



20/12/2019

Dear Mums and Dads,

Christmas is nearly here! Let's hope that Santa and his reindeer are packing that sleigh and are ready to deliver presents on Christmas Eve!

We have had a super term with our usual round of Christmas parties, Christmas concerts and this year a Christmas Panto in school. Well done to all of the children for performing so well in their Christmas concerts. I am sure that you were all proud of your children, I know the teachers were!

WORKING FOR CHARITIES Many thanks for all of your support for charities this year. Over the last term we have collected £193.79 for Poppy Appeal, £304.02 for Children in Need and £261.41 for the Noah's Ark Appeal. Many thanks for giving so generously to such worthy causes.

STAFFING CHANGES All of the staff at Risca Primary School would like to send huge congratulations to Mrs King who has recently secured a Head Teacher position in another school. We are all very proud of Mrs King's achievements and wish her all the best for her future career. Mrs King will be leaving us at February half term, and Mrs Farley will become our Acting Deputy Head Teacher at that time. To ensure a smooth handover for our Year 1 class, Miss Dooey will be starting in January and will be team-teaching alongside Mrs Farley to allow her to get to know our lovely Year 1 pupils, and become familiar with Risca Primary School routines and learning strategies.

We have also had to say goodbye to Miss Whistance in Year 5 this term. We have been very lucky to secure Miss Bird to replace Miss Whistance. Miss Bird completed her final teaching practice with us in July and was an excellent student. She is very familiar with our school routines and expectations as this year she has been one of our regular supply teachers and has worked with our year 5 pupils.

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Miss Bird to our school and I know that she is very much looking forward to working with us on a full time basis.



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CROSSING PATROL Just a reminder that presently we have no crossing patrol on Tredegar Street, at the park gates. This situation will more than likely continue until February.

PTA Many of you will have seen the members of our PTA out and about over the last few weeks, working hard to raise funds by organising our Christmas fayre, raffles and film nights. Can I take this opportunity to thank the members of the PTA for all of their hard work, it really is appreciated.

DATES

6th January 2020 - School reopens

6th January - Year 5 visit to Cilfynydd

7th January - Year 6 visit to Cilfynydd

10th January - Year 1 and Year 2 visit to Cardiff Museum

16th January - New Rising threes parents meeting 11.30am

17th January - New Rising threes taster session 11.30

20th January - New Risers to start Nursery

30th January - Year 6 visit to the Crucial Crew Exhibition

31st January - 'Wear Red for Velindre' non uniform day (please bring in a donation)

Monday 17th - Friday 21st Feb - HALF TERM

24th February - TRAINING DAY - School closed to children

School closes Friday 3rd April at 1.30 for Easter Holiday

Can I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself and all of the staff at Risca Primary. Can I thank you for all of your support this year. We all look forward to seeing you in the New Year

Yours sincerely

J Arthur (Mrs)
Head Teacher