roach in organising the event, we were brilliantly supported by members of the FOSS who helped set the hall up and provided refreshments for sale.

And finally...the polytunnel!

We are so grateful to Yvonne Marriott for all of the work she has put into raising the money for, and then organising the installation of, the new polytunnel. The polytunnel is located in our wild area which has also had some significant work and improvements over the past few months. These improvements were carried out by a number of volunteers under Yvonne's dedicated guidance. During the celebration event held at the school on Friday 5th July, we presented Yvonne with a gift to express our deepest thanks for a job incredibly well done. From September, I know that the pupils are very excited to get stuck into growing their own produce in our new facilities.

We are of course very grateful to the team at Planed who provided us with the grant for the polytunnel in the first place, but we acknowledge this wouldn't have happened without Yvonne's persistence and determination.



School Council News

It is our plan to make some slight changes to how school council are run next year. The most important change will be that all pupils will be involved in one of our four school councils:

- School Council
- Eco Council
- Health and Wellbeing Council
- Criw Cymraeg (Welsh Council)

We will be meeting more frequently – once a fortnight. This will enable pupils to have a greater voice in the running of the school and for them to be able to achieve more within these councils over the course of the year. At the start of next term, we will carry out the process of assigning pupils to each of the councils ready for their first meeting in the second week of term.

Key Events and Visits

Since the last newsletter, there have been a number of key events at the school. The summer term is always incredibly busy in school!

As noted on the previous page, we have had a number of whole school events supported by the FOSS – the Summer Fayre, Sports Day and Sageston’s Got Talent.

A number of pupils were lucky enough to be randomly selected to attend the Rotary Club’s annual ‘Kids Out’ event at Folly Farm.

Pupils from Year 5 and 6 competed in a mixed cricket festival at Carew Cricket Club.

Year 6 pupils have been engaging in their transition events in preparation to their move to Greenhill School in September.

Years 2, 3 and 4 attended a sports transition event at Greenhill School.

A small team from Swan Class went to a CrossFit competition at CrossFit Pembrokeshire at Carew Airfield.

Year 4 pupils from Swan Class retained the Welston Challenge shield following a day at Welston Court with the Darwin Centre.

Swan Class eventually got out on their delayed Source to Sea trip with rangers from the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

All pupils in Swan and Kingfisher Classes got the chance to refresh their road crossing skills with a team from PCC’s Traffic and Road Safety department.

A representative from the West Wales River Trust came to do workshops with pupils in Swan and Kingfisher Classes as part of their work on the ‘My River’ project.

As I write this, we are undertaking our Locality Week and pupils across the school are heading out around the community to visit various landmarks and place of interest.

Celebration Videos

Here are the links to the celebration assembly videos for June and July.

[14th June](#)

[21st June](#)

[28th June](#)

[5th July](#)

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.