

**CWRT RAWLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**APRIL 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a good break over Easter. As you will be aware we were informed last week that we will have an ESTYN inspection in the week beginning 22nd April 2024. We are looking forward to welcoming the ESTYN inspecting team and being able to showcase some of the many improvements that the school has made over recent years. You are invited to a parent/carer meeting on Monday, 22nd April 2024 at 3.45pm in Classroom 6J, there will be a creche available for any children who might need to come with you.

**Staffing**

Two members of staff will sadly be leaving us this week. Miss Hodge, teaching assistant, has worked in the school for sixteen years and is an integral part of our teaching staff. She has also been pivotal in setting up many of our wellbeing programmes and has supported many of the children, not only academically but also pastorally.  Mrs Meyer, has been a 1:1 teaching assistant for many years and has not only supported and nurtured the development of the child in her care but has also been a great team player and contributor within all areas of Cwrt Rawlin. Both colleagues will be greatly missed by us all. We wish them both much happiness and success in their new roles and look forward to hearing about their new ventures.

**School Council**

The School Council and other pupil groups have already started planning for the term ahead. They will be working alongside the PTA where they will be helping to run four main fundraiser events to help us achieve our target of £30k to renew our junior school playground.

* Friday, 24th May 2024 - Sponsored class events
* Saturday, 22nd June 2024 - Summer Fayre 12pm - 4pm
* Thursday, 27th June 2024 - PTA discos
* Friday, 28th June 2024 - Break the Rules day

A group of keen Year 5 pupils came along to last week’s school council meeting to put forward their ideas. So we will also be holding a charity day in aid of the Noah Arks Hospital on Friday, 5th July 2024.

**Healthy Schools Team**

Our Sustrans pupil team led a very successful “ Bling Your Bike” day at the end of last term. Well done to everyone who took part and everyone who make the conscious decision to walk, scoot or cycle to school. The Team want to remind you all that we are a Healthy School and the following still applies within our 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.**

**Attendance/Holidays**

I am delighted to announce that the winning classes for the highest number of weeks attendance for the Spring term are classes 1/2L, Nursery and 3/4H. They will receive a whole class treat this week and of course also share the attendance trophy! Thank you for continuing to try and take holidays out of term time. The time that your child is now in school makes a difference to their life long education and prosects. Our whole school attendance for February was 95.2%, with the school target being 95%.

Please remember any holiday absence from school must be put in writing to the Headteacher, on the form provided on the school website. You will then receive a letter with regards the decision on the absence. Please note, if your child’s attendance is below 90% then discretion will be used on any leave of absence that has been requested. A copy of the current attendance policy is on the school website: <https://www.cwrtrawlinprimary.co.uk/policies> .

We continue to have a number of children regularly coming in late to school. This is not only disruptive to the office staff but also to the class and your child. Please ensure you bring your children on time to school. The school gates open at 8.50am and close just after 9 o’clock. Registers all close at 9.10am and 1.10pm, any children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. Lateness is tracked and we will contact you with the main aim of working with you to improve this problem.

**Early Years Child Care Unit- Building Work**

As you will have seen, the unit is now on site. We are now being led by the Local Authority in the procurement process. Deadlines for applications is Wednesday, 17th April 2024.

**Dates for Summer Term 2024**

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| **Dates** | **Event** |
| **22.04.24-25.04.24** | Estyn Inspection |
| **02.05.24** | Polling Day  Cluster hockey  The Bumbles of Honeywood project (2D) |
| **08.05.24** | 3.30pm - 5.30pm Open Evening for infant parents |
| **09.05.24** | Miners Ambassador’s meeting |
| **13.05.24-17.05.24** | Y6 Storey Arms residential |
| **22.05.24** | Nursery (am) & Reception maths workshops 10.30am - 11.30am  Nursery (pm) maths workshop 2.30pm - 3.30pm  3.30pm - 5.30pm Open evening for junior parents |
| **24.05.24** | PTA Sponsored event |
| **27.05.24-31.05.24** | HALF TERM |
| **03.06.24** | INSET day |
| **04.06.24- 21.06.24** | Year 5 swimming |
| **05.06.24** | Cluster rounders |
| **11.06.24** | Year 5 & 6 Maths workshops for parents 10.30am - 11.30am |
| **12.06.24** | Reception - Year 2 sports day |
| **19.06.24** | Year 3 & 4 Maths workshops for parents 10.30am - 11.30am  Nursery sports day |
| **17.06.24-21.06.24** | Cycle to school week |
| **22.06.24** | PTA Summer fayre 12pm - 4pm |
| **26.06.24** | **Junior Sports day ( AM) TBC ASAP** |
| **27.06.24** | PTA Disco |
| **28.06.24** | Break the Rules Day |
| **03.07.24-04.07.24** | Y6 Transition Days to St Martins |
| **03.07.24** | New Nursery evening ( AM Nursery) 5.30pm |
| **05.07.24** | Year 5 charity day for Noah’s Ark Hospital |
| **08.07.24** | New Class Letters go out |
| **10.07.24** | New Reception parent meeting 10am - 11am  New Nursery evening (PM Nursery) 5.30pm |
| **12.07.24** | New Class swap morning  All current Nursery to come in the morning session |
| **17.07.24** | 9.30am - Y6 Leavers service  6pm - Y6 Leavers prom |
| **19.07.24** | INSET day |
| **29.07.24- 30.08.24** | Summer holidays |
| **02.09.24** | INSET day |
| **03.09.24** | First day back to school |

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

Mrs Tara Lloyd

**Headteacher**

