



WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Mr Rayer's Message

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a good summer and wherever you were managed to find some good weather to enjoy!

On the subject of weather— it does look like it's going to be hot this week. A reminder to apply sun cream before children come to school, provide them with a sun hat and a bottle for their water please.

It's been a busy summer in school with lots of work going on with some new lights, a refurbished classroom and new toilet floors to name but a few things.

Our reception and nursery children and parents have a few days meeting staff this week, with all children back in on Friday.

There are dates on the school website's calendar and more information about many of them will

follow. There is lots of information in this newsletter, including all our INSET dates for the year which I shared with you last term.

There is an important letter to read too regarding Moving Forward at Rogerstone. Please take time to read it. (A copy is included below.)

A reminder too that all children can now have a free school meal from the canteen. The menu is on

the school website—we are currently in week 3—so make sure you are looking at the right one!

I will come out to Afon Village soon to see the buses as I have been told there have been some changes.

Have a good week everyone!

Kind regards,

Mr Rayer

REMINDER—PLEASE BE ON TIME

START THE YEAR AS YOU MEAN TO GO ON!

Children's learning starts promptly at 9.00am. The gates close at 9.00am. Please ensure your child arrives through their own classroom door within the 15 minute window – 8.45 to 9.00am.

Late arrivals coming through the main reception cause organisational problems for the class, the teacher, and the kitchen with dinner orders.

The situation will be closely monitored and letters will be sent to regular latecomers.

Thank you.

POLITE REQUEST—END OF THE DAY

Children's learning does not finish until 3.20pm. There was a noticeable increase again towards the end of last term, in the number of children being collected early. This causes significant disruption at the end of the day and potentially a safeguarding concern owing to the number of children being asked to leave their class to come down to the office.

If you have a pre-arranged appointment which requires your child to leave school early, please collect them by 2.30pm at the latest. Otherwise, please collect them from their classrooms at 3.20pm.

Thank you—your cooperation would be greatly appreciated to enable us to keep your children safe.

NAMES ON CLOTHING

A reminder ...PLEASE PLEASE

PLEASE can you write your child's name on all items of clothing.

With the ever changing weather, children are taking clothing on and off and leaving it around the school. If it doesn't have a name on it, they are very unlikely to get it back as it will go into the very quick filling lost property bin.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Absence

VERY IMPORTANT!

If your child is absent, please inform the office on day 1 before 9.00am either via email (absence@rogerstoneprimary.com)

or by telephone and leave a message. Please do not inform the class teacher as it is the office who need to record reasons for absence.

Last term the office were taking up to 2 hours every day with making contact with parents to find out where pupils are.

WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILD IS PLEASE!

Many thanks.

After School Clubs

Staff run after school clubs will run every Tuesday (3.30– 4.15) for 6 weeks commencing 10th October.

Details of the clubs will be sent out soon

OPEN HOUR

Come and see your child in their class and hear what they have been doing!

2.30pm-3.30pm

Thursday September 28th

INSET DAYS 2023-24

1. Friday 1st September
2. Friday 24th November
3. Monday 27th November
4. Friday 22nd December
5. Friday 9th February
6. Friday 19th July

MEDICAL DIETARY NEEDS

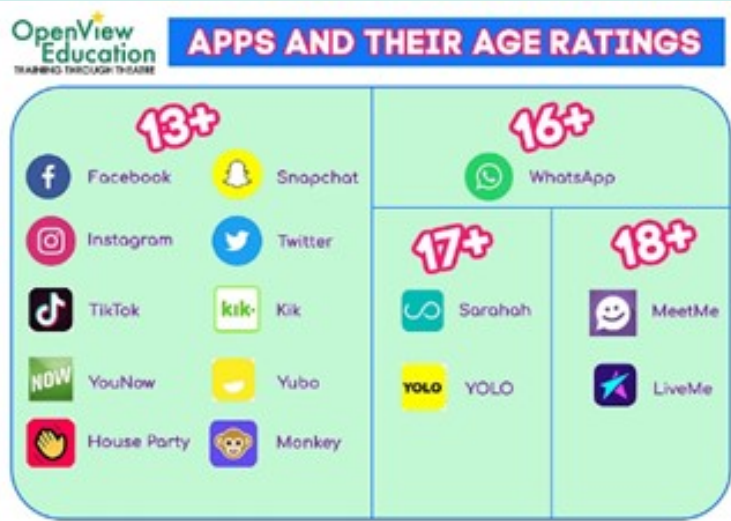
If your child has a medical dietary need, please contact Mrs Dunn to ensure the appropriate information is held in school.
Many thanks

A Reminder ... Please keep your payments up-to-date.

If you are having problems with the system or keeping up payments please contact the office.



We are here to help and support you if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing at home or school. Come and see your class teacher or Mrs Dunn if you would like to chat.



Parking

A polite reminder

Please be considerate when parking in the school's vicinity, particularly on the Cefn Estate and outer car park. Please respect any parking restrictions and do not cause any high-way or driveway blockage.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND PATIENT DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES.

Making use of the school transport (for those that have passes) that the authority provides from Afon Village, will help reduce the congestion immediately outside the school.

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ANY FRIEND, RELATIVE OR CHILD MINDER THAT BRINGS OR COLLECTS YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Blue Badge Holders—entry onto school site for drop-off and collection is not before 8.50pm or 3.10pm. Please do not arrive any earlier as it causes congestion in the outside car park. Your cooperation is appreciated.



5th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Rogerstone Moving Forward

As a school, over the last year, we have been evaluating the everyday life skills we can see our pupils need to be able to live full, happy, safe and purposeful lives. These skills are in addition to the academic skills of literacy, numeracy and the other Areas of Learning Experience that are taught throughout the year.

During school hours, whilst engaged in things like trips, residential and swimming, we have noticed that there are some everyday life essentials that our pupils have not yet mastered that we feel are important. Some of these are quite simple, for example tying shoelaces and using cutlery, where some are more complex. These gaps in essential skills are impacting in school and we believe that it is important that we try to address them.

The extended use of Beanies last year certainly started to develop many skills that children may not have had the chance to develop whilst in school. We want to build on this further.

As a result, the children will engage in a day every fortnight to learning, practising and embedding essential skills that have been identified as a need, within the individual classes or year groups. Again, these will range in complexity including practical hands-on skills, social skills, play skills and emotional regulation skills to name a few. Some of the activities when after school clubs start will focus on these essentials.

Home learning will support the development of these skills. From the week ending 29/9/23, the home learning tasks will have an essential skill focus rather than literacy or numeracy. You will be able to see what the children have been learning and developing in school and will be able to support your child to practise that skill(s) and possibly take it/them further. Reading books will be sent home as usual.

One essential that the children will be developing again this year will be self-managing when changing for PE. Kit - shorts, t-shirt, - (joggers and PE hoodie for the colder weather) will need to be brought into and left in school. Kit is no longer to be worn to school on designated days.

We are very excited with the prospect of teaching, practising and developing the Rogerstone Essentials with the children and to help you understand more of the detail, we will be running some information afternoons/evenings throughout the year.

Dates for these will follow soon.

Very best wishes.



Steve Rayer
Headteacher