

WALES PRIMARY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our families. We hope you had a great summer break.

It's been a good start to the year for most children across the school. The new FS2 children have settled in well to their new classroom, teachers and routines. We thank our fantastic Y6 buddies who have been supporting our youngest children at play and lunch times each day.

We have already had a class trip, launched a reading competition for Key Stage 2 and begun a plethora of after school clubs to suit a range of interests.

We also have a diary full of school events coming up. Please see the 'Save the Date' document so you and your child don't miss out!



Attendance award Congratulations to...

7th to 11th September — FS2 and Y1 99.3%

14th to 18th September — Y1 100%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Friday 25th Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th school photographs,

Wednesday 30th 4:45pm in the school hall FS2 and Y1 Parents early reading and phonics workshop

OCTOBER

Friday 2nd Flu vaccinations

Thursday 8th Harvest Festival at St Johns church 9:15am

OCTOBER HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October



BUILDING AN ARMY OF READERS

Please support your child to read at home. Children who read frequently find out about what they like and do not like to read, begin to understand which authors interest them and develop their vocabulary and language skills. It is proven that children who read and are exposed to a wide range of text have success in their later life.

Record their reading at least three times per week to be rewarded for their efforts and help to develop your child as a confident reader.

5 weeks - Cadet
10 weeks - Lieutenant
15 weeks - Captain
20 weeks - Major
25 weeks - Colonel
30 weeks - General

Thank you for your continued support in building an army of readers.

Mrs Askey

“The school is our children; our children make the school”

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest festival takes place in St Johns church on Thursday 8th October at 9:15am.

All family members are welcome to join this service.

Children throughout school will share their learning about harvest and sing songs.

There will be a collection for the Archer Project in church.

The Archer Project is a charity that supports vulnerable and homeless people in Sheffield.

Parents and/or children can take them to church on the morning of the service.

The Archer Project needs your help this October!



The Archer Project
Life changing support



Harvest Appeal

**We urgently need your support as we prepare for winter.
Please consider donating any of the following items:**

Clothing & Kit

Sleeping bags
Rucksacks
Blankets
Coats (size S & M)
Men's trainers (size 8, 9 & 10)
Men's joggers (size S & M / under 38")
Men's boxers (size S & M)
Socks
T-shirts (size S & M)
Jumpers/hoodies (size S & M)
Scarves, Hats, Gloves
Books

Food

Coffee
Pot noodles
Crisps
Biscuits
Chocolate
Cup-o-soups
Porridge sachets
Cereal bars
Ring-pull tinned fish
Ring-pull tinned fruit
Pasta
Dog food

Toiletries

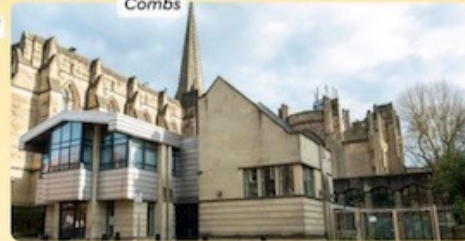
Laundry powder
Coat hangers
Beach/bath towels
Razors
Shaving foam
Toothbrushes & paste
Shower gel
Shampoo
Conditioner
Spray deodorants
Combs

Kitchen Supplies

Squash & juice
Cereal
Flour
Sugar
Cooking chocolate
Bowls
Cutlery
Tea towels

We are unable to accept:

Tents
XL sizes of clothing
Formal/party wear
Formal/party shoes
Skirts
Shirts/blouses
Roll-on deodorant
Sanitary products
Part used items
Out of date items
Duvets
Bed sheets
Pillows
Electrical goods



To donate items, please visit our Campo Lane entrance. Our opening hours are 8.30am-1pm on weekdays except Wednesdays, which are 8.30am-10am.



*Please ensure all food is in-date

*Individual items are great for food parcels, wholesale items help keep our kitchen running

*We can accept clean, used socks and bras in good condition, but underwear must be new and in original packaging for hygiene purposes



Do you have a child or young person with special educational need or disability who is up to the age of 25?

If so, the SEND Local Offer can provide you and your family with the right information, advice and support about services available which are available for your child or young person.



<https://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk/>

Rotherham Parent Carers Forum is a registered charity run by and for families of children and young people (aged 0-25) who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

They offer advice and support to parents and also run a range of events throughout the year for young people with SEND and their siblings.

You can find more information at <https://www.rpcf.co.uk/>

Or follow their Facebook page for upcoming events

SHOUT OUT

We are so proud of 2 of our pupils who received a commendation of bravery posted to school from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

Scarlett and Harlow acted quickly and supported paramedics in a medical emergency.

Well done girls!



Year 2 have been working incredibly hard to strengthen their place value knowledge up to 100. They've been representing numbers in different ways, using mathematical vocabulary to compare amounts, and have now been able to count large quantities efficiently by grouping in tens.

These skills give them a brilliant foundation for their Year 2 maths journey and will support all the number work they tackle across the year.



SCHOOL POLICY

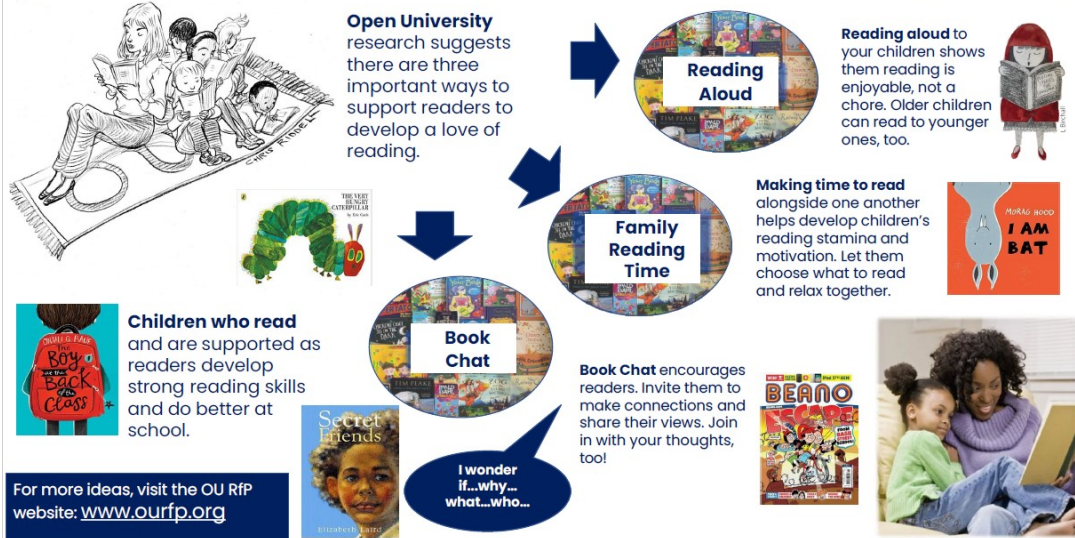
If you are unsure of the policy and procedures relating to any curriculum subject and the management of Wales Primary please view the documents on the school website:

www.walesprimary.co.uk

You will also find information regarding how to support your child with their learning on their class webpage via the school website. There you will find information about the 'theme' for the half term, particular subjects they are concentrating on and homework expectations.

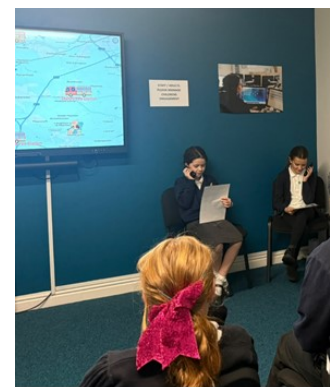
Online safety is a particular concern in all school settings. You can view further information about how to use the internet safely at home on the following websites:

www.beinternetawesome.



Our new Y6 visited the Crucial Crew this week. Here are a few photos of the different scenarios the children learnt about. They ranged from investigating a potential crime scene, how to make an emergency phone call, being in a magistrates court room to responsible and respectful behaviour on public transport and the importance of water safety.

All of the children conducted themselves brilliantly, learnt lots and had a fun time.



Explorers Day

Year 5 had an amazing day being explorers. Learning about the adventures of Robert Falcoln Scott and Roald Amundsen, testing materials to use as a thermal insulator and creating a piece of pastel art work based on the Northern Lights. They even trained as explorers: practising getting into sleeping bags in their coats, hats and scarves, pushing sleds and even had sleeping bag and penguin races. To end the day they tried some snacks explorers eat to boost their energy levels. A fantastic start to our new 1/2 term's learning!



POLITE REMINDERS

- ◆ For **emergency and urgent messages**, plus notification of medical appointments please contact the school office:

Tel: 01909 770236 **email:** school@walesprimary.co.uk

- ◆ To contact your child's teacher regarding their learning and/or behaviour please use their email address. This can be found on your child's class web page: www.walesprimary.co.uk
- ◆ Ensure your child(ren) have a **water** bottle everyday.
- ◆ Ensure your child's uniform is **name labelled**, including their coats.
- ◆ Children bring their **reading book and diary** to school every-day.
- ◆ Any **lost property** will be stored in the entrance to the school hall. It can be collected at the end of the school day with a parent/carer.
- ◆ **P.E kits** are to be worn on the day of your child's P.E lesson. No football kits or gymnastics outfits are allowed.
- ◆ Break time snacks must be **fruit or vegetables only**.
- ◆ If your child is entering school by themselves please be aware that the school **gates are locked until 8:30am**.





Love your packed lunch!

Create a healthier packed lunch by choosing foods from the 5 main food groups below:



1 Starchy Carbohydrates

to re-fuel your body

Base your lunchbox on starchy carbohydrates.

Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:

- ✓ Bread, rolls, bagels, wraps, pitta or baguettes
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Couscous
- ✓ Noodles
- ✓ Potatoes

Choose wholegrain



2 Fruit and Vegetables

to keep you healthy

Pack one portion of fruit and one portion of veg every day

Choose TWO EVERY DAY from:

- ✓ Apple, banana, pear, orange, plums
- ✓ Small pot of mixed berries or grapes
- ✓ Prepared melon or mango
- ✓ Chopped vegetable sticks: carrots, cucumber, pepper, celery, mange tout, mini corn
- ✓ Salad vegetables
- ✓ Vegetable Soup



3 Dairy and Alternatives

for healthy teeth and bones

Don't forget the dairy!

Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:

- ✓ Milk
- ✓ Cheese – hard cheese, soft cheese, cheese spread
- ✓ Yoghurt or Fromage Frais
- ✓ Custard



4 Protein Foods

for growth and repair

Pack a protein punch!

Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:

- ✓ Meat
- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ Non-dairy protein e.g. lentils, chick peas, beans



5 Drinks

to rehydrate your body

- ✓ A large glass of water
- ✓ Semi skimmed milk – or skimmed milk for children over 5 years.
- ✓ 150ml of fresh unsweetened fruit juice/smoothie



Occasionally!

- Meat products such as sausage rolls, pies, sausages
- Plain cakes/sponges and biscuits of appropriate portion sizes



For more healthy packed lunch ideas and recipes visit www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes

Here at Wales Primary we encourage parents to provide their child with a healthy lunch box which supports the child's cognitive development as well as physical growth and mental wellbeing.

What should be in a healthy lunchbox?

Eating a healthy, balanced lunch is vital for ensuring children have the right nutrients and enough energy to see them through the school day, however, achieving this balance is not always as easy as it sounds. The key to a healthy packed lunch is variety and getting the right balance of foods to provide children with all of the nutrients they need to stay healthy. A packed lunch made at home can be a healthy and delicious choice and gives a parent or carer control over the foods and ingredients included. Please note packed lunches should not contain nuts due to allergies in school.

Healthy lunchbox ideas (Change 4 life) - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Food Standards Scotland - <https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/consumers/healthy-eating/life-stages/children>

How to make the perfect pre-school lunchbox! (EYNP) - <http://www.eynpartnership.org/blog-news/how-make-perfect-pre-school-lunchbox>

School packed lunch inspiration (BBC Good Food) - <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>