

Risca Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter No 1

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fabulous break over the summer holidays and that the children were able to recharge their batteries ready for an exciting Autumn term at school. It has been lovely to welcome the children back. We have eased them in by holding Diversity/Citizenship week this week, where all the children have been learning about being kind to others, school rules and their importance and how to be safe on the internet.

Her Majesty the Queen

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to her Majesty The Queen. This afternoon, during our assembly, we celebrated her reign and her life. We watched the gun salute and held a minute's silence in her memory.

Last summer term, all of our children completed an art project on her Majesty to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. We are really grateful that they all got to learn about the Queen and understand how important she was.

Welcome back Mrs Arthur!

We are sure you would all like to join us in welcoming back Mrs Arthur, we are so thrilled that she is returning. Mrs Arthur is returning to school on a phased return to work over the next month. When Mrs Arthur resumes her full time position Mrs Farley will then resume her role as Deputy Head Teacher.



School Uniform/PE kit

It is lovely to see the children coming back to school looking so smart in their school uniform, so a big thank you to all parents, guardians and carers for supporting us on this. Our school uniform is important to us, as it promotes a sense of community and pride in our school. To ensure that we maintain our sense of pride and community, we will speak to any children not in school uniform, and kindly ask them to wear the correct uniform on the next school day. If you have any difficulty in obtaining a uniform for your child please contact us. We may be able to support you. Many thanks.

Also, children will be able to wear their PE kit to school on their allocated PE day.

Teachers will let you know this via Seesaw. Thank you for your support.

As a reminder:

School Uniform: Navy jumper/cardigan, grey trousers/shorts(not cycling shorts) skirt/dress, blue Polo shirt, grey/black socks, grey tights.

PE kit: Black or navy bottoms, white T-shirt or a House colour T-shirt and a school jumper (no other sports kit please).

School times

Just a reminder that school doors open at 8.40am and school ends at 3.10pm. If your child arrives at school after 8.50am they will need to enter the building through the office doors, and sign in using the i-pad placed near to the door. This ensures that we always have an accurate count of pupils in the building, which is essential for health and safety purposes. Unfortunately, we are already noticing a number of children arriving late to school. This is a concern as we start teaching maths and literacy at 8.50am sharp. If children are regularly late to school, they will miss essential lessons and will naturally fall behind with their learning.

Worryingly, we are also noticing that a number of children are being picked up much later than 3.10pm. If you are unable to pick your child up from school at 3.10pm, please could you make suitable childcare arrangements to ensure that someone is available to pick them up on time from the yard.

I am sure that you will appreciate that after school all teachers and support staff begin preparing lessons for the next day, and therefore are not able to supervise pupils who are picked up late. Additionally, it is important to note that staff are not required to stay

after the bell, so we cannot guarantee that there will be someone to supervise children who are not collected on time.

Cashless System - Upay

Please be reminded that schools are no longer accepting dinner money. All dinner money must now be paid through the Upay app. If you have not used the app and require login details, please contact Mrs Wilmore at the office.

Please also be reminded that Reception/Year 1 children are now entitled to free school meals and that the price of school dinners for all other children has risen from £2.10 to £2.20 per day.

Absences

If your child becomes unwell and is unable to come into school, please can you call the school office in the morning to let us know.

If you intend to take a holiday during the school term, please complete a holiday form. These are available from the office.

PTA

We are always looking for volunteers for our PTA, if you would like to become a member, please contact Mrs Wilmore in the office.

Parking

Please be aware that parents are not able to access our school car park at any time unless they are a blue badge holder and require a disabled parking space to drop off and pick up their children. Could we also ask, for health and safety reasons, that parents do not walk through our car park with their children. Many thanks.

Harvest Festival

This year, for our harvest festival, we will be collecting food donations for the Salvation Army. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 4th October: Flu immunisations for Reception to Yr 6 (details to follow)

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 Farley and Staff