

Newsletter Spring 2023

One Family, Shining Brightly



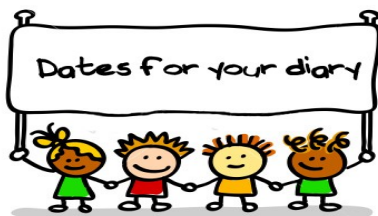
Happy New Year!

Thank you for your support last term.

It feels like it has rushed by really quickly!

As always Spring Term is a shorter term with much to get through for the children. Please keep a look out for the parent evening meeting letters which will take place around half term.

Remember to follow our Twitter feed so you can see pictures, videos and reminders of what's taking place in every class.



DATES FOR THE DIARY 2023

Spring Term

Tuesday 10.01.2023 – Friday 31.03.2023

Half Term

Monday 20.02.2023 – Friday 24.02.2023

Easter Break

Monday 03.04.2023 – Friday 14.04.2023

Summer Term

Monday 17.04.2023 – Friday 24.07.2023

Half Term

Monday 29.05.2023 – Friday 02.06.2023

May Bank Holiday

01.05.2023

Monday 24.07.23 has been designated as a Local Authority INSET day.



Christmas Concerts

Thank you so much for helping to make our Christmas Concerts such a great success! The children performed brilliantly, with confidence and gusto.

They looked fantastic in their outfits!

It was brilliant for us to finally get the children back in front of an audience to perform and we were so proud of their achievements. All the year groups were fantastic and another thank you for bringing the children back to school for our evening performances.

We hope you enjoyed watching them on stage!



Empathy Lab

We're hoping that you've already heard about 'Empathy Lab'. Maybe your child has come home and mentioned learning what 'empathy' is all about. If not please ask them and also ask them about some of the books they've been

looking at this year. These include,

Tadcu's Bobblehat

What Happened to You?

Cyril and Pat

The Day War Came

Last term we launched this project at school to both encourage our children to 'empathise' with others and to try and foster a love of reading.

We will be continuing with this and hopefully in the future we can invite parents into school for children to show off some of their learning around this topic.

We are hoping that one of the next stages to this project will be the children developing their own 'Social Action Projects'.

Reading

Alongside this Mrs Henshaw and Miss Jones led a workshop for Year 1 & Year 2 parents where they went through the basics of teaching reading and how we as adults can help children foster a love of reading that will stay with them for life.

We are hoping to repeat this for Year 3 & Year 4 parents this term.

Please look out for the invite as you will have the opportunity to work with your child during the session.



Pupil of the Month!

During the last Celebration Assembly on a Friday at the end of every month, teachers choose a pupil in their class who has done something special that month. Either Good Work, Good Behaviour or simply being kind to others.

These children's achievements are celebrated by us all and a celebratory text sent to parents. If you do get a text please celebrate with your child.



Drainage

We're sure you've all noticed but during wet weather the corner of the school between the Junior Yard and Mrs Henshaws classroom door regularly floods. We are in conversation with RCT to try and remedy this problem.

Please bear with us for a little longer as we try and fix this so we no longer have our outdoor swimming pool!



PARKING

Please remember that The Broadway is an extremely busy road, particularly before and after school. Please don't put our children at risk by parking on any double yellow lines/zig-zags. The PCSO's will be doing regular checks and handing out on the spot fines for anyone caught parking illegally.

Parents are now able to short term park on the Broadway, the KS2 entrance side in the 'pull-in' area.

RCT have also now commissioned an enforcement parking team, who will be targeting schools in particular for dangerous/illegal parking and can also issue fines of £70.00



School Trips

At the beginning of a new topic, generally termly, we try and give the children a 'hook' to encourage new learning.

We try and vary this hook between inviting guests in, taking the children for a local visit and also taking them a little further by bus.

These trips are a valuable tool both to stimulate children's learning and for the socialising aspect of Primary School.

We do try our best to keep cost as low as possible during these financially difficult times

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Trips/visitors include Big Pit in Blaenavon, The Roman Museum at Caerleon, a jazz band, Welsh Water, the local Foodbank, PC Gavin Colcombe delivering lessons, The Really Wild Show and Louby Lou Storytelling for infants.



A big shout out to Tesco for providing us with some lovely treats for our Christmas week in school.



School Clubs

Last term we were able to restart some of our school clubs. Coding Club, Chess Club, Speak Up club. Wellbeing Club and girls Disney football club all took place. This term keep your eyes open for registration forms as these clubs do fill up quickly and some do roll into different year groups as well as different clubs starting such as Science Club.

A big thank you for all staff who give up their own time to lead these activities for the children.

TO AVOID CONFUSION ALL CLUBS WILL NOW FINISH at 4.15pm

Rugby Team



Our rugby team continue to play 'round robin' tournaments at the USW Playing Fields. They play against local schools and the standard of play improves every week. A big thank you to the parents who are able to give lifts as these sessions would be impossible otherwise. Well done all!

Cycling Proficiency



Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils who recently passed their Level 1 and Level 2 Cycling Proficiency through school and the RCT Safety Team. Well done and stay safe!

Welsh Government Universal Primary Free School Meals

As I'm sure you're all aware from September 2022 all Reception age pupils are now eligible for Free School Meals.

From January of this year, (2023), all Year 1 pupils are now eligible for a Free School Meal. From the start of the Summer Term all Year 2 children will then be eligible for a free school meal. Alongside this all nursery children, when they become full time, are also eligible for a free school meal. This scheme will roll out across KS2 during the next academic year.

However, if your child is eligible for a free school meal due to living in a low-income household then the FSM form still needs to be filled out and returned to RCT in order to also receive the holiday dinner funding for children and Uniform Grant which is over £100.00

Please use the link below to access forms or ask any questions you have.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/SchoolsandLearning/FreeSchoolmealsApplyforfreeschoolmeals.aspx>