

# Saundersfoot Community Primary School

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**Headteacher: Mr N. Allen**

Wow, what a great spell of weather we are enjoying. As a staff we can not recall a holiday where there has been such a long spell of great weather. We hope you have all managed some time in the sun.

## **Staffing changes.**

You may recall back in the Spring I wrote to you explaining the difficulties all schools in Pembrokeshire were facing in terms of financial situation. The school budget is set by Pembrokeshire County Council and all schools have been put in the very difficult position of having to make significant cuts. The funding for the school is formulated in a rather crude manner which includes overall pupil numbers, Free School Meals numbers, levels of pupils with Additional Learning needs, however, not on our current number but an average over the past three years. In short, it has been a challenging situation for the leadership team and Governors to finance and staff the school, as we ensure our standards are not compromised. The whole school team has been affected by the financial pressures. The school has been in the fortunate position that some staff have requested to leave voluntarily and the Governors have accepted these offers. The leadership team and Governors have the task of staffing the school in line with the budget provided.

As a result, we will see a change in staffing in the school. Mrs Adele Evans (teacher) will leave us on 21.07.2023 having worked in on 20.06.1996 – 27 years teaching in one school. Mrs Evans has been a tremendous teacher throughout her time in Saundersfoot school, some of the aspects she has introduced will continue for many years to come, although Mr Anthony (caretaker) is looking forward to not having to switch off as many fairy lights!

We also will be saying goodbye to HLTAs Mrs Nina Booth and Miss Jo Hackett. Mrs Booth has worked in Saundersfoot for 28 years supporting thousands of pupils in her role as PPA cover teacher and ELSA. Mrs Booth has been a key contributor to the ALN support we provide here in Saundersfoot and the overall support to pupils (and staff) well being. Nina and her husband Mick will always hold a special place in Saundersfoot CP School.

Miss Hackett started in education in 1988 – yes '88 (I had just left primary school!!) – Miss Hackett has worked in education for 35 years, celebrating her 30, 40 and 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays with us. Miss Hackett has been the constant member of staff for a nursery and in her 35 years has probably seen it all. Miss Hackett has been the welcoming face for some many of our pupils and families as they enter the nursery, she has also perfected the art of peeling a tearful pupil from an equally tearful parent.

Mrs Anita Davis (LSA) joined Saundersfoot in 2007 and in those 16 years has managed to juggle bus driving and LSA role. During her 16 years in Saundersfoot Mrs Davis has supported our Foundation Phase children.

The academic year 2023/24 will see some changes, however, these changes are largely restricted to our support staff. The Nursery and Reception will continue to be organised as an Early Years Unit run by Deputy Head Sharon Gillespie.

### **Active Travel – Walk to school day Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

We are all aware of the sites difficulties in terms of vehicle access and parking. I write to all parents and carers to largely thank them for their care and attention in parking- we know this is not an easy site.

To help support active travel and reduce car emissions, the school will be holding a 'Walk to School day'.

We are working with Pembrokeshire's Active travel co-ordinator promoting walking to school. We are encouraging as many pupils and families as we can to meet at the Regency for 8:30am as we all walk to school leaving the Regency at 8:40am on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Please do your best to support us in any way you can.

### **Summer Uniform.**

We continue to be blessed with this fine weather and school has received a few queries around summer uniform. Saundersfoot CP School has upheld a strong tradition of smart school uniform and it has always been a feature of the school, none more obvious than when we attend events with other schools. We kindly ask parents and carers to support the school uniform, tailored shorts are requested rather than training shorts/performance shorts. Performance shorts can be used alongside uniform skirts or summer dresses.

Thank you for supporting us in this. It was lovely to see such smart uniforms on the children today for the whole school photograph – thank you for this.

### **Class structure 2023/24.**

With the above staffing changes Saundersfoot moves into 2023/24, the class structure for the year will be.

Early Years Unit (Nursery and Reception) – Miss S. Gillespie.

Yr 1 and 2 – Miss. L. Nicholson

Yr 3 – Mrs. D Glanville

Yr 4 – Mrs. C. Rees

Yr 5 – Mrs. J. Morris

Yr 6- Mrs. Howells-Evans/Mr Allen

### **Dates for the remainder of the term.**

8 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School photograph
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years Sports 9:30am start, school gates open 9:00am Y6 begin sailing activities with Saundersfoot Sailing club.
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – AM Years 4,5,6- 9:30am start, gates open 9:00am – PM Years 1,2,3 1:15pm start, gates open 1:05pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Dynamos Cricket festival – Carew CC

29<sup>th</sup> Walk to school with Ziggy – Active Travel activity walking from Regency carpark  
8:40am.  
Year 5 Stand Up paddleboard session begin.  
5<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fete after school 3:30-5pm  
7<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 transition day to secondary schools.  
21<sup>st</sup> July End of term  
  
4<sup>th</sup> September Pupils return for academic Year 2023/24.

Your Sincerely

Mr. Nick Allen