

Risca Primary School

Summer Term Newsletter No. 1

Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have had a lovely first half to the Summer term. Our Infant children have been busy outside in the forest school area, learning all about minibeasts, plants and using nature to help them with their number work. Years 2 and 3 have turned into pirates, creating treasure maps, learning about the Galapagos islands and making their teachers walk the plank! Our Upper school children have been learning all about Creators like Banksy, the modern Seven Wonders of the World and creating their own rockets in science to blast off! Check out Mr Fitton's Twitter video to see the experiment in action.

Of course, we have also been learning all about the Queen's Jubilee. All the children have been busy in their art lessons with Mrs Edwards, producing portraits of the Queen and her Corgis, in different mediums. The results have been outstanding! The children's art will be on display in the marquee at the Risca Town Council Fayre on Sunday 5th of June, so if you can, go and have a look as I am sure they will put a smile on your face.

Covid 19 information and changes

As you are all aware, Covid restrictions in schools have been relaxed. The main guidance is now about ensuring that we continue with hand sanitizing and good ventilation.

If your child does test positive for Covid, then guidance states they should self-isolate for 5 full days. Day 1 is the day after your symptoms started or the day after they tested positive. They must then take a lateral flow test (LFT) on day 5 and 6. If both are negative, your child can return to school as long as they do not have a high temperature.

It has been so lovely to have all the children back in the hall for assemblies and they are over the moon to be back on their normal yards and being able to play with their friends from other classes.

Parents meetings for Nursery, Reception and new Year 3 parents

On Thursday 23rd of June there is a meeting for the parents of new Nursery, Reception and Year 3 children. There will be a short presentation about our school followed by a walk around to visit the children's new classrooms. This meeting will begin at 5pm. We are looking forward to meeting everyone.

Change over day

Change over day will take place on the 30th of June. This is when your child gets to spend the day in their new class for September, having a fun filled day getting to know their new teacher. Our year 6 children will spend this day at Risca Comprehensive.

Risca University Week

On Monday the 4th of July we will be starting our Risca University week. This is where the children get a chance to learn all about University and get to choose the course that they will take part in for that week. At the end of the week everyone will hear about what the other courses have done during the week, in a special showcase event. In previous years we have run courses such as musical theatre, coding, ballet etc.

The information booklet where your child can choose their favorite course will be coming home after half term, so keep an eye out for it.

New Cashless System for Dinner Money

We have now moved to a cashless system for dinner money which we hope will make life easier for everyone, especially Mrs Wilmore in the office! All parents should have received an information pack. If you have any queries please ring the number provided in the pack. If you did not receive a pack please contact Mrs Wilmore at the office.

School Uniform and PE Kit

Just a small nag about uniform and PE kit. Please could we all ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit. We are still seeing a variety of colorful clothing being worn to school, mainly on PE days. Please help us to maintain our great standards. Thank you.

As a reminder:

School Uniform: Navy jumper/cardigan, grey trousers/skirt/dress, blue T-shirt, grey/black socks, grey tights.

PE kit: Black or navy bottoms, blue or white T-shirt or a house colour T-shirt and a school jumper (no other sports kit please).

After School Clubs

We will be starting our after school clubs for Year 1 to Year 6 after half term. All after school clubs will run from 3.10pm until 4pm. Children will need to select the club they wish to attend and collect a permission form from their teacher during the first week back. Permission forms will need to be signed by a parent and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please see the timetable below for all the information on our new clubs.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Staff Members</u>
STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)	Years 3 & 4	Monday	Mrs Skellam (Yr 1 teacher) Mrs Williams (Yr 2 teacher)
Minecraft Club	Years 4 - 6	Thursday	Mr Fitton (Yr 6)
Choir	Years 3 - 6	Monday (Lunch time)	Mrs Thomas (Yr 4)
Eco-Club	Years 3 - 6	Tuesday	Mrs Williams (Yr 3) Mrs Lewis (Yr 3)
Spanish Club	Years 5 and 6	Thursday (Lunch time)	Mr Hooper (Yr5)
Lego club	Year 1 & 2	Monday	Mrs Bosley (Yr 4) Miss Arthur (Rec)
Football Club	Years 5 - 6	Thursday	Mr Bills
Games Club	Years 1 & 2	Monday	Miss Bird (Year 6)
Netball	Years 3 - 6	Thursday	Mrs Rees

Book Fair

Unfortunately, we have had to rearrange our book fayre. We will let you know the new date as soon as we know.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 5th June: Jubilee Summer Fair in Risca Park

Monday 6th June: Return to school

Thursday 23th June: Parents meeting for New Nursery, Reception and Year 3 children

Wednesday 29th June: Meeting for Year 6 Parents at Risca Comprehensive

Thursday 30th June: Changeover day/Yr 6 transition day to Risca Comprehensive

Monday 4th July: Risca University week

Tuesday 12th July: Sports Day

Wednesday 13th July: Sports day reserve day

Monday 18th July: Year 6 leavers party (afternoon)

Tuesday 19th July: Break up from school at 1.30pm

Wednesday 20th July: Staff training day

Thursday 21st July: Staff training day

Friday 22nd July: Staff training day

Many thanks for your continued support, we hope you all have a lovely half term,

Mrs Farley and Staff



