

18 September 2017



Dear Mums and Dads

Welcome back to a new school year. We are all looking forward to working with you and your children over the next academic year. Please find below some useful information and reminders which should help you over the forthcoming year.

School Uniform

Thank you so much for sending the children back to school looking so smart. This year we will continue to have class rewards for the best dressed class. Every week, our Uniform Bear is rewarded to the class that are the best dressed. Miss Bishop regularly asks staff to note how many pupils are in full school uniform and the class with the best percentage of pupils are awarded the prize. Don't forget that full school uniform includes black shoes (no trainers please). I am sure that you will support us to ensure that Risca Primary School children are always smart and in uniform. Many thanks

Punctuality

Just a reminder that our doors close at 8.50am prompt. Teachers begin lessons immediately after the doors close so it is very important that pupils are on time. To ensure that pupils have plenty of time to take their coats off and get to class we open our doors at 8.40am to allow pupils to come into school in a safe and relaxed manner. Any pupils who are late must enter the school via the front doors, and sign the late book. This allows us to monitor lateness and support pupils who are late regularly to get to school on time.

Attendance

We are so pleased that we reached our target of 95% attendance last year. Many thanks for supporting us to raise attendance for all of our pupils. We all know that good attendance is linked to pupil attainment, and we are very eager to work with parents and pupils to establish good attendance routines for all of our pupils. Mrs Skellam our SENCO will now take over responsibility for monitoring attendance and will inform any parents should we become concerned about a pupils attendance. Of course we will also be working alongside our EWO Education Welfare Officer, who attends school on a regular basis to monitor pupil absence.



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Governors

We have governor vacancies, so please if you are interested come into the office and collect a form. They have to be returned into school by Monday 2 October.

Dinner Money

Dinner Money is £1.90 per day £9.50 per week. Please send all dinner monies to the school on a Monday in a labelled envelope.

Many thanks

Healthy Schools

We continue to be proud of our Healthy School status and of course continue to follow Welsh Office Guidance for Healthy schools. We sell fruit at break times which pupils are able to purchase. Fruit is 25p per day. Additionally we have a 'water on desks policy'. We encourage all pupils to come to school with a water bottle already filled with water. Should pupils need to refill their water bottles we have a water fountain that is available.

After School Clubs

We will be starting our after school clubs within the next few weeks, and look forward to pupils signing up for our extra-curricular activities. Please be aware that should pupils stay to after school clubs we kindly ask that they are picked up by a responsible person/adult at the end of the day. We are always concerned as the nights become darker, and prefer to hand pupils over to an adult.

Dogs on the yard

Just a quick reminder that we do not allow dogs on our school yard.

Dates

September

Friday 29 - 10am Macmillan Coffee morning in the school hall

October

Tuesday 24 - Parents Evening

Wednesday 25 - Parents Evening

Half term - Monday 30 October-Friday 3 November

December

Week beginning 11 December - Christmas concert week

Week beginning 18 December - Christmas Party Week

Yours sincerely

J Arthur (Mrs)

Head Teacher

PS There will be NO School Crossing Patrol by the Park entrance on Thursday 21 September so please make your child aware. Many thanks

