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NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER/MEDI 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year and a special hello to all of our new parents and children! I would like to say a personal thank you to all staff, children and parents for such a wonderful welcome. It is a hugely exciting year for us. We have 25 new reception children who have joined us this year and a further 13 throughout the rest of the school. Also, we welcome our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Curtis to our school and two new Learning Support Assistants to Reception class, Mrs. Smith and Miss Powell.

The Autumn term is always action packed, particularly on our approach to Christmas, but this year of course, we are incredibly excited about the new building! Over the summer holidays, work seems to have progressed swiftly and some classrooms are already being painted! I have included some significant dates onto this newsletter to allow you to make plans for the coming term.

If you have any queries, or concerns, about any aspect of our school or your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to meeting with you over the coming term at some of our many activities!

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Evans (Headteacher)

Class Curriculum Newsletters

Every term, each class teacher will provide parents and carers with a Curriculum Newsletter. This will detail the subjects that pupils will be studying, homework requirements, P.E. session details and other interesting information about 'life in class!' They are intended to keep parents and carers informed about their children's learning and how they may be supported.



The first of these newsletters will be issued on Friday 25th September 2009. This information will also appear on our school website.

Dinner Money

Our school meals are currently transported from Archbishop Rowan Primary School. We will open our own school kitchens in our new building from 9th November. A weekly menu is displayed at school entrances. Please inform us of any special dietary needs.

Lunches cost £1.60 for Infants (£8 per week) and £1.75 for Juniors (£8.75 per week)

Money is collected on Mondays for the week ahead. If your child is absent on a Monday, money should be sent in on the Friday of that week. These are the only days that dinner money can be collected. Please put the correct money in an envelope/container with your child's name, class, the days when he/she is staying for lunch and the amount enclosed. No loose money will be accepted. (Money envelopes can be purchased at the office £1.30 for 30.) Cheques should be made payable to Monmouthshire County Council.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. It is much appreciated.



Wefan Newydd Ysgol Gynradd Rogiet

Have a look at our school website at this address:
www.rogiet.monmouthshire.sch.uk

Mr. Parker has been working really hard to upload lots of information and photographs of the school building work and the Summer Fayre. More information about clubs, events and classes will appear over the next few weeks. Keep checking in!

To receive electronic information and newsletters via our website, please click on 'Tanysgrifo/Subscribe' and follow the commands!

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Fruit Tuck Shop

The Super Fruit Tuck Shop is open for business again this year! Our many thanks to Mrs. Morgan for all of the work that she puts into the operation of this each playtime. There is always a lovely variety of fresh fruit available for the children to purchase as well as fruity drinks. Children may, of course, bring in their own fruit snack to eat mid-morning.

I would like all parents and carers to note that, from **Monday 7th September 2009**, pupils will only be allowed to eat a **fruit** snack at playtime each morning. Any children who bring a break time snack such as crisps, chocolate, sweets, etc. will be asked not to eat these until home time. Muesli bars are also not permitted as many of these contain hidden sugars.

We are a healthy school and our break time habits should reflect this.
 Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in this matter.

TERM DATES 2009/2010

	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn 2009	Wed. 2nd September 2009	Mon. 26th October 2009	Fri. 30 th October 2009	Tues. 22nd December 2009
	7 weeks, 3days		7 weeks, 2days	
Spring 2010	Mon. 4 th January 2010	Mon. 15th February 2010	Fri. 19th February 2010	Fri. 26 th March 2010
	6 weeks		5 weeks	
Summer 2010	Mon. 12th April 2010	Mon. 31st May 2010	Fri. 4 th June 2010	Mon. 19th July 2010
	6 weeks		6 weeks, 1day	

Bank Holidays

Monday 3rd May 2010.

Training Days

Wednesday 2nd September 2009

Thursday 22nd October 2009

Friday 23rd October 2009

Other (4) Training Days to be announced

Other Dates for Diaries

Wed. 9th September

WB Mon. 14th September

Wed. 16th September

Mon. 21st September

Thurs. 22nd October

Fri. 23rd October

Mon. 26th - Fri. 30th October

Mon. 2nd - Fri. 6th November

Friday 6th November

Monday 9th November

Year 6 Swimming Starts

After School Clubs start

PTA AGM, 7pm for 7.15pm

Reception Pupils start full time!

School Closure

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Half Term

School Closure due to move

Open Afternoon at school

(details to follow)

New Building opens!!!!

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ILLNESSES and 'Swine Flu'

I would like to remind all parents and carers of the '48 hour' rule! If your child has been sick, please would you refrain from sending them to school until they have been clear of illness for 48 hours. This allows the illness to pass through their systems and reduces chance of cross-infection.

Also, if your child has a rash or spots, please visit your GP and seek advice so that its nature can be established. Doctors are able to advise about infection and incubation periods. Children who have asthma pumps/inhalers should have these in school at all times and they can be kept in a safe place.

Swine Flu - It appears that the initial concerns over the Pandemic have 'hushed' a little.

However, the problems could recur during the Autumn term. The advice to parents remains the same. If your child shows symptoms of swine flu (the most typical being a sudden fever and cough). Please do not send your child to school and contact your GP by telephone. Other advice is available by contacting NHS Direct on **0845 4647**, or via their website: www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Other symptoms may include: headache, tiredness, chills, aching muscles, limb or joint pain, diarrhoea/stomach upset, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, or loss of appetite.

And don't forget for coughs and sneezes: Catch it, bin it, kill it!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A variety of extra curricular clubs will be provided for the children over the coming term. These clubs will begin during the week beginning Monday 14th September. A letter and form detailing these activities will be sent home by the end of next week.



WATER BOTTLES

We encourage all pupils to have a water bottle in school with them at all times. We have two water coolers available for use.

However, these bottles must be taken home and washed thoroughly on a **daily basis** to ensure the children do not pick up illnesses.

Bottles are available to purchase at school for £1.30 each.



UNIFORM AND P.E. KIT

We are very proud of our uniform at our school. A large range of items, including tops with the school logo are available for purchase three times a year at the school through J M Textiles, or you can order direct on Tel/Fax (029) 20 709688. It is possible to order uniform throughout the year. The school has a supply of order forms.

"Gooddies" another of our suppliers can be contacted on Tel No 01613446091 or order on-line at www.gooddies.co.uk.



JUST A REMINDER!

- All children are expected to bring a coat to school with them each day, regardless of the weather, as we try to get some fresh air, even on damp days!
- For safety reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted, with the exception of wristwatches and stud/sleeper earrings.
- All jewellery (including earrings) must be **removed** for P.E. sessions, including swimming, and long hair should be tied back. Pupils wearing earrings must be able to remove them themselves. It is not satisfactory for earrings to be 'taped' over.
- All children should have correct P.E. kit in school on their P.E. days. You will be informed of these days in a class newsletter.

Correct P.E. kit is essential to ensure safety and will be insisted upon by all staff.

It is: **Boys** Navy or Black Shorts/ Red T-shirt
Girls Navy leotard/shorts, Red T-shirt

Plimsolls or trainers are required for out-of-doors activities.

Tracksuits may be worn in cold weather.

