

# Risca Primary School

## Spring Term Newsletter No 3

Friday 17th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As half term approaches , please find below some information which will support you when your children return to school after the break.



### **First Week Back**

As you know, the Industrial action that was planned for February, has now been moved to March 2nd, and school will be closed to pupils on this day. We have made some changes to the organisation of the week, and we will now be celebrating our Eistedfod on Friday 3rd March. Children may come to school on Wednesday 1st March in Welsh outfits, and should they wish to they can also wear their Welsh outfits (or red) on the Friday, where we will all be in the hall celebrating our lovely country of Wales. Many thanks.

### **Consideration For Residents**

I have recently had an email from our neighbouring residents, who are concerned that a small number of parents are not adhering to the traffic and parking restrictions around the school. Please can I remind you that passage down Graig Road is restricted to residents only at the beginning and end of school time. We have been so concerned with the number of parents not adhering to the restriction that we have now been advised to ask the Police to monitor this. I know that the residents are also in contact with the Council, and are also going to contact the Police for support. Can I kindly advise you to ensure that you adhere to parking and traffic restrictions around the school, as I know that the Police and traffic Wardens are able to issue fixed penalty fines, for breaches of the regulations.

### **Cashless Dinner Payments**

Please can you regularly check your child's UPAY app and top up when necessary. CCBC requests that dinners are paid for in advance of taking them, which means your account should never go into arrears. Thank you.

### **Contact With Teachers (See-saw)**

As you know we use See-saw for communication with parents. It has proved to be an invaluable tool for keeping in touch and exchanging information. Can I please politely ask that messages on See-saw are kept to urgent matters, and are kept to a minimum. I would also ask that messages are only sent to teachers in office hours (8 am to 5 pm). Presently we have a number of teachers who are overwhelmed with low level messaging, about lost cardigans, tuck monies being in pupil's bags, lost homework, etc. These are issues that can be easily sorted out on the door with either your child's teacher or the receiving member of staff on the door. If you could please keep messaging to essential items I would be really grateful. In terms of keeping to office hours, many of our staff have See-saw on their phones, in order to be able to respond to an urgent query promptly, however, staff report that they are regularly disturbed throughout the evening with non essential messaging. I am sure that you will agree that it is important that teachers can 'switch off' and relax during the evening, so if you could please be mindful of this, I would be really grateful.

Kind regards,

Mrs Arthur and Staff

### **Dates for the Diary**

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

Wednesday 1st March: St David's Day

Thursday 2nd March - Planned Strike Day

Friday 3rd March: Eisteddfod

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

## **Other planned Industrial Action Days**

- Wednesday 15th March 2023, and
- Thursday 16th March 2023