

**CWRT RAWLIN PRIMARY**

**NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year. It has been a calm and steady start to the year and the children have begun to settle into their new routines well. There are a few important reminders below, which will help you and your child in their transition into the school year.

**Data Information ( phone numbers, addresses)** Please can you update us if your email address, mobile phone number or home address has changed. Please email [cwrtrawlinprimary@sch.caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:cwrtrawlinprimary@sch.caerphilly.gov.uk).

**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If your child has an asthma pump or epi pen please ensure we have it in school immediately, if the epi pen is out of date please can you ensure that we have a replacement asap.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 in for the attention of Miss R Gilbert, deputy headteacher via [cwrtrawlinprimary@sch.caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:cwrtrawlinprimary@sch.caerphilly.gov.uk).

**We have a number of children with severe nut allergies and have a no nut policy in school. Please ensure that no products with nuts are brought into school, including Nutella, peanut butter sandwiches, almonds etc.**

**Attendance** Congratulations to our winning classes last year who had the best whole year attendance. Our whole school attendance last year was 94.53%, 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 need to be sent into school via the absence form on the school website. 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. Please note that the new school lunch menu can be found through the following link [Caerphilly - Caerphilly County Borough](https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/services/schools-and-learning/school-dinners-and-breakfast-clubs/schedule-and-prices).

**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.

**Building Work** It has been a busy summer holiday with three CCBC building projects taking place. The Council have replaced part of the school roof and will continue this project over the next few years. The school kitchen had a complete refurbishment and the Early Years Childcare facility work still continues. The Alphabet Tree are working closely with Caerphilly Local Authority to ensure they can start on site as soon as is practically possible and will be in contact with parents about the wrap around and afterschool club in the next few weeks. The PTA playground refurbishment project is now near completion, it is beyond all of our expectations and there are a lot of excited children who are desperate to play on it! Once we have the final health and safety sign off on it, we will let everyone know. We are looking forward to trialling some family “Stay and Play” sessions on a Friday after school, for families to enjoy the new facilities.

**The School Council**

Congratulations to our newly elected senior leadership team and our school council. They are an enthusiastic and eager group of children who are keen to listen to their friends’ ideas and put plans into actions to continue to improve our wonderful school. There is a letter attached to this email which outlines the dress down days they have decided on for this term.

**WRAP- Restorative Approaches** As a cluster of schools, we have started an exciting CCBC project with WRAP (Wales Restorative Approaches Partnership). We have already started to use the approaches in school within our classrooms and the children will be having regular check in and out sessions as part of our new practice. This approach promotes the importance of wellbeing and healthy relationships within education. We will be building up the skills of resilience, confidence and social emotional intelligence. We would like you, as parents and carers, to be a part of this journey of learning and invite you and your child into school at **9am-10.15am on Tuesday, 24th September 2024** to learn together. Further information is attached, we hope you are able to attend.

**Communication** Please remember we have several ways of communicating with you, each class has a SeeSaw account set up, we have a central text and email system and we also post on Twitter and our school website is kept up to date. This year all central and PTA school emails and messages will be sent on a Friday, this will hopefully help keep track on all correspondence coming home. Teachers will communicate with you as needed through SeeSaw. Our preferred way of discussing questions, queries with parents is face to face rather than email, as you are aware there is an open door policy, so if you wish to meet with myself or a member of the senior team please email us to arrange an appointment.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Tara Lloyd

Headteacher



**School Term Dates 2024-2025**

**Autumn Term 2024**

* Term starts Monday 2 September 2024
* Half term starts Monday 28 October 2024
* Half term ends Friday 1 November 2024
* Term ends Friday 20 December 2024

**Spring Term 2025**

* Term starts Monday 6 January 2025
* Half term starts Monday 24 February 2025
* Half term ends Friday 28 February 2025
* Term ends Friday 11 April 2025

**Summer Term 2025**

* Term starts Monday 28 April 2025
* Half term starts Monday 26 May 2025
* Half term ends Friday 30 May 2025
* Term ends Monday 21 July 2025

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| **INSET DAYS- DATES** |
| Monday 2nd September 2024 |
| Tuesday, 3rd September 2024 |
| Monday, 6th January 2025 |
| Tuesday, 7th January 2025 |
| Monday, 2nd June 2025 |
| Monday, 21st July 2025 |

**Dates for your Diary**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| Friday, 12th September 2024 | Roald Dahl day (Dress up) |
| Thursday, 19th September 2024 | New headteacher, Miss Ceri Evans visiting school |
| Tuesday, 24th September 2024 | 9am - 10.15am Parents invited in to learn about WRAP \* see separate letter attached  Racism workshops for Y5 &6 |
| Thursday, 26th September 2024 | Bushcraft visit - Class 5/6W  European day of Languages, celebrating diversity \* see School Council letter |
| Friday, 27th September 2024 | 9am - 10.30am School Council presentation and PTA AGM & MacMillan coffee morning  Bushcraft visit – Class 5M |
| Monday, 30th September 2024 | Bushcraft visit – Class 6J |
| Wednesday, 2nd October 2024 | Reception parent meeting- Handwriting and Reading 9.30am \* see separate letter attached |
| Monday, 7th October & Tuesday, 8th October 2024 | Year 5 trip to Storey Arms |
| Wednesday, 9th October 2024 | Teacher/Parent Consultations |
| Friday, 11th October 2024 | World Mental Health Day/Wellbeing Day \* see School Council letter |
| Tuesday, 15th October 2024 | Bumblewood Project |
| Wednesday, 16th October 2024 | Teacher/Parent Consultations |
| Friday, 18th October 2024 | Individual and sibling Colorfoto day |
| Tuesday, 22nd October 2024 | Flu vaccinations |
| Thursday, 24th October 2024 | PTA Discos |
| Monday, 28th October 2024 – Friday, 1st November 2024 | Half Term |
| Wednesday, 13th November 2024 | Anti-bullying week  Whole School photo day |
| Friday, 29th November 2024 | PTA Christmas Fayre |
| Monday, 9th December 2024 | Junior School Christmas show 5.30pm (3TG,3/4H,4O,5M,5/6W,6J) |
| Tuesday, 10th December 2024 | 2pm & 5.30pm Years 1 & 2 Christmas show ( 1H,1L & 1D, 2L & 2D) |
| Wednesday, 11th December 2024 | Nursery 10am (AM Nursery) & 2pm (PM Nursery) Christmas fun  5.30pm Junior School Christmas show (3TG,3/4H,4O,5M,5/6W,6J) |
| Monday, 16th December 2024 | 10am & 2pm Reception Christmas show (RDK & RD) |
| Tuesday, 17th December 2024 | Infants Christmas parties |
| Wednesday, 18th December 2024 | Junior Christmas parties |
| Friday, 20th December 2024 | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Christmas holidays: Monday, 23rd December 2024 - Friday, 3rd January 2025  Monday, 6th January 2025 & Tuesday, 7th January 2025- INSET days  Back to school: Wednesday, 8th January 2025 | |