

RHIGOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday, 06 September 2019



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

Welcome back to the start of the new term. We hope you had a good summer holiday. It has been lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their school uniforms. They have settled really well into their classrooms playing with old friends and new. We have had 8 new nursery children joining us in our nursery - Peighton, Avah-May, Jacob, Saoirse, Carter, Florence, Jac and Daisy. They have been a delight, exploring their new learning environment and becoming familiar with school routines. We have also had new children in Class 2 - Madeline, Tyler and Leo. So we would like to give a big welcome to all our new pupils.

I would also like to welcome Miss Davies in Class 1 who has joined us to cover Miss Allman's maternity leave.

Miss Allman had a baby girl, Charlotte in the summer holidays. Both mum and baby are doing well. We send our very best wishes to them.

PE days

Nursery	Tuesday
Class 1	Tuesday
Class 2	Thursday
Class 3	Wednesday

After school clubs

Information will be sent out next week once the School Council have agreed on the clubs that the children would like to participate in.

Competition Winners

At the end of the summer term the children entered the Cynon Valley Horticultural Show. We received a phone call informing us that the entries of the winners are on display in the Cynon Valley Museum in Depot Road near Tesco.

Traffic

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.

I appreciate that the road outside the school is very busy at certain times of the day but can we request that you take care when parking to avoid the double yellow lines and double parking. We would like to ensure the safety of our children and all members of our community.

At Rhigos Primary, we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all our students. Due to some of our pupils suffering with life threatening nut allergies, we have been advised by the school nurse to become a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL**. An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and breathing in nut dust through the air.

Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts in their packed lunches

Avoid supplying the school with cakes or food items containing nuts for birthday celebrations, sales or events

Avoiding sending containers such as cereal boxes for DT/Creative lessons into school which may have contained produce made with nuts

Please note where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut product, the product will be removed politely and the member of staff will explain why this has to be done. A message will be sent to the parent to explain what has happened so that they are fully informed.

Due to the severity of the problem, we feel that it is important to ask that all parents and carers carry out the suggested measures and reduce the allergic reaction to these children. I realise this is a significant change, but it has been introduced on the recommendations of the school nurse due to specific allergies of some children. This measure has been adopted by the school, so that we can take all reasonable steps to keep all of our pupils safe.

There will be an INSET day on Friday, October 25th 2019 for staff training where the school will be closed for pupils. Schools are allocated training days throughout the year. The school endeavours to attach these training days to school holidays to minimise disruption.

**Fruit tuck is available at morning break
20p per day or £1 a week**

**Dinner money is £2.50 paid each day or
£12.50 payable every Monday for the week
ahead**

Rags to riches

The collection for your unwanted clothes etc will be on Wednesday 9th October.

**Breakfast club starts at 8.10am and closes at 8.30am
daily**

**Playgroup is held every Friday at 10am to
11.30 am**