

Risca Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter No 3

Friday 1st October 2021



Dear Mums and Dads,

I hope that you are all well. We have had a fabulous couple of weeks back in school, as I am sure you have seen from our Twitter page, with our older children visiting the local nature reserve to do some den building and our middle school children having a visit from Risca's fire brigade. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming a family of hedgehogs to our wild garden, our Early Years children have loved learning about them, they have been busy building hedgehog houses and ensuring that there is food and water available for them.

Staff changes

I am sure that some of you are aware that Mrs Arthur has not been in school recently. Unfortunately, due to ill health, she will be absent for some time. Therefore, we have had to make some staff changes that will start from next Monday 04.10.21. We would like to welcome Mrs Millington who will be joining us in Year 5. The other changes are:

Mrs Farley - Acting Head Teacher

Mrs Rees - Acting Deputy Head Teacher

Mrs Bills - Acting Deputy Head Teacher

Mrs Bosley - Full time class teacher in **4A**

Mr Hooper - Full time class teacher in **5B**

Mrs Millington - Monday to Wednesday in **5A** (and Mrs Rees-Smith - Thursday and Friday)

I understand that this is a big change for the children and I want to thank you in advance for your support on this. I am sure that you will join me and the rest of the staff in wishing Mrs Arthur a very speedy recovery.

Autumn Weather

As Autumn has quite clearly arrived this week, please can we ask that all children bring a coat to school everyday. We are trying to get the children out as much as possible so a coat will definitely be needed. Thank you.

Flu Immunisations

If you would like your child to have the Flu nasal vaccine please return your form by Tuesday morning at the latest. If the forms are not returned then your child will not be able to receive the vaccine.

Allergies - Natasha's Law

As I am sure you have seen in the news, Natasha's law on food allergen labelling has come into force from today. Yesterday, you received a letter asking you to inform us whether or not your child has any food allergies. Please could you return the letter as soon as possible, even if your child does not have any allergies, so we can ensure all information is updated and recorded. Thank you.

Important Dates

Week Beginning 18th October 2021: **Parents Evening**

Week Beginning 25th October 2021: **Half Term**

Friday 17th December : **School closes for Christmas**

Once again can I thank you for your support and understanding in these difficult times,

Mrs Farley and Staff