

# Risca Primary School

## Autumn Term Newsletter No 2

Friday 30th September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so lovely to be back in school, and thank you all for your continued support and good wishes. We have had a busy few weeks since the start of term and the children have been enjoying a wide array of Topics. Lower school's Topic has been "To Infinity and Beyond" and they have enjoyed a trip 'into space', when the Space Dome visited school. The upper school's Topic has been "Inventors" and they have made a variety of machines, from Magnetic Cranes to Rube Goldberg machines.

### Harvest Festival

To Celebrate Harvest Festival we are once again collecting Items for The Risca Foodbank. Sadly, current supplies at the food bank are very low, as the need for foodbank items has risen sharply within our community. The volunteers at the food bank have said they do not require baked beans or breakfast cereal as they do have a plentiful supply of these items. However, all other food items are very low in stock and therefore will be very gratefully received. We will also celebrate Harvest in an assembly.

### Flu Nasal Spray

The School Nursing Team will be in school on **Tuesday 4th October**, administering the Flu Nasal Spray. This is offered to all children from Reception up to year 6. This year, in place of the paper consent forms, the team is trialing an Online E-Consent form. I have posted the link below. The form must be completed before midday on the 3rd of October in order for your child to receive the vaccine in school. Please could you make every effort to complete the form, as we are working very hard to keep our community as healthy as possible over the next year.

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/healthcare-services/childrens-healthcare-services/school-nursing/help-keep-your-child-well-this-winter-make-sure-they-have-their-flu-vaccine/>

## **Applications for Secondary School**

If your child is currently in Year 6 you must make your application for secondary school before the 28th October. The form can be accessed using the following link [www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schooladmissions) Please note, you must include your council tax number on the form. You will find this number on your council tax statement in the top right-hand corner.

If you have difficulty accessing the form, or would like support in making your application please contact Mrs Wilmore, in the school office.

## **Dinner money**

Please be reminded that in line with the Local Authority guidelines, all school meals should be paid for in advance and not in arrears. We would be very grateful if you would please regularly check your child's UPAY account and top-up when necessary. As you are aware children in Reception and Year 1 are now entitled to free school meals. After the October half term, the free meal offer will be extended to Year 2.

## **Christmas Card- Fundraiser**

In partnership with Fundraising Creations, we are taking part in an exciting fundraiser. Next week children will be designing a Christmas card, in their art lesson. They will bring home their card, along with an information leaflet and order form. You can order a range of items that will feature your child's artwork. This includes Christmas cards, mugs, coasters, notepads and wrapping paper and gift tags. For every item you order, the school will receive a donation.

Children will be bringing home their designs next week. Order forms must be returned to school with full payment for your order, by **Wednesday 12th October**. The items will then be delivered into school before 30th November, giving you plenty of time to write your cards and wrap your personalised gifts!

## **Breakfast Club**

We are noticing that a small number of our children are entering school whilst still eating their breakfast. This is causing us some concern. At times this means that children are

still eating when they are walking to class, and sometimes eating as they enter class and teaching begins. We absolutely appreciate that children need a good breakfast before coming to school, however it is important that they have their breakfast before school starts. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that we run a Breakfast Club in school, which offers good healthy breakfast options for our pupils. Should you wish for your child to come to the Breakfast Club please contact the office and we can arrange for you to complete an application form. Many thanks.

### **Water Bottles**

Just a quick reminder that your child will need a water bottle in school every day. This will ensure that they have good access to water throughout the day. Please send your child in with a filled water bottle at the start of the day. Should your child need to, they will then be able to top up from the tap when necessary. Many thanks.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Tuesday 4th October:** Flu immunisations for Reception to Yr 6

**Friday 28th October:** School breaks up for half term

**Monday 7th of November:** School reopens after half term

**Wednesday 16th November:** Individual photo day

**Friday 18th November:** Children in Need - non uniform day

**Friday 25th November:** Rags to Riches clothes collection

**Friday 23rd December 1.30pm:** Break up for Christmas holiday

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Arthur and Staff