



## Saundersfoot Community Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our second full week of 2022. It is a challenging time for us all, however, we must never forget the privileged position we are in, educating and developing the young minds in Saundersfoot CP School. To see the pride a child generates from tasks we take for granted, it can be very humbling. We are proud of all our children for the way they have returned to school in 2022, and as a school we feel we are delivering on the school's vision, especially the first part - *Pupils in Saundersfoot CP School will grow and develop as respectful, resilient, independent, ambitious learners who are emotionally literate, with well-being at the forefront of our education. During their time in school we build a collection of enriching memories where our learning is engaging. Our unique coastal location enables the school to ensure our curriculum is firmly rooted in our Welsh coastal village.*

### **Saundersfoot Playgroup.**

It was several months in the planning stage and finally, this term we welcome Saundersfoot Playgroup to the school site. Cheryl, staff and pupils have settled in well and are enjoying being here, this is especially so as now the 'wrap around' pupils no longer have to walk to the Regency Hall, just pop around the yard. Saundersfoot Playgroup and Day Care is a registered charity and provides care for children 2-4 years old from 8.30am. They run a morning playgroup sessions 9.15am - 11.45am. Saundersfoot Playgroup and Day Care also offer a wraparound service. This is where they collect your child from school at 11.45am and provide care until the end of the day. If you work 16 hours or more per week the Welsh Government might be able to fund up to 30 hours of childcare and early years education. This means that your child could be funded to attend Saundersfoot Playgroup and Day Care's wraparound service for up to 18 hours per week in addition to the early years education. For enquiries and bookings call 07984 756288.

As the term progresses we will hopefully be in a position to share the developments of the after school club, we hope to open this around Easter time.

### **Nursery Applications 2022**

Parents in Pembrokeshire are being urged to ensure they submit their applications for a nursery school place in advance of the upcoming deadline.

Applications are open for children born between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019 for places in January, April and September 2022.

The closing date for applications is April 30, with applications received after this date being considered late, which may have a bearing on whether a child gets a place at his or her preferred school.

A nursery school place cannot be allocated unless a formal application is submitted.

The online application form can be found at [pembrokeshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning](http://pembrokeshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning), under 'Apply for a School Place'.

If you have already submitted an application form, there is no need to reapply.

To check if an application has already been submitted, contact School Admissions on 01437 774551, or e-mail [admissions@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

Attendance at a nursery school does not guarantee a Primary place, and a separate application is required for this.

### **Attendance – 95% for January so far!!**

Well, it's been a while since this has appeared on a newsletter!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for information and details when term time absences take place. Obviously, schools are no longer monitoring attendance as once previously. Due to the nature and level of Covid absences, the school is not in a position to 'authorise' holiday related absences. HOWEVER, we fully appreciate that many families have faced difficult times and not seen family members, therefore when possibilities arise families may feel the need to take a term time absence. The school only requests you inform us of the details of term time absence as in relation to safeguarding we need to account for where our pupils are. This is especially important for more sustained absences. We all appreciate the importance of school and the wider social implications school absences create. The staff are working hard to plan, maintain and deliver a cohesive education that supports children in their learning and development. Good levels of attendance are vital for children's development and well being. Thank you for your continued support.

### **FOSS – Friends of Saundersfoot School.**

FOSS are busy planning their next fund raising event a Valentine raffle, similar to the successful Christmas raffle. Should you feel you are able to donate a prize please see FOSS members, Mrs L. Lewis (LSA Y2), Mrs A Newman (mum to Ollie Y5 and Amelia Y3), or please speak to Mrs. Brace in the office.

### **End of day timings.**

We are anticipating a Welsh Government announcement reducing the COVID risk both locally and nationally. Following this announcement the school will return to its previous dismissal timings of 3:10pm for Reception class and 3:15pm for all other classes. Foundation Phase classes (Year 1 and 2) from the top gates at 3:15pm Year 3,4,5 and 6 from the main gates at 3:15pm. All older siblings will be dismissed with the youngest siblings.

This is an ADVANCE WARNING AND WILL NOT TAKE PLACE until after such an announcement.

### **Spring term developments.**

We have a number of projects that are being recognised both locally and nationally which reflect the highly effective work that takes place here in Saundersfoot CP School. These projects cover a cross section of the school from teaching, to leadership and Governors. Every level of the school is being recognised for its approach and performance, it is something we are very proud of. We will share these projects when we are able to and feel as parents and carers you should be the first to know as we celebrate and continually develop as an accomplished school and team.

### **Urdd celebrating 100 years.**

The Urdd are celebrating 100 years on **Tuesday 25th January** (which is also Dydd Santes Dwynwen – the Welsh Valentine's Day). To help celebrate and mark the day we will be asking pupils to wear Red, White and Green clothing same colours as Mr Urdd. On the day will be attempting to beat a world record for uploading videos of singing hey Mr Urdd. <https://100.urdd.cymru/en/party-resources/>

### **A NON UNIFORM DAY TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup>, wear red, white and green to celebrate the Urdd reaching 100 years!!**

Mr. Nick Allen and staff.

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