

**CWRT RAWLIN PRIMARY**

**NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break with your children. The school year has started well and we are looking forward to a productive and busy term ahead. There are a few important reminders below, which will help you and your child in their transition into the new school year.

**Data Information**

You will be emailed an information sheet which will ask you for updated emergency contact information, medical information and consent for photo usage. It is important that you complete this form and email or drop it into the office.

**Medical**

If your child has an asthma pump or epi pen please ensure we have it in school immediately, if the epi pen is out of date please can you ensure that we have a replacement asap. Any new medical information about your child must be emailed into Miss R Gilbert via [CwrtRawlinprimary@sch.caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:CwrtRawlinprimary@sch.caerphilly.gov.uk).

**Home/School Agreements**

Thank you to those parents/carers that have sent back the home school agreement. Please could you take time to discuss this with your child/ren and then send a signed copy back into school. Education is a partnership and we all have a role to play to ensure your child has the best experience in Cwrt Rawlin. Thank you.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to our winning classes last year who had the best whole year attendance. Our whole school attendance last year was 94%, our target was 95%. Parents and carers do not have the automatic right to withdraw their children from school for an annual holiday and we would like to remind you of the effect that absence can have on a pupil’s potential achievement.

Currently the Attendance policy agrees 10 days holiday a year, any requests needs to be emailed to the Headteacher for approval. The school currently does not issue fixed term penalty notices. This policy will be reviewed this term and any changes will be communicated.

We will continue to send termly attendance letters to you to update you on your child’s attendance record.

**Healthy School**

We are a healthy school and we are proud to hold the national quality award, so please ensure your child brings a healthy snack to school every day. **Please note that any grapes sent into school MUST be cut in half length ways to prevent a choking hazard.**

**Water bottles**

We encourage that your child brings in a bottle of water every day. The children can refill their bottles throughout the school day. Please do not bring in orange squash, juice, energy drinks ( including PRIME) or fizzy drinks.

**Nuts**

We have a growing number of children with severe allergies. It is vitally important that **no nuts** are sent in with your child to school**. This includes almonds, Nutella in sandwiches, peanut butter and any other nut- based food.**

**Bags/Coats**

Please can the children not bring large rucksacks into school. The children only need to bring in their lunchbox and water bottle, therefore a small bag is more suitable.

As the weather changes all children will need a coat, we will be taking the children out in all our Welsh weather, so it must be waterproof, warm and have a hood.

**School Term Dates 2023-2024**

**Autumn Term 2023**

* Term starts Friday 1 September 2023

**INSET Days**

Friday, 1st September 2023

Friday, 27th October 2023

Monday, 6th November 2024

Monday, 8th January 2024

Monday, 3rd June 2024

Friday, 19th July 2024

* Half term starts Monday 30 October 2023
* Half term ends Friday 3 November 2023
* Term ends Friday 22 December 2023

**Spring Term 2024**

* Term starts Monday 8 January 2024
* Half term starts Monday 12 February 2024
* Half term ends Friday 16 February 2024
* Term ends Friday 22 March 2024

**Summer Term 2024**

* Term starts Monday 8 April 2024
* Half term starts Monday 27 May 2024
* Half term ends Friday 31 May 2024
* Term ends Friday 19 July 2024

**Dates for your Diary**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| W/B 18.09.23 | After school cubs start ( see separate email sent out) |
| 19.09.23 | Cricket Wales – KS2 |
| 21.09.23 | THRIVE Coffee morning 9am-10.30am ( All Welcome to find out about THRIVE) |
| 25.09.23-29.09.23 | Cycle to School Week |
| 27.09.23 | Reception Parent Reading and Writing Workshop 9.30am-10.30am |
| 29.09.23 | 9am-10am Macmillan Coffee Morning run by FoCR & FoCR AGM |
| 05.10.23 | THRIVE Cohort 3 to start |
| 06.10.23 | Rugby Match 12.45-2.30pm |
| 09.10.23& 10.10.23 | Y5 Storey Arms Residential |
| 11.10.23 | Teacher/Parent Consultation Evening |
| 13.10.23 | Sustrans-Be Bright Be Seen Day- Dress Up day |
| 16.10.23 | School Harvest Festival |
| 18.10.23 | Teacher/Parent Consultation Evening |
| 20.10.23 | Colorfoto day ( Siblings)  Rugby Match 12.45-2.30pm |
| 26.10.23 | FoCR Discos |
| 27.10.23 | INSET day |
| 30.10.23-03.11.23 | HALF TERM |
| 06.11.23 | INSET day |
| 10.11.23 | Rugby Match 12.45-2.30pm |
| 13.11.23 | ICT (Online) Safety evening led by PC Madley for all Parents/Carers 5.30pm |
| 17.11.23 | Children in Need Day ( Dress up)  Choir to sing at the switch on of the Caerphilly Lights 5-7pm |
| 08.12.23 | Rugby Match 12.45-2.30pm  FoCR Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.15 |
| Christmas Dates to Follow. | |