

Risca Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter No 5

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



Well, this term has been an absolute whirlwind and I cannot believe that we are nearly in December! Middle and Upper school children have been really busy (as I am sure you have seen or heard,) taking part in poetry week, tasting Indian food as part of their Topic work and creating natural hearts in Feel Good Friday. Early years children have been learning all about Autumn and moving into Winter. They have focussed on their creative skills by drawing and painting Owls, using the story of *Owl Babies* and developing their classrooms to reflect the change in the seasons. It is looking very snowy down in Early Years!

Covid 19

As I am sure you are all aware, we have been affected this half term by daily, positive Covid 19 cases across the school. Can I say a huge thank you to parents/carers who are remaining vigilant and keeping their children off school, if they are exhibiting any of the 3 main symptoms or wider symptoms. It absolutely helps us to stop the spread of the virus. If your child does exhibit symptoms, please take them for a PCR test and inform the school of the result via Seesaw or by phoning the office. Thank you.

Fund raising

Can I say a big thank you for all of your Children in Need donations. We raised a brilliant £354.69. I also wanted to give a big shout out to class 3B, who really dressed up for the occasion, it was lovely to see! Well done.

Thank you to Morrisons

Another big thank you to Morrisons for their donation of a lovely hamper that will be the star prize in our Christmas raffle. Keep a lookout for more information on that in the coming weeks.

Christmas concerts

Unfortunately, due to ongoing Covid 19 restrictions, we will not be able to invite parents in for Christmas concerts this year. We are really sad about this as I'm sure you will be. However, we do have plans in place to celebrate with a concert, which we will record. We will send the link out to you towards the end of this term for you to enjoy in your own time.

Snow Procedures

Just a little reminder that if we need to close the school due to snow or adverse weather conditions, this decision will be made by 7.30am and put onto the CCBC website. We will also notify all parents/carers via Seesaw and Twitter. Thank you.

Shout out to Staff at RPS

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Risca Primary. You may not be aware, but all schools are struggling to get supply teachers/teaching assistants due to the sheer volume of staff who are absent with Covid 19. The fact that we have not had to close any classes is an absolute credit to our dedicated staff, especially our wonderful TAs who are always ready to step in when we need them to. Thank you so much!

Important Dates

Friday 3rd December: Children's Enterprise products go on sale.

Tuesday 14th December: Reception and Year 4 Christmas parties - wear party clothes.

Wednesday 15th December: Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper/clothes day for the Noah's Ark Appeal.

Wednesday 15th December: Year 5 and Year 1 parties - wear party clothes/Christmas clothes.

Thursday 16th December: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 parties - wear party clothes.

Friday 17th December: Dress down day/Virtual Christmas Pantomime for all children.

Friday 17th December: School closes for Christmas holidays **at 1.30pm.**

Wednesday 5th January 2022: School reopens after Christmas holidays.

Kind regards,

Mrs Farley and Staff

