

Risca Primary School

Spring Term Newsletter No 2

Thursday 17th February 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

School is closed tomorrow due to Red- Risk to Life weather warning. Please see Seesaw for details

I cannot believe that it is nearly half term already. The weeks are flying by! Our lower school children have been busy learning all about Winter and about Chinese New Year. Middle school have been building volcanoes and watching them explode and Upper school have been learning all about the Romans and are currently building their own round houses! Check out our school Twitter page to see all of the amazing photos.

As I am sure you are all aware, restrictions for Covid 19 are being eased across the nation and therefore, there will be some changes made in school, when the children return after the half term break.

Important Covid 19 information and changes

- Staggered starts and ends of the school day will no longer be required, meaning the normal school times for arrival and pick up will resume. Doors will open in the morning at 8.40am and will close at 8.50am, school will end at 3.10pm.
- School dinners will return to the hall.
- We will return to year group bubbles rather than class bubbles.
- Breakfast club will operate as normal.
- Parents and carers will still be required to wear masks when entering the school building.

Advice from the Welsh Government is that all schools should continue to ensure core interventions remain in place. These include:

- All staff and learners to follow self-isolation guidance,
- Staff and learners to not attend school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms,

- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette (*Catch it, Bin it, Kill it*) to prevent spread and manage cases, incidents & outbreaks,
- Ensuring adequate ventilation by opening windows or adjusting ventilation systems are also important.
- Maintaining appropriate levels of cleaning.

And now for the nicer bits . . .

Risca Primary PTA Volunteers Needed

We need parents' support to help us make Risca Primary school the best that it can be! Volunteering with the PTA is a fantastic way of supporting our school. It is rewarding, important for our children, plus it is fun! So come and get involved!

Our PTA works throughout the year to raise funds. All of the funds the PTA raises go towards providing treats and resources for our children e.g. resources for our outdoor areas, supporting our Year 6 leavers party etc.

If you would like to volunteer your time to support the PTA, please let Mrs Wilmore at the office know and she would be happy to pass on your details. Many thanks.

PTA Book Sale

The PTA will be holding a book sale on Thursday 3rd March. If you have any good quality books that you can donate, please pop them in the boxes provided on each entrance or send them in with your child. Thank you.

Fund Raising for Charity

We would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone for all of the fund raising we have done so far this year.

For *Christmas Jumper Day*, we supported the Noah's Ark Hospital Jungle Ward appeal, raising a fabulous £186. The Jungle Ward supports children with complex medical conditions and young people who are in mental health crisis. This money will go towards funding a space for children, who are on the ward, to play in.

Recently, we held a *Wear red for Velindre* fundraising day. This is a charity that is very close to our school's heart and we were delighted to donate a huge £427.17. Well done everyone!

Our next fundraising event will be for *Red Nose Day* on the 18th of March. We will be selling red noses as soon as we receive them. (See the photo below to pick your favorite!)

St. David's Day - Tuesday 1st March

We would love to see all the children dressed up this year to celebrate St. David's Day. They can dress up as Welsh miners or Welsh ladies, Welsh celebrities, Welsh rugby/football players or simply come dressed in red. Keep an eye out on Twitter for all the lovely photos and our competition winners!

Dates for the Diary

Friday 18th February: Break up for half term

Monday 28th February: Return to school after half term

Tuesday 1st March: St. David's day

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day- Book Sale

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day

Friday 8th of April: Break up at **1.30pm** for Easter holidays

Monday 25th April: Return to school after Easter holidays

Friday 29th April: Day off school for Queen's Jubilee

Monday 2nd May: Bank holiday Monday

Wednesday 11th May: Class Photo Day

Friday 27th May: Break up for half term holiday (normal finish time)

Monday 6th June: Return to school after half term

Wednesday 20th July - Training Day- School closed to pupils (for the Summer holidays)

Thursday 21st July - Training Day - School closed to pupils

Friday 22nd July - Training Day - School closed to pupils

Friday 22nd July - Term ends

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Farley and Staff

