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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2021. Once again, this term has been full of uncertainty and concern. As always we have looked to ensure the children of Saundersfoot CP School are put first; and as I reflect on the term, I am proud to say, I feel we have achieved our goal once again.

I am immensely proud of the school, its staff, its pupils and all that has been achieved here in Saundersfoot CP School. The attitude displayed throughout this term by the whole community has allowed school operations to continue, largely without disruption. As a result of the honest and open dialogue between home and school we have avoided the need to close any year group. I can not thank you enough as parents and carers for this support, and this would not have been possible if it were not for the hard working and dedicated staff within the school. All of whom have often gone above and beyond when requested and I am fortunate to be their Head teacher and your children are fortunate to have them as their teachers.

We have all worked together to achieve our goals this term. Sadly, it would seem we again face uncertainty and challenge in 2022. The year will begin with us not knowing what we will return to in the New Year. However, I wish to reassure you all that whatever we face, we will once again communicate openly and as swiftly as we are able to. We will, as we have always done under my headship, put the pupils first in all our actions.

Foundation Phase Christmas Performances.

Thank you to all parents and carers for following the school's guidance that allowed us to hold our Foundation phase shows. We all know how these contribute to both pupil and parent/carers Christmas build up. All shows were fantastic, with wonderful singing and clear delivery of lines. It was a huge honour to witness the pupil's performances, their determination and focus to perform was very inspiring. Congratulations to all pupils, a big thank you to all staff and a heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for your support in costumes, lines and singing practice and during the shows. We have shared a video link with each class that will expire on Monday 21st December.

Well being project - Neuroscience- 'The Chimp model'.

During the Autumn term the school has introduced the pupils to 'The Chimp Model – Neuroscience Simplified'. A model that gives an easy way to access the mind and understand complicated neuroscience in a practical way. Helping us all to develop a better understanding of the mind and develop a skill-base for managing emotions, thinking and behaviour. During the Spring term the school will work alongside 'Chimp Management' to further develop this project. This was founded

by Professor Steve Peters to help people get the best out of themselves and others by understanding the workings of their mind. Their approach is grounded in neuroscience, translated in a practical and relatable way through their ground-breaking mind management model – The Chimp Model.

Using a powerful mind management model, their handpicked mentors have supported some of the world's top organisations, sports teams, and personalities to achieve their goals.

The school is fully committed to this project as it compliments so much of our previous work on 'Growth Mindset' and our work on neuropathways. This is an exciting project to be involved in, especially as Saundersfoot School will be the first school in Wales the company has worked with. There will be a virtual parental meeting during the Spring term. Once the date is confirmed I will notify you.

Next week.

Next week classes will be holding their Christmas parties. All classes are holding their individual class parties on Monday, with FOSS providing some light snacks and drinks. Children can wear their 'party' outfit on Monday 20th and Christmas Jumper and non uniform on the Tuesday 21st, the final school day of 2021!

Spring Term 2022.

Begins for the pupils on **Wednesday January 5th** as the school will hold an Inset training day on Tuesday 4th January. The school will be reviewing its new curriculum delivery of the Autumn term and will be planning ahead for the Spring term.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2022.

Nadolig LLawen a Blwydden Newydd Dda – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Inset Days 2022

Monday 25 th April -	Curriculum for Wales Spring term review, Summer Term planning and preparation.
Monday 6 th June	Basic First Aid TBC
Friday 15 th July -	End of Summer term for all.
Monday 18 th July	Inset Day – taken as twilights during Summer term.
Tuesday 19 th July -	New Jubilee Bank Holiday