

Risca Primary School

Summer Term Newsletter No 2

Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a fabulous term we are having! We loved celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with our party on the yard. And we've loved hearing about your street parties. Preparations are in full swing for the Year 6 leavers events. The families of our children have a real treat in store when they come to see their end of year Show!

The children in the lower school have had a great time learning all about Summer, our middle school children have been learning about Pirates in their "All Aboard" topic, and our upper school children have had lots of fun learning about "Creators".

Warm weather

As we know, the weather this time of year can't be relied upon, but if we are lucky, we may see some warmer weather before we break up for the Summer holiday in July! On sunny days, please ensure that children have a water bottle each day. If they need to top up, we have a water fountain that provides chilled water, to ensure they are well hydrated.

We ask that you help the children to apply a high-factor sun cream each morning before school and please provide a sun hat, as children will spend break and lunch time outside, as well as PE and some lesson times.

Covid 19 information update

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. (We have Test Kits available in school if you require them.) If your child is unwell for any other reason, please refrain from sending them to school until they are better. Many thanks.

New Parents Meeting

On Thursday 23rd July at 5pm, we are holding a meeting for parents of all new children starting in September. We look forward to seeing you there.

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 24th June

As you know, we have recently taken part in “ *A Dog’s Trail*”. Lots of you spotted our Snoopy in Cardiff’s Red Dragon Center, and we have loved seeing your pictures on Twitter.

To welcome back our Snoopy to school, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd June in aid of the Dog’s Trust charity. Please can your child wear something dog-related, or dress up as their favourite dog! All donations will go to The Dog’s Trust.

Charity News

Our non-uniform day last half term raised an incredible £349.13 for LATCH, the children's cancer charity. We are always amazed at your generosity when we ask you to support charities. Thank you all.

Cashless System for Dinner Money

The cashless system is now up and running and feedback from parents is positive! If you have not yet set up your child’s account, or have any queries regarding the system please contact Mrs Wilmore in the office.

Transition Day

Our Transition Day this year is Thursday 30th June. On this day our Yr 6 pupils will move to their chosen secondary school and the rest of our pupils will meet their new teacher for next year. Drop-off and pick-up arrangements in the morning and afternoon will be the same. We will take the children to their new classrooms after registration.

Year 6 Transition

Year 6 pupils who are going to Risca Comprehensive for the day, should be dropped off and picked up by their parents/carers and **please ensure they take a packed lunch on this day.**

Risca University (Reception to Yr 6)

We are really delighted to be bringing back Risca University week after having to postpone this during Covid restrictions. In the week beginning 4th July Pupils will have the opportunity to choose a 'University Course' for the week and work with a range of children from different classes. This is always a fun-filled, action-packed week, culminating in a Showcase event in the hall where all "courses" celebrate what they have been doing during the week, with the whole school. Look out on Twitter for updates as the week progresses.

Healthy School Week

The week commencing 11th July will be a Healthy School week. We have a range of lovely activities ready for the children and we will be incorporating our Sports Day into our Healthy School Week.

Sports Day has been scheduled for Tuesday 12th July (13th July reserve day in case of bad weather). This will be held in the Long Bridge playing field (Baths Field). Parents are invited to join us to watch the races, but please remain in the designated area for parents and for safety reasons please don't call your child to come over to see you.

In the morning, ALL children will run in heats - **This is the best time to attend if you wish to see your child race.** In the afternoon, the children who have won in the heats will progress to the final races. All children will return to school for collection as normal at the end of the day.

There will be an ice cream van on the field selling a selection of refreshments and we will receive a percentage of sales as a donation to school, so please bring plenty of change! Don't forget that on Sports Day, we ask that children wear a t-shirt the same colour as their school house, and please may I remind you again to provide a hat, water bottle and apply sunscreen on this day!

Pupil Reports

Teachers are currently preparing end of year reports for all children. Look out for them. They will be sent out on Friday July 8th.

Year 6 Leavers information

Please see below for the dates of the Year 6 Leavers Show for parents. Tickets for the show will be £1 each and limited to 2 tickets per yr 6 pupil. Tickets will be on sale at the Year 6 door each morning/afternoon in the week commencing Monday 11th July. All proceeds from the sale of the tickets will go towards the Year 6 Leavers Festival.

The Year 6 Leavers' Festival is on the 18th July in the afternoon. The school yard will be full of games, stalls and free ice-cream for the children to enjoy. And best of all: we're going to have the opportunity to throw wet sponges at Mr Bills who will be in the stocks! Could all pupils please bring a packed lunch on this day so that we can have a picnic together. (If your child has a Free School Meal, please let us know if you would like the school canteen to provide a lunch.)

End of Term

The last day for pupils this year is Tuesday 19th July.

School finishes on this day at 1.30pm

Dates for the Diary

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

Friday 24th June: Non Uniform day donation for Dog's Trust

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

Monday 11th July: Healthy School week

Tuesday 12th July: Sports Day

Wednesday 13th July: Sports Day reserve day

Friday 15th: Year 6 Show for the rest of the school. (9 am)

Monday 18th July: Year 6 Leavers Festival (afternoon)

Monday 18th July 6pm: Year 6 Show for parents -tickets £1

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