

September 21st 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update - September

Well, certainly looks like summer is over! Although I think there is some brighter and drier weather due next week.

Just a few updates and reminders:

Photographs

Due to much interest, I have booked Colorfoto to return on the **7th November, between 7.45am and 8.30am** for the photographers to take family sibling pictures, that can include younger and/or older children who do not attend Rogerstone Primary School. There is limited time and space for these photos, so **you will need to book a slot with the school office.**

Open Afternoon

Next week, (Thursday 28th) Y1-Y6 classes open their doors for parents to come and meet the staff and hear from the children what they have been doing so far this term. Gates will open at 2.30pm. Nursery, reception and LRBs will contact parents separately with their arrangements later in the term.

Attendance

A reminder that attendance is reviewed regularly, and I meet with the Education Welfare Officer twice a term to discuss children whose attendance is a concern. We have a school target of 95% attendance for all children. We track those children who are below this. Arriving to school after 9am affects attendance. Please be on time. Letters will be going out next week to individuals whose attendance is already causing some concern.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning for parents, 9am-11am and 2pm-3pm on Friday 29th September to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity. Donations of cakes and biscuits would be very welcome.

Cakes and Sweets

On the subject of kind donations, we are unable to accept any donations of cakes or sweets for children's birthdays or any other event that involve the children, due to the significant number of allergies children have. It is an extremely difficult thing to manage, which has caused a lot of upset in the past. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Governors

There are 2 vacancies coming up for parent governors. Letters will be sent next week, but in the meantime, if anyone is interested there is some information of the school website:

<https://www.rogerstoneprimary.com/attachments/download.asp?file=70&type=pdf>

Snacks

As you are probably aware, the children are encouraged to bring in a snack to eat during their mid-morning break. A reminder that this snack is to be a healthy option please and ask you to provide fresh fruit or vegetables (e.g. carrots, cucumber). For those who bring in a packed lunch any other snack must be eaten at lunchtime. One of the results of lots of other snacks being brought in is the increase in litter on the school grounds. We never used to have any litter, but there has been a gradual increase over the last 18 months or so.

Breakfast Club & Afternoon Club

To ensure you do not lose your child's place, please pay, without delay, the money owed for using Breakfast Club (before 8.15) and Afternoon club. Additional staff have been employed to meet the requests of parents.

Free to anyone!

Over time we have accumulated a number of green wheelie bins and wooden pallets. If you would like one (or more), please see Kevin on the gate.

And Apologies

I have not yet been able to get out to the bus stops in Afon Village. I've not forgotten! I promise I will be out as soon as I can.

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Kind regards,



**Steve Rayer
Headteacher**