

# Risca Primary School

## Summer Term Newsletter No 5

Tuesday 6th July 2021

Dear Mums and Dads,



What a lovely week we are having. All of the children are enjoying their Risca University activities, it really is one of our favourite weeks of the year. This week will be followed by Healthy Week where all pupils will be able to participate in some sporting activities and learn about the benefits of being fit and healthy.

### **Next Year**

I am sure that you will be aware that the Welsh Government is making significant changes to how schools operate from September. As a result, the Government is updating the current Covid Guidance to schools. Hopefully, this will support us to plan and change our risk assessments, and will allow us to successfully plan for the September changes. Unfortunately, we haven't had this guidance yet, and therefore I am not in a position to give you concrete plans for September. What we do know, however, is that staggered start and finishes to our day appear to be ceasing, and therefore I am anticipating that we will all be operating to our usual school times from September. As soon as I have any further information about our operating guidance, I will of course let you know as soon as possible

### **Transition (Nursery/Reception/Year 3)**

This week we are looking forward to welcoming our new parents and children into our school. This includes our new Nursery, Reception and Year 3 Ty Isaf pupils. Please be reassured, if your child is coming to us from Ty Isaf that we have completed a full handover of information between schools, so we are all ready to receive your child. By now, you will also have seen our videos of teachers and a video of our learning environment. We hope that you have had time to share these with your children in preparation for them joining our school.

Don't forget that the times and dates of 'Meet and Greet' sessions are:-

Wednesday 7th July: Nursery and Reception pupils 1pm to 3 pm.  
Year 3 pupils 3.30 pm to 5 pm

We look forward to seeing you then. This session will allow you and your child to meet and greet the teacher, and you will be able to pick up all of the information that you will need prior to your child joining our school.

We aim to be able to complete our Meet and Greet sessions on our Nursery yard, however, the forecast for Wednesday looks poor. Should it become necessary, we will hold our Meet and Greets in our Nursery classroom, as our main hall is currently out of use. Please could you ensure that you wear a mask when entering our school site. Many thanks.

### **Transition for the Whole School**

Of course, this is an exciting time for all of our pupils as they plan to move up to the next year group in our school. Next year our school structure will be:

Nursery: Mrs Williams  
Reception: Miss Arthur  
Year 1: Mrs Skellam and Mrs Timms  
Year 2: Miss Ryan  
Year 3A: Miss Gooding  
Year 3B: Mrs Lewis  
Year 4A: Mrs Rees  
Year 4B: Mrs Thomas  
Year 5A: Miss Bishop/Mrs Rees-Smith  
Year 5B: Mr Bills  
Year 6A: Mr Fitton  
Year 6B: Miss Bird

As many of you will be aware, as a school we also work alongside other schools and the University of South Wales to share our practice within the wider community. Therefore some of our teachers have wider roles, which are in addition to their teaching role. To support these teachers we have employed an additional teacher Mrs Bosley. Mrs Bosley will be working both in Mr Bill's class and Mrs Rees' class. Both Mr Bills and Mrs Rees are our Senior Leaders, and work with the EAS to provide School to School support for other schools within our area. Mrs Rees also works closely with the University of South Wales to support student teachers within the area. Mrs Bosley will therefore provide management cover for Mr Bills and Mrs Rees throughout the week as needed on a job share basis.

Miss Bishop is also on maternity leave, and will remain on maternity leave for most of next year. I am sure that you will want me to send good wishes to her for the forthcoming year. In the meantime, Mr Hooper who has worked in Year 6 and Year 4 this year will cover Miss Bishop's maternity leave until she returns.

We will inform the children next week which teacher they will be going to next year, and ensure that in the final week, the children will have an opportunity to meet their teacher for a short time. Of course, everything we do must fit our risk assessments, and therefore this will be done in a Covid secure manner, so as not to burst any class bubbles.

### **End of Year Reports**

We are pleased to say that the end of year reports for pupils are now nearly ready, and will be sent out at the end of the week. If you need to discuss the report with your child's teacher please give us a ring and we will make a telephone appointment for you. You will notice that we have not reported on attendance this year, due to the disruption of the pandemic. Many thanks.

### **Important Dates**

**Week beginning 5th July:** Risca University Week

**Wednesday 7th July:** Meet and Greet Day: Nursery and Reception pupils 1pm to 3 pm.

Year 3 pupils 3.30 pm to 5 pm

**Week beginning 12th July:** Sports week / Healthy school week

**Wednesday 14th July:** Year 6 leavers celebrations.

**Thursday 15th July:** Snoopy Day: 'Own Clothes Day' Please bring a donation

**Training Days:** Friday 16th July, Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July:

**School closes for the Summer holiday:** Thursday 15th July at the usual time.

**Thursday September 2nd:** Training Day

**Friday September 3rd:** School starts back for the Autumn Term

Once again can I thank you for your patience and understanding and thank all of you who continue to work with us to do the best for all of our children in these difficult times. I will pass on any new information for September as soon as the guidance is shared with headteachers

Many thanks

Mrs Arthur and Staff