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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wow! What a term – 15 weeks of non-stop activity. I would like to thank all parents and guardians for their support during the term, it has certainly been a term to remember! Who can forget the high winds that forced our early closure amongst all the various other Autumn term activities that makes it such a privilege to teach your children.

Attendance.

As I write this letter our attendance for the Autumn term is 94.91%, which is below our target set by the LEA. I would like to thank all those families who have 100% attendance for the term in total there were 81 pupils. Da iawn!

School Summary by Class					
	Attended	Unauthorised Absence	No Mark	Authorised Absence	Percentage
<i>Caterpillars</i>	91.97%	1.82%	0.00%	6.21%	6.42%
<i>Butterflies</i>	93.28%	3.34%	0.75%	2.63%	11.30%
1G	93.12%	1.48%	0.70%	4.71%	9.54%
1/2M	94.70%	2.54%	0.66%	2.10%	8.46%
2G	95.46%	1.78%	0.75%	2.01%	9.54%
3R	95.41%	1.88%	0.75%	1.95%	10.60%
4-5C	94.82%	0.83%	0.75%	3.60%	9.89%
4-5R/A	96.55%	0.53%	0.75%	2.17%	9.54%
4-5D	96.05%	1.14%	0.72%	2.09%	9.54%
6JL	96.86%	0.10%	0.72%	2.32%	7.77%
6 A/E	95.60%	1.50%	0.72%	2.18%	7.42%
Percentage	94.91%	1.58%	0.68%	2.83%	100.00%

I do appreciate the situation you as parents are placed in but the school has been set a target to improve attendance and should we fail to achieve this, the school and Governors will need to explain what action we have taken. Please support the school by ensuring your child has regular school attendance and those term time holidays are kept to a minimum.

New Year's Day Swim 2018

It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for the New Year's Day Swim. This year we will be celebrating the recent emoji film.

We appreciate all the support that we have received over the years and we would love to see lots of 'yellow bodies' this year. It is a fantastic community event, raising money for good causes. The sponsor forms are available from the school main office or from Elements of Pembrokeshire on the Strand in the village. This year we will be raising money to develop the outside areas of the school.

On the day of the swim, we will be meeting in the school at 11.45am ready to walk down to the village at 12pm. Children who are entering the swim must be accompanied by an adult. We will open up the school for a quick change and a warm drink once we have completed the challenge. Please brave the waves and join us to celebrate the New Year in the Saundersfoot tradition! Thank you, Miss Nicholson, Miss Parker and Mrs Lewis.

Community.

These past few weeks the school has been out and about in the community we have enjoyed the Lantern Parade, where our choir performed, St. Issells Church for Christmas Carols with Father Paul. Our choir have also performed in Hebron Church, Park House and Brooklands Care homes and not forgetting our new Christmas concert venue the Regency Hall.

School Dinners.

Would all parents please ensure that their child's account is up to date before the end of term? The Local Education authority are quite strict about arrears and advise all meal clerical officers to follow procedure. Please help support Mrs Gove by ensuring all dinners are accounted for.

Reward Scheme.

Each term the school will be working towards a whole school reward. (The school hall has a large cylinder and each time an individual pupil, team or class does something positive we place a ball in the tube. Please pop in if you wish to see the tube or ask your children to explain!!) This term we are working towards a pyjama and Christmas film day on Thursday 21st December, years 1-6 will be watching 'Home Alone 1'. Please notify class teachers should you not want your child to see the film.

On Friday 22nd December (***last day of term***), the pupils can wear Christmas Jumpers with their uniform.

Christmas Parties.

Classes are holding their Christmas Parties next week, Monday 18th - Early Years, Tuesday 19th years - 1,2 and 3, Wednesday 20th - Years 4,5 and 6.

Children can come into school in their party clothes on their party day and in order to have a selection of food to share, could you provide a selection of party food (not sandwiches) for your child and classmates. Specific plates of party food can be provided if your child has a food allergy.

Many thanks for the numerous kind wishes we have received as a school during the past half term. We are an experienced and strong team who wish to provide the best possible education for your children, we have always tried to act in this way and we are determined to ensure that Saundersfoot CP School always strives for excellence.

Look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year – New Term starts on ***Monday 8th January 2018.***

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

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Mr N Allen
Headteacher