

# Risca Primary School

## Spring Term Newsletter No 2

Thursday 2nd February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely it is to see how well the children have settled into the new year. All the children have come back to school ready to learn and have settled well into their classes. This term we are spending some time reinforcing our 'good manners' policy with the children and our 'super uniform' policy with the children. More about that later in this newsletter.

### **Wear Red for Velindre Day**

Don't forget that on Friday 3rd Feb children can wear Red for Velindre should they wish. Any donations to this remarkable hospital will be very gratefully received, and sent off to the charity. Many thanks.

### **Contact With Teachers**

We understand that as parents there are times that you need to contact us to make us aware of an issue which affects your child. This could be an 'in school' issue, or an issue outside school which we need to be aware of. Should you need to speak to your child's teacher about an issue with your child please call the office. We will then either arrange a telephone call with you, or make an appointment to see you. Please be aware that your child's teacher should be the first point of contact for you, unless you need to discuss a particularly urgent or serious issue.

For more significant issues, you can also contact Mr Bills, Mrs Rees (Senior leaders), Mrs Farley (Deputy head teacher) or Mrs Arthur (Headteacher). Please be aware that when telephoning the school Mrs Wilmore will direct you to the member of staff who is best informed to meet your needs. In most cases this will be the class teacher, who will have an in-depth knowledge of your child and can most easily support you.

### **Great News and Congratulations**

Another set of congratulations are now due for Mrs L. Williams (Year 2) who has recently given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing really well, and we have already been able to see some super pictures of the new arrival. So between them, the two Mrs Williams' have brought one baby boy and one baby girl into our school community. I am sure that you will want me to pass your well wishes on to both members of staff.

### **Pupil Road Safety**

As you know we work very hard at our school to keep children safe at all times. We are increasingly concerned that a small number of parents are dropping off children by parking on the zig-zags outside our school. Please be aware that the zig-zag lines are there to keep our children safe, by keeping all entrances to the school clear of cars. Can I please kindly ask that you not park on the zig-zags when you are dropping children off at school. I am sure that you will understand that the safety of our children is of a high priority to us.

### **Camera and Phone Watches**

Please be aware that we do not allow camera or phone watches in school. These pose a safeguarding risk for us, and therefore I would kindly ask that any watches in school do not contain cameras or phones. Many thanks.

### **Uniform**

We will be reinstating our Uniform stickers this week, and we will be looking for pupils who are smartly dressed in our school uniform. As a reminder our uniform comprises a blue polo shirt and a navy sweatshirt or cardigan and grey trousers or skirts. All pupils should wear black shoes and not trainers. White socks or grey tights may be worn with skirts, and plain dark socks may be worn with trousers.

We always try to instill a sense of pride in our pupils, and will be giving out stickers for well dressed pupils in the forthcoming weeks. We are noticing that a number of children are coming in wearing branded hoodies. Please be aware that these do not form a part of our uniform and therefore should not be worn to school. Many thanks.

### **Manners**

We have recently held an assembly on the importance of good manners within our school and within our community. We have spent some time reminding the children of

the importance of 'please' and 'thank-you', and the importance of saying 'good morning' and good afternoon' to staff and others.

### **Good Bye and Good Luck**

I am sure that you will want me to wish Mrs Thomas (Year 4) good luck, as she is planning a change of career and will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Thomas has worked in our school for many years and has utilised her skills as a very talented musician to the benefit of our children and the school community. I am sure that you will want to wish Mrs Thomas well in her new venture. I am sure that she will be able to utilise those musical skills in the future. Good luck!

Kind regards,

Mrs Arthur and Staff

### **Dates for the Diary**

Friday 3rd Feb: Wear Red for Velindre Day

Tuesday 7th Feb: Year 3 Golf Taster Day

Monday 20th Feb-Friday 24th Feb: Half term

Wednesday 1st March: School Eistedfodd

Friday 17th March: Comic Relief Day

Tuesday 28th March: Rags to Riches Collection

Thursday 30th March: Careers Fayre Y5 and 6

Friday 31st March: School term ends : @1.30

### **Planned Industrial Action Days**

- Tuesday 14th February 2023;
- Wednesday 15th March 2023, and
- Thursday 16th March 2023