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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Croeso'n ol, welcome back. This week is always a busy week and it is always a pleasure greeting and seeing the children when they return to school. We have had a number of new students start this term and I am sure we will all do our best to make them and their families feel welcome.

Staffing changes.

We welcome new personalities to our team this year, we welcome back Mrs Evans from her year-long Welsh sabbatical course but lose Mrs Morris to the same course. We welcome Miss Rebecca Preece to our teaching team. She is already proving to be a great asset to the team. We also welcome new Learning Support Assistants, Mrs Pettifer and Mrs Joyce they have settled into the team well.

We are also looking to develop our team of lunch time supervisors, if you would like to volunteer and help the school during lunch time please contact the office.

Attendance and punctuality.

As always attendance always appears on a newsletter! Please continue to support the school absence policy by requesting an absence request form or if your child is absent for any reason, please ring the school first thing in the morning notifying us of the reason. Absences will be checked each day and if we have not received any reason for absence we will contact you by phone to check that they are safe.

Last year's attendance was 94.81%, not quite at the 96% target. As a school we know term time absences will occur, perhaps we could all focus on reducing the periodic day absences.

Planner

The school has chosen not to use the published diary this year, this is mainly due to data protection. This one key document held a lot of personal information and was a risk in terms of data breach. We will provide pupils with a small book that will perform the same roll, this can be used to record any daily reading and any written communication. Emergency contact details / personal details is stored on the county wide admin system - Teacher Centre. The school will print off this data to access for school trips and as a backup in case of IT/power issues.

Dojo.

The school will continue with Class Dojo. Class teachers will link with parents and do their best to respond to messages; please understand this will generally be before school or after school up until 5pm.

Meet the teacher evening.

Thank you to those parents who attended the session this week, we appreciate it is not always easy to attend meetings after school. If you missed the meetings please speak to your child's class teacher, as we require you to share some information and sign general permissions.

Music

We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Sam Hughes supporting our orchestra. This will take place on Tuesday mornings (8:30-9am). If any pupils are interested in learning a musical instrument please contact Miss Gillespie.

Clubs.

We hope to run all clubs regardless of the weather. The only reason we may need to cancel a club is due to staff absence or staff training. The opportunities and skills developed in these clubs is vast, if you would like to volunteer and assist with any of the clubs please speak to your child's class teacher.

DAY	LUNCH TIME CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
MONDAY	Crew Cymraeg - (Mrs Howells Evans) Recorders (yrs.3-6) Mrs Booth	Boys and Girls football (yrs.3 -6) Mr Allen & Miss Preece
TUESDAY Orchestra before school (8.30)	School Council	Creative Enterprise (Yrs 5 & 6) Miss Nicholson
WEDNESDAY	Welsh Club (y 2) – Mrs Howells Evans Curriculum Council – Mrs Lloyd	STAFF MEETING
THURSDAY	Choir Mrs Gillespie	Hockey and Netball (yrs 3 – 6) Mrs Evans & Mrs Rees

SCHOOL MEALS

We are fortunate to have a dedicated Kitchen staff/team who help provide tremendous meals for our children. Please support the meals service in school we would not want to lose this service. The County Council Cabinet agreed the following revisions to the School Meals pricing structure to take effect from 1st of September 2019 Infant meals are now £2.45 and junior meals are now £2.55.

Mrs Redford our cook is inviting parents in to sample the meals on Wednesday 18th Sept, spaces are limited to fifteen. Please let the office know if you would like to have a school dinner on this day and ask for details on how to pay.

Back to school promotion dinner on Thursday 19th September

Margarita Pizza / cod fillet fish fingers with thick cut chips coleslaw or baked beans Flapjack or fruit wedges and fruit juice.

Inset.

On September 2nd the staff received training in learning differences as we continue to look to support our pupils in achieving their potential. Staff were encouraged to think about learning with a sensory need, specific learning needs and the emotions of learning in a class room today. Parents can access some of this material via <https://parentpartnership.pembsinclusionservice.wales/about-ain-and-getting-support/>.

Our next staff training is on **Friday 20th September** with staff completing maths training with a focus on Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA) this is a highly effective approach to teaching that develops a deep and sustainable understanding of maths.

Saundersfoot School Pledge

By pupils, parents and staff working together we support the school's vision "We care, we're ready, we're safe"
By working together we will.....

- Build a school where teachers, pupils and families enjoy learning.

- Having chosen Saundersfoot Community Primary School, we will support the school's aims and values, positively supporting the school.
- Communicate openly and honestly to support our development.
- Support the school values and policies in building citizenship amongst the school and community.
- Care for our community and the people who live there.
- Develop the talents and abilities within the school, making the most of the curriculum and the opportunities the school provides.
- We will communicate concerns and challenges which may arise throughout the year.
- Ensure that we are ready to learn, on time and support the school's attendance policy, promptly notifying the school of any absences.
- Take an active and supportive interest in learning through parents' evenings and discussions about progress of education.
- Promote education, safety and happiness for all within Saundersfoot CP School.

Verbal and physical abuse, aggressive, offensive, intimidating or disrespectful behaviour will not be tolerated in Saundersfoot School.

Dates -

September	15 th - School running Ironman Feed station 20 th - Inset Staff training.
October	Harvest service and food donation TBC County Cross Country - Oakwood TBC
November	Children In Need TBC School council to choose the theme for the day.
December	10 th -Christmas Dinner Day 11 th and 12 th FP Christmas Performance 13 th Christmas Pantomime 16 th - 19 th Christmas Parties

NB - Please be aware dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

*Thank you for all your help and support. We look forward to a busy and interesting term.
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Headteacher