

Risca Primary School

Spring Term Newsletter No 3

Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a fabulous term we have had. The weather is definitely changing and it has been lovely for the children to have more opportunities to learn outdoors. Let's hope for lots of sunshine in the Easter break!

This term, our upper school children have taken part in the nation-wide Wallace and Gromit competition where they had to design a new mode of transport. Fingers crossed we win as we could receive a visit from the real Wallace and Gromit! Middle school have been busy creating their own web pages to share all of the fantastic information that they have found out from their deadly dinosaurs topic and our infant children have been learning all about snails, seeds and Easter. Lots of fun has been had.

Covid 19 information and changes

Sadly, there will be no significant changes to the Covid rules in school after Easter. As soon as we hear of any relaxation of the rules in school, we will let you know.

If your child does test positive for Covid, then guidance states that they still need to isolate until they have two negative tests on consecutive days. If your child is unwell for any other reason, please refrain from sending them to school until they are better. Many thanks. If you are finding it difficult to find a test, then we have a few spares in school.

New Cashless System for Dinner Money

We are moving to a cashless system for dinner money after the Easter holidays which we hope will make life easier for everyone, especially Mrs Wilmore in the office! All parents will receive an information pack beforehand which will include everything you need to know. We hope to launch the system on Monday the 16th of May.

Book Fair

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

School Uniform and PE Kit

Now that the weather has started to warm up, we will be returning to normal school uniform and school PE kit after Easter. There will be no need now for the children to wear extra layers such as hooded jumpers. Please help us to maintain standards at Risca Primary School. 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).

No Dogs on the Yard

Just a little reminder that we don't allow any dogs onto our school site for obvious reasons. Thank you.

Mobile Phones in Class

Please be aware that we do not allow children to have mobile phones in school for a variety of reasons, one of the most important of these being the safeguarding of all of our children. If you require your child to bring a mobile phone to school because they are walking home on their own, then please ensure that they take it straight to the office in the morning where it can be stored in a safe place. Many thanks.

Social Media/Facebook

As you are all aware, when the children start school at RPS, we ask parents to sign a Home School Agreement, in this agreement it says parents and carers will:
'Respect Risca Primary School and not write negative comments about the school, the children or the staff on social media'.

Can I ask that if you have any issues regarding school, please book an appointment to come and see me as soon as possible, as we want to ensure that all issues are dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

Staff at RPS work so hard to try and ensure that our school is a vibrant, happy place for everyone and one or two recent comments on social media have caused some upset. Thank you.

Fundraising

Can I just say another huge thank you for all of your donations to our Ukraine appeal. As a staff, we felt that we needed to do something and the success of the collection was so heart-warming.

This term we have also raised a massive £254 for Comic Relief. The children looked absolutely fabulous and we all had a lovely day.

I also want to explain the reasoning behind us not participating in dressing up for World Book Day. We always dress up for St.David's day and Comic Relief and unfortunately World Book day falls in between these two events. Therefore, we believe that it would place too much pressure on parents to dress their children up three times in a month, especially parents who have more than one child in school. Thank you for your understanding.

At RPS, we pride ourselves on celebrating the wonder of books on a daily basis. We timetable in novel-reading everyday, where the teachers read to the children, we plan our topics using books from around the world and talk about characters in famous novels from Enid Blyton to William Shakespeare. We love books!

Snoopy Trail

As I am sure you are aware if you follow us on Twitter, our Year 5 children have taken part in designing and painting a giant Snoopy as part of *A Dog's Trail*. This is a spectacular, free public art event of giant sculptures that is coming to South Wales from the 8th of April to the 5th of June.

Our Snoopy is called 'Snooping through the summer meadows'. He is hiding somewhere in Cardiff Bay. Can you find him over Easter? There is a clue and a map on

Twitter that will help you find our Snoopy and all of the others! If you find him, pop a photo on Twitter (if you have it) and use the hashtag. **#RPSSnoopy**.

Wedding Bells

Last of all, I am sure you would like to join everyone here at RPS in wishing Miss Gooding and Miss Ryan huge congratulations and the best of luck for their upcoming nuptials this Saturday. We can't wait to see the photos! They will both be returning to school after the Easter break as the two new Mrs Williams.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 26th April: New rising 3 parents meeting

Friday 29th April: School closed - Day in Lieu for Queens Jubilee

Monday 2nd May: School closed - May Day Bank holiday

Tuesday 3rd/Wednesday 4th May - Parents evenings

Wednesday 11th May: Class photo day

Friday 27th May: Wear something you love for LATCH

Friday 27th May: Break up for half term

Monday 6th June: Return to school

Sunday 5th June: Jubilee Summer Fair in Risca Park

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

Wednesday 29th June: Risca Comprehensive meeting for Year 6 Parents

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,

Mrs Farley and Staff

