



PTA AGM Tuesday 10th September 2019 7pm at the school



Mr Rayer's Message

Well ... it's September already—welcome back—school starts again this coming Tuesday (2nd) for all pupils apart from Nursery, who start Monday 9th, while home visits take place for new starters next week.

I hope you've have a great summer and that the weather was kind to you where ever you were.

Once again the staff have been busy during the holidays getting classrooms ready, painting, indoors and outdoors, fixing new taps in the toilets and many other little jobs that can be done when the building is quiet.

You will have the opportunity to come and see your child's class in a few weeks time during our "open hour".

That and other dates are in-

cluded overleaf—there will be more as we move through the term.

One piece of unfortunate news is that Mrs Barry (Y1) is still not quite well enough to start the term. Miss Courtney, who I met with and visited the school on Friday will be looking after the class on a Monday Tuesday and Wednesday until she returns. Mrs Davies will continue to work Thursdays and Fridays and has already

prepared the week's activities for the children.

Don't forget those who have registered, breakfast club doors open at 7.45am,

A reminder that Y6 will be team bonding on the surf on Thursday and any outstanding money due needs to be paid by Wednesday please—thanks.

See you Tuesday.

Mr Rayer

GOVERNORS' NEWS

It is with sadness to inform you that our parent governor, David Matthews, passed away during the holidays. He was a much loved husband, Dad and supporter of the school. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Sarah Knight (Chair)



Please note - the B4591 Risca Road is undergoing gas pipe upgrade from 27.8.19 for 25 weeks. Please take this into account when travelling to and from school.



APPLYING FOR NURSERY, RECEPTION OR SECONDARY SCHOOL?

Important deadline dates for

SEPTEMBER 2020

Nursery*—18/9/19!!

Year 7—27/11/19

Reception-15/1/20

*If your child currently has a place in Nursery it DOES NOT mean they automatically have a place in Reception—YOU MUST complete an application form.

The application process is available on line and applications must be sent to admissions and NOT the school.

<http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Schools-Education/Schools/Apply-for-a-place/Apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

For help in completing an application form or to discuss school places email school.admissions@newport.gov.uk

Please pass this information on to anyone you know who has a child not yet in school and could be looking for a Nursery place in September 2020. Thank you.

Our permanent leadership team was finalised last term. I will explain their roles in more detail as we go through the term.

LEADERSHIP TEAM SEPTEMBER 2019

Headteacher	Mr Rayer
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Dunn
Senior Leader—(Head of Curriculum Reform)	Miss Pugh
Head of Learning Resource Bases	Mrs Loizos
Head of Foundation Phase/ Leader of Basic Skills	Mrs Morgan
Head of Key Stage 2/ Leader of Areas of Learning Experience	Miss Burden
Key Priority Leader	Miss Ryan

After School Clubs ... will start Monday October 6th and finish Thursday November 28th.

Choices will be sent home next week.

INSET DAYS 2019 - 20

1. Monday Sept 2nd 2019
2. Thursday 24th Oct 2019
3. Friday 25th Oct 2019
4. Friday 14th February 2020
5. Monday 20th Jul 2020

Please note the Welsh Government announced just before the holidays that an additional INSET has been allocated to schools for new curriculum development. We will let you know in the date in the next newsletter.

NAMES ON CLOTHING

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

can you write your child's name on **all** items of clothing. We once again could have clothed a small nation with all the lost property that gathered last term. We were able to return some items to their owners as they had names on, but

Mon 2nd Sep	INSET DAY—School Closed
Tue 3rd Sep	School Opens—Years R-6 and LRBs
Thu 5th Sep	Y6 Surfing
Mon 9th Sep	School Opens—Nursery pupils Y4DJ & Y4LM daily swimming lessons start
Tue 10th Sep	7.00pm PTA AGM—All welcome!
Tue 17th Sep	Individual Photographs
Thu 19th Sep	“Open Hour” 2.30pm (more detail to follow)
Mon 23rd Sep	Y4PW daily swimming lessons start
Tue 1st Oct	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.00
Wed 2nd Oct	Parents' Evening 3.30—6.00
Mon 7th Oct	After School Clubs Start
Wed 23rd Oct	School Closes Half Term
Thu 24th Oct	INSET DAY—School Closed
Fri 25th Oct	INSET DAY—School Closed
Mon 4th Nov	SCHOOL OPENS
Thu 28th Nov	After school clubs finish
Fri 20th Dec	School Closes Christmas Holidays
Mon 6th Jan	School Opens

More dates will follow as the term goes on. Don't forget to change the list on your notice board, fridge, diary or where ever you keep it, as it updates with each edition of the newsletter.

A Reminder as a New Year Starts: ATTENDANCE and FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

Following Welsh Government legislation, a fixed penalty notice will be issued in the event of more than 5 unauthorised absences. All unexplained non attendance and unauthorised holidays are recorded as unauthorised absences. Holiday requests are to be made in writing. For full details, please see the Attendance Policy and Fixed Penalty Code of Conduct on the school's website.

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.



Parking

Please be considerate when parking in the school's vicinity, particularly on the Cefn Estate. Please respect any parking restrictions and do not cause any highway 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