

**CWRT RAWLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Friday, 18th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support at our recent school events, including the MacMillan coffee morning, PTA AGM, Reception reading and writing workshop and the parent teacher consultations. It was also lovely to see so many of you at our grand opening of the new playground, thank you for coming along and making it such a memorable occasion.

**Staffing**

Miss Evans, the incoming Headteacher, has visited the school on a couple of occasions this half term and met with staff, PTA and the children. She has several more visits planned and is looking forward to meeting yourselves and the wider school community in due course.

Mr Evans, our caretaker has decided to retire at the end of this term, he has given 22 years of dedicated service to the school and will be greatly missed. We look forward to being able to say proper goodbyes at the end of term.

We look forward to welcoming back Miss Woolfall who will be returning from her maternity leave towards the end of the term. Miss Davies will work closely with her to ensure a thorough and smooth handover. Miss Davies will remain with the class until the end of the term so we will have plenty of time to thank her for all she has done this term.

**Playworks Cwrt Rawlin**

We would like to say a big thank you to the staff who run the after school club on a daily basis. They have been on site for a number of years and have provided a safe and fun environment for the children of Cwrt Rawlin. We thank them for their years of dedication and wish them all well in their next ventures. Playworks last day will be Friday, 25th October 2024. The Alphabet Tree will start the after school club provision on Monday, 4th November 2024. A flyer and application form has already been emailed out to parents, please complete and return the form directly to The Alphabet Tree who will confirm all of the arrangements.

**Cwrt Rawlin Primary Governors**

The Governing Body has continued to provide excellent support to the school this term. The Governors have agreed the following whole school targets ,which are aligned to our recent ESTYN recommendations, these targets provide our focus for the academic year 2024-2025.

* To improve pupils’ Welsh oracy skills.
* To ensure that the school provides regular opportunities for pupils to develop their independent learning skills.
* To develop further opportunities for the use of maths/numeracy across the curriculum.
* To develop teaching and learning pedagogy across the school and sustain standards of teaching and learning as good or better.
* To continue to ensure all safeguarding measures are embedded across the school and promote regular attendance.
* To develop the tracking and recording of progress for all learners against the curriculum.

**Attendance**

This term, the governors will be reviewing our current attendance policy, this will then be sent to you. We encourage families to take holidays out of term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Every application for holidays will be dealt with on a case by case basis and will be reviewed alongside your child’s current attendance percentage. Attendance reports will continue to be sent home towards the end of every term. Thank you for your continued support.

**Uniform**

The PTA have worked with a Caerphilly Uniform Exchange and have given them a wide range of preloved uniform. Our Cwrt Rawlin uniform is available there on a Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 2pm. It is called the Caerphilly Uniform Exchange, 43 Attlee Court, Lansbury Park, Caerphilly [Home - Caerphilly Uniform Exchange](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcaerphillyuniformexchange.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLloydT124%40sch.caerphilly.gov.uk%7C03ca1aa2449c4ad7de0808dcedbecc77%7C4f3f0e52b734416494091b601d147993%7C0%7C0%7C638646650946835947%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5kkRgkG7FRF3G21sRajh0ZTqdfoE1fSFAbJYgpwQcTk%3D&reserved=0)

**Parking Concerns**

We have had emails from concerned parents about parking issues that happen around the school and put the children in imminent danger. We have reported these issues to our PCSO who has and will continue to make visits to the school area. Please can parents ensure they do not park on the zig zags by the bus stop or on double yellow lines at the start or end of the school day.

**Pupil Voice**

Congratulations to our pupil leaders, ambassadors, prefects, librarians, house captains and school council representatives. These pupil groups will play an important role in developing aspects of the school over the year and they will represent their friends’ views in different forums. They have already presented their ideas for school improvement to parents and governors. We are looking forward to another exciting year of pupil led improvement.

**Cwrt Rawlin Primary PTA**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the PTA at the A.G.M. A huge thank you also to those volunteers that have stayed on or offered their support on the committee and of course a thank you to those who have stepped off, your help has been greatly appreciated. The PTA have a lot of exciting events for 2024-2025, that they will be sharing with you in the coming weeks. Here are some of this term’s dates for your diary.

* **Thursday, 24th October- PTA Discos**
* **Friday, 29th November- PTA Christmas Fayre @ 3.30pm**
* **Saturday, 14th December- Bucket Collection at ASDA Foyer, Pontygwindy Road, Caerphilly**
* **Wednesday, 18th December- ‘Break the Rules’ day**

We are hoping for a few spells of drier weather in the coming weeks which will allow us to plan some more Stay and Play sessions on the junior yard, to allow the children to play with their parents. We will text you with any possible dates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

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**INSET days 2024-2025**

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Monday, 2nd September 2024

Tuesday, 3rd September 2024

Monday, 6th January 2025

Tuesday, 7th January 2025

Monday, 2nd June 2025

Monday, 21st July 2025

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| 21.10.24 | Rearranged 6J Class Trip  School Harvest Festival – Donations for The Food Bank |
| 23.10.24 | Rearranged Parent/Teacher Consultations – 1H & 3/4H |
| 23.10.24 | 3.30pm onwards Meet and Greet Opportunity for After School Club parents |
| 24.10.24 | Football Match  Be Bright Be Seen Day- Dress down day ( bright clothes)  PTA Discos |
| 28.10.24-01.11.24 | Half Term |
| 11.11.24 | Antibullying Week  Remembrance Day |
| 13.11.24 | Whole School Photo |
| 15.11.24 | Years 1 & 2 School Trip  Children in Need Day  Choir to sing at the Caerphilly Lights Switch On 5pm – 7pm |
| 18.11.24 | Years 3 & 4 School Trip |
| 20.11.24 | Year 2 visit to Christmas Wrapped Up |
| 26.11.24 | Netball Match |
| 29.11.24 | PTA School fayre 3.30pm onwards |
| 04.12.24 | Nursery and Reception Class Visits |
| 06.12.24 | School Council Cake Bake sale for The Air Ambulance/Noah’s Ark & Brain Tumour Charity |
| Christmas Concert  Celebration Dates- Parents/Carers invited | **Monday, 9th December 2024 -** Junior Concert 5.30pm  **Tuesday, 10th December 2024 –** Years 1 & 2 Concerts 2pm & 5.30pm  **Wednesday, 11th December 2024 -** Nursery Christmas Celebrations 10am & 2pm & Junior Concert 5.30pm  **Monday, 16th December 2024 -** Reception Concerts 10am & 2pm |
| 17.12.24 | Infant Christmas Parties |
| 18.12.24 | PTA Break the Rules day ( more info to follow)  Junior Christmas Parties |
| 20.12.24 | Christmas Jumper Day (a donation for Save the Children)  Last day of the Autumn Term. |

**Dates for your Diary**