

Risca Primary School

Summer Term Newsletter No 5

Monday 10th July 2023



Dear Mums and Dads,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another year! We have just one full week left, as we end school on Wednesday 19th July at 1.30pm. This week we are celebrating Healthy Week, and the children will be learning about all of those things that make us healthy. Today children from Year 1 to Year 4 will have the opportunity to have a taster cricket session and we have other activities such as yoga planned for our children over the week.

End of Year Reports

We are pleased to say that the end of year reports for pupils are now out. Don't forget that if you need to discuss the report with your child's teacher please give us a ring and we will make a telephone appointment for you. Many thanks.

Sports Day

We have our Sports Day planned for this Thursday on the Baths Fields. Our morning session will start at approximately 9.30am and our afternoon session will start at approximately 1.20pm. We will have a designated area for parents to observe from, and we kindly ask that all parents stay in the designated areas. Firstly, it is important that we keep children safe during the day, and therefore it is important that we keep adults and children separate, and secondly it is our experience that children (especially our younger children) can become distressed when they see their parents and want to go home. We all want to have a lovely day, and I would be grateful if you could work with us to ensure that our day goes as smoothly as possible for everyone.

Please note that at the moment the weather forecast for the week is VERY changeable, and we will have to monitor the weather as the week progresses. Whilst at the moment we seem to have a window from the rain on Thursday, we are very aware that this may

change from day to day. We will also have to check that the ground isn't too wet for the children, as we don't want children sitting or slipping on wet/damp grass. We really hope that the weather stays fine for the day, however if we are unable to hold the day on either Thursday (or a reserve day of Friday) we will hold alternative activities in school, in our school hall. Many thanks for your understanding.

Dinner Monies

As you are now aware, we have moved onto a cashless system for dinner money payments. However, we are noting that a small number of parents are not paying dinner money in time, and as a result the monies are being deducted from the school budget. Please could I ask all parents to log into their accounts and ensure that all payments are up to date. I am sure that you will agree that it is not appropriate for school to have to subsidise school meals. Should accounts not be settled within the next few days Mrs Willmore will be contacting you to settle your account before the end of the school year. As you will be aware, as from September school dinners will be free for all children in school from Reception to Year 6.

September

School will start back for children on Monday September 4th, as we will be using the 1st September as a training day. Many thanks

Thank You

First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Hopkins in Year 4 and Miss Smith in Year 2 who will be leaving us for pastures new at the end of term. Miss Hopkins has secured a full time position in a school closer to home and Miss Smith is flying off to an international school in Malaysia. We wish you both the best of luck and all the success in your new jobs! Congratulations!

Can I also say a big thank you to all of you, from all of the staff. Once again we have had a lovely year in Risca Primary School, and I would take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of you who have worked so hard, to work with us to do the very best for your children. Once again the children have been a real credit to our school, and we look forward to seeing both you, and the children again in September. Can I wish you a restful holiday, and hope that you can take time to recharge your batteries ready for September.

Important Dates

July

Monday 10th July - **Healthy Week**

Thursday 13th July - **Sports Day**

Friday 14th July- Theme menu

Monday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Concert 6pm

Tuesday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Festival (in school time)

Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 19th July - **School finishes for the Summer holiday at 1.30pm**

Thursday 20th July - Training day - school closed to pupils

Friday 21st July - Training day- school closed to pupils

September

Friday 1st September - Training Day- School closed to pupils

Monday 4th September - School re-opens for Autumn Term

Many thanks

Mrs Arthur and Staff