



Saundersfoot Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well what a term - an eight week term one of the longest to start back in school.

I would firstly like to thank you for your assistance last week, when we were forced to close due to high winds, it was an extremely difficult decision to make - but it was made with the safety of all of us in mind (all schools were asked to close at 1pm). Thank you for the feedback on the collection of your child/children, we feel the system worked well and nearly all pupils were collected swiftly and promptly. It was difficult for the office staff due to the volume of calls to find out if we were open or not. Due to school closure procedures the school is required to follow a protocol and I ask for parents to register with the Pembrokeshire County Council's school closure alerts. <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/alerts-closures-and-emergencies> This system will notify you as parents via email to school closures. The school closure procedure requires schools to register its closures on this website, so it would be in your best interests to register.

The school also sent a text to parents to notify the school closure, during the morning a number of parents contacted the school to provide new contact numbers for pupils, as you can imagine this can put an enormous amount of pressure of our administrative staff. Please inform the office immediately of any contact detail amendments, it is unfair to expect staff to conduct this administrative task during school closure procedures; let's be prepared for any future events.

School uniform.

As always we are very proud of our School and Saundersfoot School has had a strong tradition of its uniform, it is lovely to see all pupils in our school dressed smartly. Occasionally, I have noticed the odd pair of colourful trainers appearing and although I am happy for pupils to wear trainers during play time I do not wish for this to be the norm. As we head into winter, can I also remind you as parents to ensure children attend school with a coat. The weather can be unpredictable and we want the children to play outside as much as possible which is easier when all children have a coat. Thank you for your continued support with the school uniform.

Twitter.

Over the past year the school has embarked on its Digital Learning journey and adopted a Twitter account. All classes can access the account; you can follow the school on twitter by searching for @SaundersfootS. Twitter is a quick and easy way for teachers and classes to share their learning with you. Keep an eye out for our 'tweets'.

Oakwood Cross Country.

Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Scourfield, Miss Yarney and Mr. Allen took 41 runners to the re-arranged cross country championships at Oakwood. On October 25th pupils from year 3 to year 6 took part in the cross country at Oakwood. It was really muddy and wet. Everybody ran well and a special congratulations to Delphi 2nd Isla-Mai 7th Zac E 7th Louie 7th Niaa N 5th Imi 7th Gabriel 11th Jemima 11th George 19th Owen 17th Nia L 7th & leuan 21st

By Cemlyn and Harry

Music

We are very fortunate to receive excellent music tuition through the Peripatetic Music Service. This is bought through a Service Level Agreement from the Local Authority. The cost for this financial year is £5,362. Last year, we consulted with parents, sharing our grave concerns in being able to continue providing this service in school. The results of the consultation showed overwhelming support for continuing this service and parents' commitment to contributing £40.00 per term towards the cost. The importance of

receiving this contribution cannot be understated as in the current financial climate it is the only way that we can continue to provide this highly valuable service for our children.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for the half term is 96.19% below our target of 97%, again a large amount of the absences for the Autumn Term was a result of families choosing to take their children out of school for holidays. I feel it necessary to take this opportunity to remind parents and guardians that taking holidays during term time can disrupt and affect your child's learning and academic achievement. Please see attached a letter reminding you of the Penalty Notices.

Changes to Menu

Please note the following changes have been made to the menu:-

Week 1 – Tuesday - Chicken Strips with Spaghetti & Tomato Sauce

Week 2 - Tuesday - Apple Crumble

Friday - Rice Pudding or Yogurt

Week 3 – Tuesday - Chicken Goujons Pasta & Tomato Sauce

Thursday - Chicken Pie

Friday - Bubble Salmon

Diolch yn fawr,

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Mr N Allen
Headteacher

LIST OF EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Wed 8 th Nov	Year 5 Shakespeare Performance at Milford Torch Theatre
Mon 13 th Nov	Year 6 Crucial Crew pm
Mon 20 th Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wed 22 nd Nov	Urdd Swimming Gala
Fri 1 st Dec	Whole School Panto Day at Milford Torch Theatre
Wed 6 th Dec	FOSS Christmas Fete (pm)
Tues 12 th Dec	Music School Hall (pm)
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th Dec	Early Years Performance Regency Hall (am)
Friday 15 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Performance Regency Hall (pm)
Fri 22 nd Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 8 th Jan	School opens for Spring Term 2018.