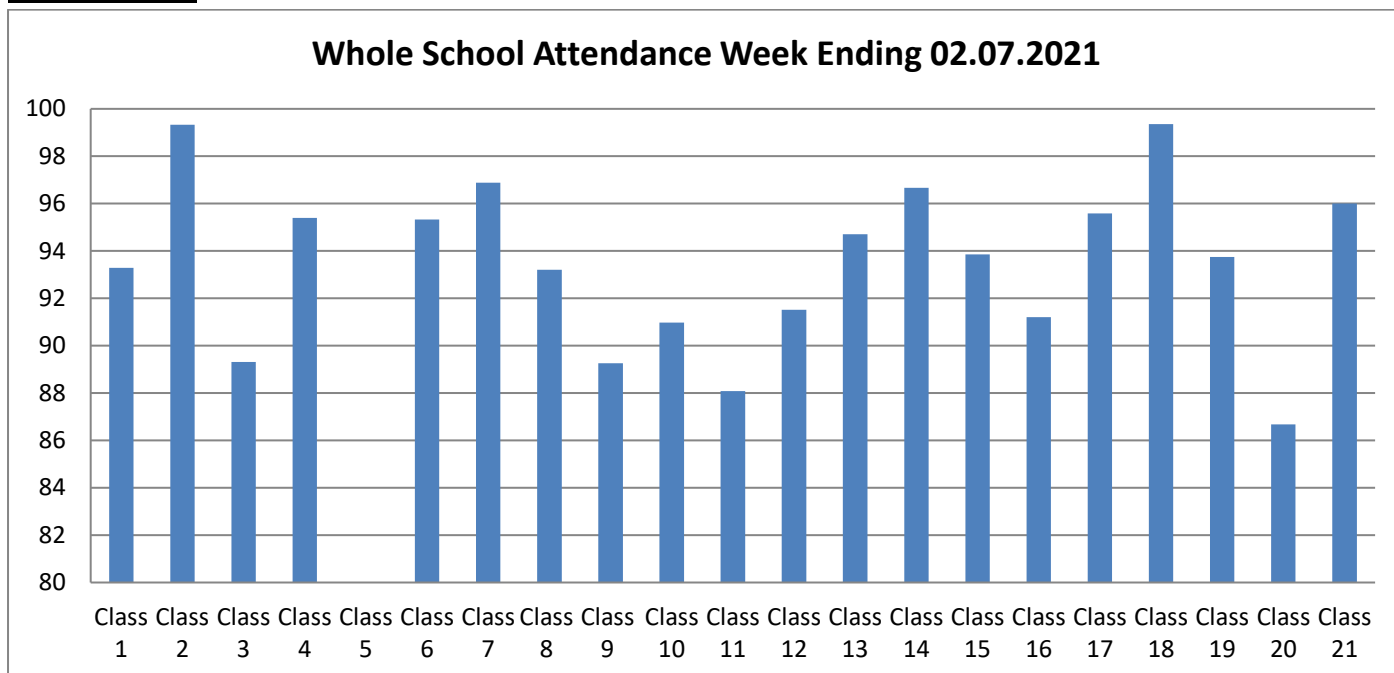




Parent Information Sheet – Friday 9th July 2021

Attendance



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. There were no classes with 100% attendance.

Reports

Your child will be bringing home their end of year school report today. The report is in the form of a booklet which tells you how your child has got on whilst covering the work. This is the booklet with a photograph of your child on the front. It aims to tell you how your child is progressing. This booklet will be different for each child. If you wish to discuss the report for any reason please contact the school office.

I have asked each teacher to ensure that one of the following comments is written on every child's report because I feel that is important for parents to know how their child's work relates to other children the same age.

- Is working above the expected level of attainment
- Is working within the expected level of attainment
- Is working just below the expected level of attainment

However, I want to emphasise that the comment needs to be read in context. For instance, if a child has a learning difficulty, they may have worked really hard all year and made as much progress as they possibly can, and yet still be working below the expected level of attainment. On the other hand, a more able child may not have applied themselves fully this year and yet still be working within the expected level of attainment. In the first case the child is to be congratulated. In the second case, the child needs to be encouraged to work harder. In short, please read these comments in the context of all that the teacher has written.

Respect Share Determined Passionate Successful

A great deal of time and effort has been put into designing and producing your child's report. This year we made some alterations which we hope will make the reports easier for everyone to read and understand. I very much hope that you find it informative and that it helps you to judge your child's progress in what has been a challenging year for everyone.

Included in the report envelope will be a separate attendance sheet for every child. This will give information on attendance throughout the academic year up until the 2nd July 2021. Please remember that a school session is morning and afternoon, therefore there are two sessions a day when pupils may be present.

Class Structure 2021 – 2022 Academic Year

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in getting the class structure out to you. However, this was due to circumstances beyond my control. I am now in a position to provide you with the class structure for the coming academic year:

New Class	Current Class
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nursery – Mrs. S. Hayward	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Separate letters have been sent out with information regarding the Nursery classes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reception – Mrs Griffin / Mrs RobinsReception – Mrs Cook / Miss BeechamReception – Mrs Lacey-Coles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Separate letters have been sent out with information regarding the Nursery classes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 1 – Mrs WoolleyYear 1 – Miss LeewardenYear 1 / 2 – Mrs Tudor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs Griffin / Mrs RobinsMrs CookMrs Lacey-Coles
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 2 – Miss FentonYear 2 – Mrs Arnold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs TudorMrs Woolley
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3 – Mrs DaviesYear 3 – Mr JonesYear 3 – Mrs Hilditch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Miss LeewardenMiss FentonMrs Arnold
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 4 – Miss JonesYear 4 – Mr GilmourYear 4 – Mr Bungaroo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs WhitingMiss JonesMiss Davies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 5 – Miss BoylandYear 5 – Mr YatesYear 5 – Mr Davies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr GilmourMr JonesMr Bungaroo
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 – Mrs LongYear 6 – Mr WhiteYear 6 – Mr Harrold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr DaviesMr YatesMiss Boyland
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PPA – Mrs Herrington-WrightPPA – Miss BeechamPPA – Mrs Whiting	

School Uniform

At Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School we are proud of our school uniform as it gives us a sense of identity and belonging. Below is a reminder of the appropriate school uniform that pupils should be wearing from September 2021.

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
- Tie – DS101 navy with 2 diagonal red stripes running through it
- 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.

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 a National Curriculum subject and therefore is a statutory element of the school curriculum. I will be monitoring this closely in the new academic year.

Pupils may continue to wear their P.E. kit to school from September as this appears to be working well for everyone.

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)

Premises

There are a number of projects planned to take place during the summer holidays to improve the outdoor environment for our pupils. We are hopeful that a 3G pitch will be installed within the Multi Use Games Area making the area safer for pupils to play football, rugby, netball, etc. In addition, new play equipment will be installed around the decking area in the middle of the playground with the old wet pour being removed and new wet pour being installed.

ICT

In order to support our pupils with the recovery from Coronavirus, we have invested a significant amount of money to improve our IT hardware. We recently took delivery of 145 Chromebooks which will enhance the learning experiences for all pupils throughout the school. In addition, we have ordered a class set of 32 iPads which class teachers can book out. The school broadband is due to be upgraded at the beginning of August which will significantly boost the WiFi speed and allow staff and pupils to access all the resources they need.

Coronavirus

Unfortunately we had a positive case of Coronavirus in school this week. Class 9 will now need to isolate until Friday 16th July and as a result will not be able to return to school this academic year. It is a timely reminder to us all that Covid has not gone away and is very much still with us. It is imperative that we all continue to follow the rules if we are to limit the spread of the virus. This includes wearing face coverings on school premises and not sending children to school if they, or anyone in the household, are displaying symptoms of Coronavirus.

I am still awaiting new operational guidance from the Welsh Government as I plan the return to school for September. This is extremely frustrating as I am unable to give any clear information to you all. As soon as this guidance is received I will be able to update you all in terms of whether the staggered start and end times to the school day will need to continue. In addition, I am waiting to find out if breakfast club will resume in September as I know a number of parents are eager for this information. I will of course update you as soon as I receive the information. Please check regularly on Twitter and the school website throughout the summer holidays for updates. @rhiwsyrdafydd / www.rhiwsyrdafyddschoool.wales

Ice Cream

On behalf of all the pupils, I would like to express my thanks to 'Lee's Ices' for providing the Ice Cream Vans for the pupils this week. All of the pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Lee for the kind donation to school also.

End of Term

School will close to pupils at the usual times on **Thursday 15th July 2021** for the summer holidays. I will send out information regarding the date for the return to school in September prior to the summer holidays. School will reopen to pupils for the autumn term on **Monday 6th September 2021**.