



Don't Forget—JNSET DAY—Monday 6th November 2017

Mr Rayer's Message



Lots of information in this news-letter ... no room for anything else from me this time!

Kind regards,

Mr Rayer

We have had some concerns with a significant number of children coming to school appearing to be very tired. Sleep is very important to a child's wellbeing. There's no set amount of sleep that all children of a particular age need, but here's a guide to the approximate hours of sleep they should aim for.



4 years

night time: 11 hours, 30 minutes

5 years

night time: 11 hours

6 years

night time: 10 hours, 45 minutes

7 years

night time: 10 hours, 30 minutes

8 years

night time: 10 hours, 15 minutes

9 years

night time: 10 hours

10 years

night time: 9 hours, 45 minutes

11 years

night time: 9 hours, 30 minutes

THANK YOU ...

... to everyone who came to our open hour and parents' evenings. It was lovely to see so many of you and hear so many positive comments. Thank you also for completing the questionnaires during parents' evening—we had well over 300 forms completed. The full analysis will be posted on the school website soon and we will address as many of the additional comments you have made as we can. A start has been made with some responses to comments overleaf.



LAST CHANCE!!

Our lost property bin has overflowed! It is available for you to sift through 7 days a week and it is located in reception. All items that have names on have been returned to children. The unnamed, unclaimed items are being sent to charity next week!

GOVERNORS' NEWS

The governing body met for the AGM on the 18th September and I was very pleased and privileged to be re-elected as Chair. Mr Barrie Mitchell re-elected as vice-chair.

We did have a number of resignations which has left 2 vacancies for parent governors. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, nomination details will be put on the school website shortly, so please look out for a text. If necessary, a ballot will take place next month. There is already some information about the role of a governor on the website on the "information" page if you would like to have a look.

Our Local Authority representative, Sally Mlewa also stepped down after a number of terms of service on the governing body. Our thanks and best wishes go to all our departing governors.

We have also made a number of new appointments this term, filling some mid-day supervisor, cleaner and caretaking vacancies we had.

The Governors' 2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT to PARENTS is now available on the school website, again under the "information" page.

Kind regards,

Sarah Knight (Chair)

We did not achieve our attendance target last year of 95.9% - our reported attendance was 95.5%

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
TARGET THIS YEAR ...**

95.8%

(Currently 95.7%)



YEAR 7 Application deadline ... 30/11/17! Don't miss it!

INSET DAYS 2017-18

1. Friday September 29th
2. Monday November 6th
3. Friday February 16th
4. Monday July 23rd
5. Tuesday July 24th

Some Questionnaire comments feedback:

- ◆ Fruit is available every breaktime as a healthy snack
- ◆ National Testing is a 30 minute snap-shot in time, the format of which is changing next year
- ◆ All pupils have at least 20 minutes to each their lunch ... unless they are dawdling down to the canteen when they are called
- ◆ PE/Games is taught every week either indoors or outdoors or both and all children take part in the "Friday Run"
- ◆ Learning words for spelling tests sits in pupil's short term memory
- ◆ If you think your child needs extra help with something please contact the school
- ◆ Transition arrangements for Y7 are organised by Bassaleg

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.



Children's Independence

We are working hard with developing the children as independent, confident individuals. Little things can help such as:

- Children carrying their own bags to and from school
- Children taking their own coats off in the mornings
- Allowing junior children to walk to and from their class rooms in the mornings and afternoons—particularly helpful for Y5 and Y6 in preparing them for secondary school. (Y3 parents do need to put this in writing if you would like your children to leave the classroom at the end of the day without an adult.)

Fri 27th Oct	School Closes Half Term
Mon 6th Nov	INSET DAY—School Closed
Tue 7th Nov	SCHOOL OPENS
Wed 8th Nov	Netball Tournament
Mon 13th Nov	1.30pm Rogerstone Council "Free Coffee for Pensioners" at Beanies
Wed 15th Nov	LRB2 trip to Techniquet
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need
Thu 23rd Nov	PTA Christmas Craft Fayre 6-8pm
Thu 30th Nov	After school clubs finish
Tue 5th Dec	Y5 Harry Potter Studios (Please note date change)
Fri 8th Dec	Panto (Coming to the school!) more details to follow.
Tue 12th Dec	Y2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm
Wed 13th Dec	LRB1 Christmas Concert
Thu 14th Dec	Nursery Christmas Concerts AM and PM
Mon 18th Dec	LRBs to Wyevale Garden Centre
Tue 19th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Wed 20th Dec	FP Christmas Lunch
Thu 21st Dec	PTA Christmas Fete
Fri 22nd Dec	Christmas Jumper Day KS2 Bethesda Church Carol Service
Fri 22nd Dec	School Closes Christmas Holidays
Mon 8th Jan	School Opens

Rivermead Play Club

is open from **3:30 until 4:30** every other Monday on the following dates:

13th November, 27th November, 11th December.

Address: Rivermead Community Centre
Fuscia Way, Rogerstone NP10 9LZ.

Newport City Council playclubs are free open access provisions that cater for the play needs of 5 – 12 year olds.