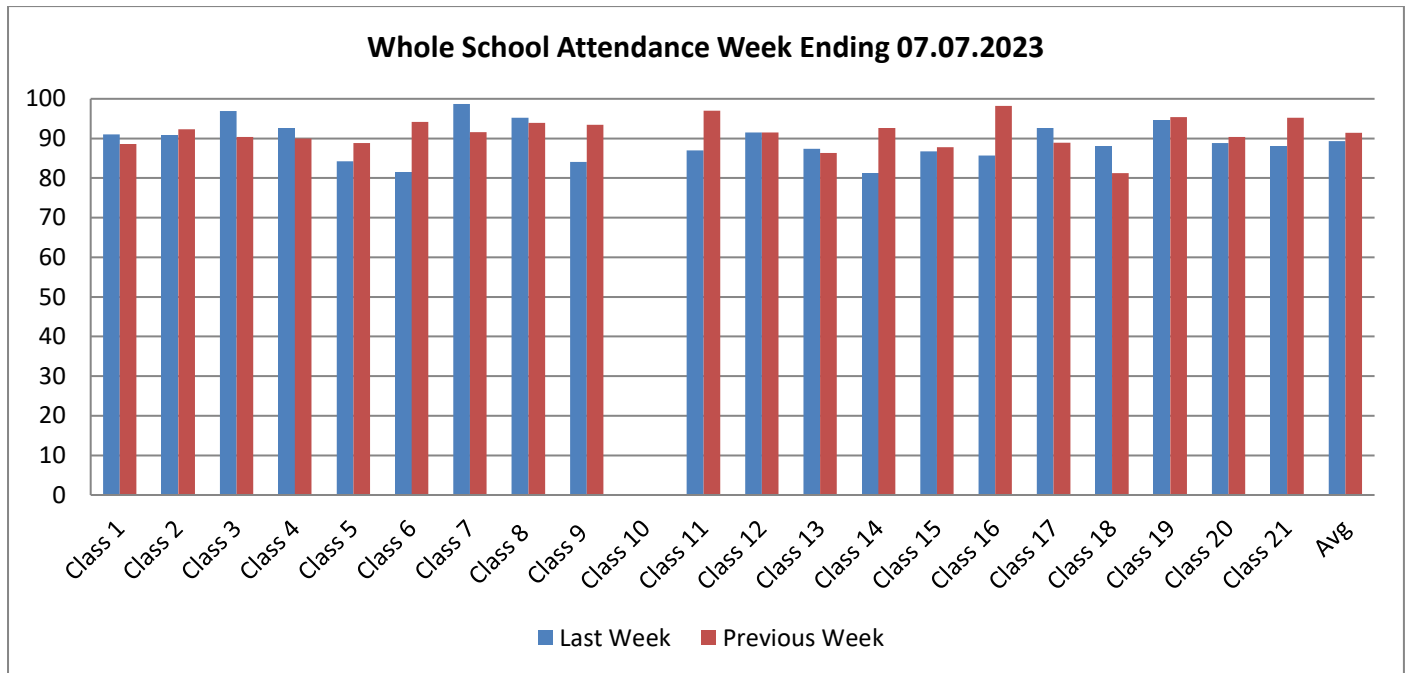




Parent Information Sheet – Friday 14th July 2023

Attendance



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child’s class is performing. Our average attendance last week was **89.30%** which is a decrease on the previous week and below our whole school target of **95.7%**. Congratulations to Dosbarth 7 who had the highest attendance last week.

Reports

There are a number of parts to the school reports:

- A booklet that tells you how your child has got on this year. This is the booklet with a photograph of your child on the front. It aims to tell you how your child is progressing. The booklet will be different for each child.
- Pupils from Year Two to Year Six will have additional information regarding performance in the National Reading, Procedural and Reasoning Tests. The National Tests provide a snapshot of how a child performed on a particular day under test conditions. It is essential that parents read the results alongside the views of the professionals that have worked with the pupils all year.
- There will be a separate attendance sheet for every child. This will give information on attendance throughout the academic year up until the 7th July 2023. Please remember that a school session is morning and afternoon, therefore there are two sessions a day when pupils may be present.

Please follow the link if you would like to leave a comment about your child’s report:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wKdyGwxcRd>



Summer Fun Day

Our summer fun day will take place tomorrow, Saturday 15th July from 12 until 2pm. The weather forecast isn't looking promising so the Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd have worked hard to move most of the activities in doors. Please do all you can to attend and support the school.

School Uniform

As we approach the end of the school year, many of you will already be thinking about purchasing new uniform for September. At Rhiw Syr Dafydd we are extremely proud of our school uniform as it gives us a real sense of belonging. I will be closely monitoring school uniform in September. Please remember there is no need to purchase uniform with the school badge as this is often more expensive.

Below is the uniform pupils should be wearing to school.

Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2

- Polo Shirt – sky blue with logo
- Knitted jumper – navy with logo
- Sweatshirt – navy with logo
- School dress – navy and white
- Trousers/skirt/slip – grey/black - During the Summer Term black or grey dress shorts are allowed
- White formal shirt
- Shoes – **black (trainers are permissible only if black in colour)**. If pupils wish to wear other trainers for football then these should be brought to school for pupils to change into.

Trainers purchased for school should be black or very dark in colour. Please do not send children to school in brightly coloured footwear.

Reception children are encouraged to follow the whole school uniform policy, however, due to the nature of 'hands on' activities offered; navy jogging bottoms and trainers can be worn.

Uniform for Nursery

- Yellow polo shirt with logo
- Yellow sweatshirt with logo
- Navy jogging bottoms
- Yellow and White school dress

P.E. Kit

All children **must participate** in P.E. lessons; it is part of the Curriculum for Wales 2022 and therefore is a statutory element of the school curriculum. I will be monitoring this closely in the new academic year.

P.E. T-Shirts are supplied in the four house colours (red, yellow, blue and green) with the school logo. Jewellery – small items are acceptable but must be removed for P.E. Wrist watches are encouraged but again must be removed for PE. **NO OTHER JEWELLERY IS ACCEPTABLE.**

School Uniform is available from:

Darren Morgan Sports – Cross Keys (Tel: 01495 271995)

Regis – Newbridge (Tel: 01495 246343)

Healthy Snacks

Over recent weeks I have noticed a significant increase in the number of children eating chocolate bars and crisps at break time. At Rhiw Syr Dafydd we pride ourselves on being a healthy school and promoting healthy lifestyles. I would encourage you to provide your child with a piece of fruit that can be eaten during morning break. Fruit is available to purchase in school at a cost of 20p per item.

Year 6 Leavers Evening

Our Year 6 leavers evening will take place on Tuesday 18th July at 6pm. This will be an evening of celebration. A separate letter has been sent home from the Year 6 team.

Summer Break

School will close for the summer holidays on Friday 21st July at the usual time. School will reopen to pupils on Monday 4th September 2023. Pupils in the Nursery class will have brought home a separate letter with the start days and times.

School Meals

Please click on the link below to see the Caerphilly school dinner menu.

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/services/schools-and-learning/school-dinners-and-breakfast-clubs/schedule-and-prices/weekly-menu>

Next week, we will be on **week 1** of the menu. Please check the menu with your child to ensure they like what is on offer.

Please ensure that your child's account has sufficient funds to cover the cost of the meals they are taking. The local authority recover the cost of any meals not paid for from the school budget. This has a significant impact on our ability to spend funds in other areas. If you are having difficulty paying for school meals, please contact the school for advice.

A school dinner now costs £2.30 a day or £11.50 a week. All dinners must be paid for in advance.

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mr G Jones
Chair of School Governors