

**CWRT RAWLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**DECEMBER 2019**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a busy and productive term, the children have all worked hard to make improvements in many areas, we, as staff, are very proud of each and every child in Cwrt Rawlin Primary school. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020. We hope you all enjoy a fun and restful time with your families.

**Staffing**

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Blunsdon one of our dedicated support staff this term, she has started a new job in the NHS. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the best of luck in her new role. We also say goodbye to Mrs Bailey who has been working in the Nursery and wish her much happiness and success moving forward.

**School Improvement**

We have set our new school improvement targets in consultation with parents, staff, governors and the school’s council and wider pupil group. Our priorities this year include the following areas;

* Through the continued roll out of curriculum reform we aim to increase standards across the school in the area of learning and experience of Welsh as a second language and writing.
* To support the achievement of our vulnerable learners ( EAL/ALN).
* To embed strategies that enhance the well-being of staff and pupils.
* To maintain standards of teaching and learning as good or better across the school as a learning organisation.
* To further develop the Foundation Phase pedagogy and embed it in lower KS2.

We will send out a parent questionnaire in January, the feedback will form part of the school improvement process. An informal parent/grandparents meeting will take place **at 9am on Tuesday, 14th January.** This is an opportunity to allow the sharing of ideas and ways to improve Cwrt Rawlin Primary, there will also be coffee and cake! If you would like to attend this informal meeting please email or ring the school on 02920 807070- we hope you can make it!

**Concerns/Complaints**

We have an open door policy which allows you to arrange an appointment to speak to staff after school to discuss any concerns you might have, which we hope will solve the majority of queries. The class teacher is the first person you should contact via the school office to make an appointment to discuss any issues. If this has already taken place and you are still concerned then please arrange a time to meet with the headteacher. If you wish to take your complaint further, our school complaints policy is available on the school website.

**Attendance - Callio**

As you will be aware, we have already been using this attendance system for the last few years. In January, you will be sent an attendance certificate for your child for last terms attendance, this will be accompanied by a coloured letter which will indicate the number of sessions your child will have missed. Parents of those children falling into the red category (90% and below) will have their letters posted to them. We will also be continuing to promote good attendance in school assemblies, giving out certificates for class attendance of the week and we will be informing parents of each classes’ attendance figure on a Friday. We understand children will be ill and will have to attend appointments for serious medical conditions during school time. What we are striving to reduce is the amount of holidays taken during school time.

Last years overall attendance was 96.2%

Our target for 2019- 2020 is 96.3 **%**

Currently our attendance is 97.2 **%.**

Please remember any holiday absence from school must be put in writing and agreed by the headteacher. If your child’s attendance is below 96% then discretion will be used on any leave of absence that has been requested. A copy of the current attendance policy is on the schools website.

**Travel and Safety to and from School**

There are increasing traffic problems and illegal parking around the school, please be mindful of where you park, with limited parking in the Castle View car park, we understand this is difficult, but I am sure you will agree that preventing any kind of accident is paramount.

Please do not use the staff car park unless you have a disability that does not allow you to park further away; this must be agreed with the Headteacher. We are mindful that grandparents and childminders often drop off/pick up from school, so please pass this important information onto them.

**SNOW!**

**School website –** [**www.cwrtrawlinprimary.co.uk**](http://www.cwrtrawlinprimary.co.uk)

The arrangements in case of snow.

If, after doing a risk assessment, the school had to close due to snow we would send a text message out to all parents as early as is possible and we would post it on the front page of the school website, under school status (in the events column) and on our Twitter feed; if you are not following us as yet, please do @CwrtRawlinprim

We also look to put the information on the Caerphilly Council website.

PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL, but look on the school and council website (and remember to refresh your webpage).

**Celebrations this Term**

We are delighted to have achieved the following awards this term;

* The renewal of the platinum Eco schools award
* The diamond award for Investors in Families
* The Sustrans – Silver Mark Award
* The Renewal of NQA Healthy Schools Award

**Important dates for your diary**

**Remaining Inset days - 2019-2020**

**Monday, 22nd June 2020 (additional day from Welsh Government)**

Monday, 20th July 2020

**Christmas Holidays:** Monday, 23rd December 2019 - Friday, 3rd January 2020

**Back to school:**  Monday, 6th January 2020

**Class assemblies for parents (9.10am start)**

Thursday, 16th January: 4O class assembly

Thursday, 6th February: 3/4H class assembly

Wednesday, 12th February: 3TD class assembly

Thursday, 30th April: 1M class assembly

Thursday, 14th May: Reception KL assembly

Thursday, 21st May: Reception/Year 1 LH assembly

Thursday, 11th June: 1/2L class assembly

Wednesday, 24th June: 2DO class assembly

Wednesday, 8th July: Nursery class assemblies 11.00am & 3.00pm