

NEWSLETTER



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December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are into the final month of term and what a busy time it has been. We have had various visitors to the school, including the Captain of the Titanic visiting P4/5 to bring their topic to life.

As the weather has turned significantly colder, I would like to remind parents to advise their child to wrap up warm. I know at times children are sent out with adequate clothing and they themselves do not wrap up. We will keep reminding them in school to do so.

It is not long till our Christmas parties and Nativity. We have gone to every effort to keep all costs minimal for parents, however if anyone finds themselves faced with a financial difficulty resulting from any school event, please let me know so that I can address this and try to remove any cost.

Healthy Eating/Snacks

As advised in the previous newsletter, we are looking to take action following advice from our recent HMI inspection to improve the health of our children. This advice has been echoed further still by Child Smile who have strongly advised us that children need to stop drinking fizzy and sugary drinks. There are ongoing concerns around the damage being caused to their teeth.

As a result, from January onwards, children will only be allowed to drink plain water in school. We will provide every child with a water bottle and water will be freely available in school. This will ensure this change is at no cost to our families. A letter explaining further will be issued.

Breakfast Club

We have a daily breakfast club in the school which starts at 8.15am and runs till 8.45am. Children should not arrive prior to this unless supervised by an adult as there will be no staff in the playground during this time.

Dates for the Diary



- Tuesday 3.12 - Nurture Coffee Morning (invited parents)
- Thursday 5.12 - Parent Council
- Monday 9.12 - Flu immunisation
- Wednesday 11.12 - Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 12.12 - Election (school closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 17.12 - 1.15pm Nativity
- Wednesday 18.12 - pm Christmas Party
- Friday 20.12 - School closes 2.30pm

Attendance/Latecomings

Please remember to inform the school if your child is absent. Attendance will be monitored closely and we will always look for any way we can to support you and your child to ensure they are at school.

Swimming

Swimming has started for our P4 - 7 on a Friday. Pupils should bring appropriate clothing and a towel. This block will run weekly until 28.2.20. I have sent home letters to a number of pupils parents to inform them of their child's very good behaviour. I was very proud of them!

Nurture Principal of the Month

I can use visuals, words and actions to communicate with others as a lifelong skill.

PE Kits

Please send your child to school with a gym kit on the following days:

P1 - Monday & Wednesday

P2/3 - Wednesday & Thursday

P4/5 - Monday

P 6/7 - Thursday



School Clubs

The following clubs are currently running in Rigside Primary:

Football - (P4 - 7) Tuesday 3 - 4.15pm

Multi-sports (P1 - 3) Wednesday 3 - 4pm

Multi-sports (P4 - 7) Friday 3 - 4pm

School Choir - Monday 12.30 - 1pm

We have had a few concerns raised by parents around safety at the school gates. Can I please remind all parents to take care when parking? I would also ask that parents remind their children not to wait about outside the school. It is safer to come into the grounds and wait in the playground area. Please remember the school playground is only supervised from 8.45am.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that my door is always open so please do come in for a chat if there is any issue you wish to discuss.



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