

**CWRT RAWLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

 **JANUARY 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very belated happy new year to you all. The term is well under way, it is a short term and we have a lot to fit in, so please find below, some important information and dates for your diary.

**Parent Forum to Help School Improvement**

Thank you to the parents who completed the parent survey last term, it provided much information for us to discuss and was also very positive in its results. We would now like to invite you to an informal parent/grandparent gathering which will take place at **3.30pm-4.30pm or 6pm-7pm on Monday, 5th February**  in the school staffroom. This is an opportunity to share ideas and ways to improve Cwrt Rawlin Primary, our pupil leaders will update you on their work in school and there will also be coffee and cake! If you would like to attend this informal meeting please email CwrtRawlinPrimary@sch.caerphilly.gov.uk or ring the school on 02920 807070 - we hope you can make it, we want your ideas!

**Attendance Matters**

We continue to promote good attendance in school assemblies, giving out certificates for class attendance of the week. Last term our proud class winners were 5W and 1/2 L, who earned a half day treat. We understand children will be ill and will have to attend appointments for serious medical conditions during school time, but what we are striving to reduce is the number of holidays taken during school time and reduce persistent unauthorised absence.

Last year’s overall attendance was 94%

Our target for 2023- 2024 is 95%

Currently our December monthly attendance is 96%

Please remember any holiday absence from school must be put in writing and agreed by the headteacher, we have a **new absence request form** which is available on the school website or in the school foyer, please complete this and send it into school, confirmation will then be sent to you. 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 recently amended attendance policy and information on fixed term penalty notices is on the policies page of the school website** [**www.cwrtrawlinprimary.co.uk**](http://www.cwrtrawlinprimary.co.uk) **.**

**Update on the Early Years Child Care Unit**

During this busy building time in school thank you for working with us on adhering to our health and safety plan. Please can we remind you that the car park should not be accessed by foot as short cut for safety reasons. The Local Authority have issued the following information to update you on the purpose of the building and on the process ahead in terms of going to tender for the provision.

*The new childcare unit and enclosed outdoor area will be a fully equipped, dedicated space for the delivery of childcare with the link to the school’s sports hall to enable access to additional space. The childcare provisions we want to offer will range from a breakfast before-school childcare club, an after school club and holiday provision if there is demand for this service, all for 4 to 11 year olds, and a morning and afternoon playgroup / wraparound club for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. There is currently an incumbent after school club who will continue to deliver from the new unit, and many of these other services are currently offered to children from other local childcare providers. To secure providers to deliver the other services as described above, we will be going out to invite Expressions of Interest from CIW registered childcare providers, including day nurseries, sessional care providers or childminders who wish to deliver group provision. Services can also offer Flying Start and Childcare Offer funded places. These opportunities will be advertised in the coming months via the Early Years Childcare Bulletin and through the Sell2Wales portal.*

**Healthy School**

We pride ourselves in being a healthy school. We aim to equip pupils with the knowledge and skills to establish and maintain life long active lifestyles and healthy eating habits. We appreciate your support in this important area, here are a few reminders.

Ensure that all breaktime snacks that are brought into school are fruit or vegetables.

Provide your child with a bottle of water each day, which can be taken home and brought back each day. No fizzy or fruit drinks are allowed in school.

As previously, in line with our healthy policy, no sweets or birthday cake/treats will be able to be given out in school.

We encourage you to provide a healthy and balanced lunchbox of food for your child.

A carton of milk is provided for Foundation Phase children every day if they wish to have one.

**We are a nut free school, please ensure that your child does not bring any Nutella snacks or sandwiches, nuts, almonds or any other food with nuts in them.**

**Cwrt Rawlin PTA**

A big thank you to the Wellbeing committee who form part of the PTA they have raised a considerable amount to allow us to buy wellbeing items for every classroom, we are going to call these our regulation stations, every child at some point will access these, a wonderful addition to the classroom. The PTA strive forward in their plans to replace the junior playground equipment, so if you can support us in raising funds please do so. Thank you.

Alongside the School’s Council the PTA have planned the following events this term;

**Thursday, 8th February- School Disco ( Free for all children of Cwrt Rawlin Primary)**

**Friday, 9th February- Break the Rules Day fundraising for the PTA ( more info to follow)**

**Friday, 15th March- The Abilities in Me fundraising day ( more info to follow)**

**Thursday, 21st March- Easter Disco**

**A message from the PTA**

Do you want to get more involved with the school but lack spare time? The PTA are looking to recruit a parent rep from each class to help us; promote our events, promote our social media activity and help us collect feedback from parents. This is an opportunity to get more involved with very little input. If you think you can help please get in touch via our email address cwrtrawlinPTA@gmail.com or via the school directly. Thank you, PTA Team

**Keep in Touch**

Family circumstances change and we would be grateful if you could update us, either by popping in for a chat or emailing us to keep us informed of any changes within your family. These changes always have some sort of impact on your children and it is important we are aware so we can support them in the best way possible.

**Parking**

Parking is difficult for staff at the moment, we are unable to have a full capacity car park due to the building work. Staff are relying on parking on nearby roads. We are ensuring that we all park legally however we know that any change can cause upset amongst the local residents, if you are one of these residents, thank you for your understanding, if you know someone who is, we would be grateful if you could explain our situation. We also ask that wherever possible if you as a parent on drop off and pick up can park in the Tesco car park please do so, so avoid any traffic congestion caused by parked cars on both sides of the road. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

Mrs Lloyd

Headteacher

**Dates- 2023-2024**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| 25.01.24 | Family THRIVE Sessions start ( cohort 4) |
| 30.01.24 | Netball tournament |
| 31.01.24 | Nursery school trip ( am and pm)Teacher Parent Evening 1 ( Nursery, RMK, 1H, 1/2L,2D,3TG,4O,5W,5/6B, 6J)Usborne Book Fair on site |
| 01.02.24 | The Child Commissioner of Wales to visit Year 5 |
| 05.02.24 | 3TG,3/4H & 4O school tripParent Forum meeting 3.30pm or 6pm |
| 07.02.24 | RMK school tripTeacher Parent Evening 2 ( Nursery, RMK, 1H, 1/2L,2D,3TG,4O,5W,5/6B, 6J)Usborne Book Fair on site |
| 08.02.24 | PTA Disco |
| 09.02.24 | Break the Rules Day |
| 12.02.24-16.02.24 | HALF TERM |
| 20.02.24 | Football matchParents Evening 1- R/1D |
| 21.02.24 | R/1D School Trip |
| 22.02.24 | Miners Ambassador meetingParents Evening 1- 3/4H |
| 29.02.24 | Parents Evening 2- R/1W & 3/4H |
| 01.03.24 | St David’s day |
| 08.03.24 | World Book day ( Dress as your favourite character) |
| 13.03.24 & 14.03.24 | 1H, 1/2L & 2D school trip |
| 15.03.24 | Abilities in Me Charity fundraising day |
| 18.03.24 & 19.03.24 & 20.03.24 | 5W, 5/6B, 6J school trip |
| 21.03.24 | Easter PTA Disco |
| 22.03.24 | Bling your Bike Day- Sustrans ( Easter theme) |
| 25.03.24-05.04.24 | EASTER HOLIDAYS |

*\*Dates are correct at the time of writing, but of course may change due to unforeseen circumstances.*