

# Risca Primary School

## Spring Term Newsletter No 14

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Dear Mums and Dads,

How lovely this week to see all of our Junior children return to school with such lovely smiles on their faces. We are all so proud of them; they have slipped back into routines very easily and are settling down to work with their classmates really well. I know that the teachers are really pleased to have them back, and to return to some sort of normal routine.

### Congratulations

I am sure that you will all notice that we have a new school logo at the top of our letter today! A big congratulations to Lily Hoare from Year 4, who I am pleased to say has won the competition to design our new school logo. We were thrilled with a number of the entries for the logo, and it was very challenging for us to choose just one outright winner. However, Lily's design captured the attention of all of the staff, and the decision to award the winning entry to Lily was unanimous! Well done. Our logo will soon be available on our uniform, from Darren Morgan's Sports shop in Crosskeys. Today we were pleased to award Lily her prize for winning the competition, which is a range of art equipment, to further develop those super art skills.

Please don't worry if you have recently bought your child any new uniform with our old logo. We are well aware that we will have a cross-over of logos for a while, and we wouldn't want anyone to feel the need to replace uniform with our old logo, before necessary.

### Red Nose Day.

As you are aware we will be supporting Red Nose Day on Friday. To keep it simple this year, children may wear their own clothes into school, and bring a small donation. Please do not send in red noses on the day. We are concerned that if children share them they may inadvertently allow unwelcome transmission of the virus. Instead, if children wish to have a red nose, we would be grateful if a red nose could be painted on with face paint.

### Attendance

Please be aware that we continue to adhere to the guidance from the Aneurin Bevan Health Board which clearly asks parents NOT to 'send your child to school if they are unwell **even if you are not sure that it is coronavirus.**' I know that this may be confusing, and can I thank

those of you who have called the office to enquire as to whether your child can attend school. I also know that this is not our usual protocol, as we would always encourage pupils to attend school if they were a little unwell. However, we are in unusual times, and in order to ensure that our school community is healthy we are strictly adhering to the advice from the Health Board. Therefore, we are unable to accept children into school who show any signs of being unwell, and we would kindly ask that any unwell pupils are kept home from school until they are 100% fit and well. If your child is unwell, and you are unsure whether a sibling can attend, please phone the office and we will be happy to give you advice. Many thanks.

### **Communication With School**

As a school we are very aware that as more pupils are now returning to school, it is possible that we may see a rise in the number of suspected or confirmed Covid 19 cases in school. I know that you will agree that it is important that we re-establish good protocols for reporting either suspected or confirmed Covid cases, and we want everyone to be aware of the methods of communication with the school, whether it be in school time, evenings or weekends. Please be reminded that during working school hours please you can notify the office if your child has a confirmed or a suspected case of Covid 19. If our school is closed please notify us through your child's See-Saw account. As we are now using See-Saw in the evenings and weekends as a notification for Covid 19, we would be grateful if you could refrain from using See-Saw for general messages to the teacher. If you have general queries about school matters please now contact the school office. Many thanks.

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.

Many thanks

Mrs Arthur and Staff