

# RHIGOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Friday, 15 February 2019



"Together we plant the seeds for tomorrow's future"

This week's attendance is:-

Dosbarth 1 - 93.8%

Dosbarth 2 - 97.8%

Dosbarth 3 - 86.4%

Whole school attendance - 92.4%



This week, attendance is currently at 92.4% which is well below our target. As parents will be aware from the media, there is a huge emphasis on improving school attendance. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school unless they are genuinely ill and unable to attend school. Research has shown that Good Attendance is important because children are more likely to succeed in their learning when they attend school consistently. It is difficult for the teacher and the pupil to build their skills and progress if they are absent. Please help us achieve our target of 95.7% at all times.

### ESTYN

As you are aware Estyn will be visiting our school from 18th to 21st February 2019.

The purpose of the inspection is to see where the school is at present and to identify any ways forward as a school.

During the inspection, the inspectors will be talking to groups of children and staff, looking at examples of work and undertaking learning walks.

There will be a parents meeting with the inspectors in the school hall on **Monday 18th February 2019 from 3.45pm to 4.45pm**. Crèche facilities are available.

If you enquires to this, contact at any



have any relating please the school time.

The school and governors accept that parking near the school is not easy. The road outside the school is used by service buses as well as other traffic in and out of the area. Drivers are asked to keep the road outside each entrance clear to allow vehicles to pass safely.

**Drivers are asked not to stop on any yellow lines, opposite the yellow lines or on the pavement as this causes danger to pupils and other road users.**

Accidents can arise if views are obstructed or pedestrians have to negotiate between parked vehicles. I am sure that you agree that the safety of our pupils is paramount.



### CONTACT DETAILS

Please notify us when you have new telephone and mobile contact details and change of address to make sure you are kept up to date with text messages from school



### Signing out book

All children must be signed out by a parent or guardian when they are taken out of school during the school day and the school must have prior warning. Any hospital, dentist etc appointment letters/cards must be shown and kept on file. The book is kept in the school office and is monitored by the Attendance officer



### Holidays in term time

Can I remind everyone that holidays will only be authorised if your child's attendance for the 12 months prior to the holiday application is over 95% and stays above 95% to the date of travel.

### National Tests

These will be held between **May 7th and May 14th** for **years 2 to 6**.

It is essential that your child is in School every day during this period. **No** holidays will be authorised during this period.



### **Rhigos Primary School Playgroup**

Playgroup is held every Thursday in the school hall from 1.15pm to 3pm.

Everyone welcome.

If you know of any child coming up to the age of 3 please ask them to contact the school to arrange a visit.



### Lateness

A number of our pupils are arriving late to school every morning. Please could I remind all parents that school starts at **8.55am**.

Breakfast club runs from 8.10am to 8.30am.

A member of staff is on yard duty from 8.45am.

Homework is sent home with our pupils every week.

Class 1 have a topic based theme.

Class 2 and Class 3 have been given homework folders.

Homework is given out every Friday and must be returned every Wednesday (for class 2 and 3).



### **St David's Day Photos**

The photographer took class photographs last Tuesday for the Cynon Valley Leader. All the children looked so smart in their traditional Welsh costumes and Welsh clothes.

Even the toddler group looked "Proud to be Welsh"

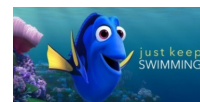
**Diolch yn Fawr**



### Swimming

For next week only swimming for years 3,4,5,6 will be on **Friday** 22nd February and not **Wednesday** 20th February.

After half term until Easter they will continue every Wednesday.



## Seren yr Wythnos



**Class 1- Caitlin** for writing a fantastic start to the story of Goldilocks.

**Class 2- Riley** for trying extremely hard in all areas of his learning using Welsh to describe the weather.

**Class 3- Olly** for an improved effort towards his work and finishing tasks on time.

**Head teacher's Award - Logan** for being kind and considerate when he asked me if I would like to play Connect 4 with him lunchtime.



**Siaradwr Cymraeg yr  
Wythnos**

**This week's Welsh speaker is  
Kayla-Lyn**

## "Criw Cymraeg"

One of our targets is to improve our Welsh knowledge Lillie suggested:-

This week's task is to find out how many footballers come from Wales.



## Class 3 visit to Aberdare Library

Class 3 pupils will bring home a permission slip tonight which needs to be back in school on Monday 18th February.

The Library Service are offering your child to join and receive a free Library card.

Class 3 pupils will be visiting the Library on Thursday 7th March which is also

World Book Day.



## February 2019

Monday 18th - parents invited to speak to ESTYN from 3.45 to 4.45pm

Wednesday 20th - NO SWIMMING

Friday 22nd - SWIMMING for years 3 to 6 and End of Term

## March 2019

Monday 4th - back in school

Tuesday 5th - St David's Day lunchtime menu

Wednesday 6th - St David's Day concert parents welcome 9.30am

Thursday 7th - World Book Day, Class 3 visit to Aberdare Library,

Fluoride varnish for Foundation Phase

Friday 8th - Class 3 in house workshop "Wonders of the World"

Friday 15th - Red Nose Day - noses will be on sale after half term £1.25 each.

Monday 18th - School photographs

## April 2019

Friday 12th - end of term with Easter Service at Bethel Chapel

Back in school Monday April 29th

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## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our newsletter is also available on our school website

[rhigosprimary.co.uk](http://rhigosprimary.co.uk)

where you can also find lots of other information.





From Healthy Schools/ ECO Council



The Healthy/ECO schools council have been looking at ways to make Rhigos an even happier, healthier place to live and learn. They have designed and made hand washing posters that are now in every toilet encouraging everyone to "wash your hands"

"golchwch eich ddwylo"

The school nurses have visited us and given us lots of ideas on healthy eating. Maisie and Ellie W (yr3) have been thinking about what healthy food could go into a lunchbox? e.g water, sandwiches, 2 pieces of fruit and maybe one treat!



#### Half term holidays and St David's Day



As St David's Day is in half term we will be celebrating St David's Day on Wednesday 6th March 2019 where you are all invited to join us in the school hall at 9.30am. Children can wear traditional Welsh clothes or Welsh tops.

Over the half term holidays, you and your child can "get creative". Children can submit a best piece of handwriting, a piece of writing about a famous Welsh person, a drawing or a model of a daffodil and/or design a "Croeso" welcome sign for our school. Full details will be sent home with your child next Friday. **Diolch yn fawr.**

#### Jokes of the week



Q.) How do you get an Astronaut's baby to sleep?

A.) Rock it **(Ellie W)**

Q.) What is a fish's favourite game

A.) Salmon says **(Maisie)**

Q.) Why did the cow cross the road?

A.) To go to the moovie **(Chloe)**