

Clubs

Children may choose to participate in a variety of clubs, which are run by staff, parents and volunteers.

Residential Visits

Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to participate in a short residential visit. Children have the opportunity to develop social skills and academic abilities.

Friends of The Rissington School

We have a very active organisation 'Friends of The Rissington School'. Parents of children in school automatically become members of the association, which is supported by staff, parents and the local community. Various events are organised throughout the year in order to bring parents together socially and to raise funds to support the school.

Admissions

We adopt the Gloucestershire LA policy for admissions at reception stage. Children are admitted in September following their 4th birthday. Please see the Gloucestershire County Council website for procedures. Children at stages other than reception may make application directly to the school.

Lunches and drinks

School lunches are provided by our own Kitchen staff and are free for all infant children. Older children may pay for a lunch via ParentPay unless eligible for free school meals (please ask at the office for details). Alternately, children may bring a packed lunch. Children from Y2 are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school, which may be replenished from our supply of chilled, filtered water. Cups of water are available for reception and Year 1 children.

School Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform as it helps to present a neat and attractive appearance. It is practical and hardwearing.

Secondary Education

Children usually progress to The Cotswold School in Bourton on the Water.

Head Teacher Mrs Liz Bannister
Assistant Head Mrs Lisa Loxton

Teaching Staff Mrs Lucy Moore
Mrs Karen Grosvenor
Mrs Cathryn Wilcock
Miss Emma Brearley
Mrs Abi Rose
Mrs Sue Erasmus
Mrs Sarah Winter
Mrs Maria Taylor
Mrs Jacqueline Gabriel

Education Support & Supervisory Staff and lunch duty Miss Annie McGuinness
Mrs Joanna Lightborne
Mrs Edina Campbell
Miss Claire Perry
Mrs Sue Mosson

Mrs Kate Lazenbury
Mrs Trudy Le Breuille
Mrs Denise Bedwell
Mrs Julie Angood
Miss Mel Simpson
Miss Jordan Lea-Smith
Mrs Caroline Minchin
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Mrs Lesley Morgan
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Age Range: 4 – 11
Number on Roll: 193 (September 2017)
School Day: 08.55 a.m. – 3.15 p.m

THE RISSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL

*If you would like to find out more about us,
please phone 01451 820857. Visits to the
school are warmly welcomed.*



Our school is a great community to belong to. Here is what some of our pupils think of it

- The children and teachers are kind
- The school gives us a good education.
- Sometimes the work can be challenging and sometimes it can be fun
- You are well looked after in the playground
- The school grounds and the special place are great
- We like having responsibility

Great Rissington Primary School opened in 1897. It has been extended and refurbished to high standards and provides, on the village site, 4 attractive and stimulating classrooms for teaching and learning. In March 2015 the school, now called The Rissington School, opened a new site with 4 classrooms, to serve the Upper Rissington community. Little Rascal pre-school operates from there. We take great pride in the quality of our learning environment and every aspect of our space is used to full effect. We provide excellent resources for all areas of the curriculum including PE and music. We have impressive ICT resources with interactive whiteboards in all classrooms and 36 laptop computers and ipads, which enable whole class teaching of technology.

The school has capacity for 210 pupils. At 11+ the majority of the children transfer to the Cotswold School in Bourton on the Water. The two schools keep in good contact and both staff and pupils visit the school.

Every member of the The Rissington School community is valued and it is our aim that each will

- *Feel safe and secure* - our community nurtures the well-being of all and promotes responsibility for safety.

- *Enjoy work and achieve potential* - our curriculum is stimulating and challenging, offers opportunities for diverse interests and rewards efforts and success.
- *Be responsible* -we are aware of the world community, respect differences and similarities between each other, in culture and in ability, care for the environment and promote active citizenship.
- *Develop a healthy lifestyle* - we offer great sporting opportunities for all, encourage healthy eating and keep minds active.
- *Enjoy future success* – we develop the skills of all so that potential is realised and happiness is achieved in an ever-changing world.

We aim to offer an education for life.

Teaching Methods

We use a variety of strategies in working with the children. These include whole class teaching, ability grouping, individual assessment and target setting.

Learning Through Doing

Topic work is developed through direct experience whenever possible and visits are arranged to support, extend and consolidate the class work. Specialists and experts regularly visit the school to support topics.

Music

In addition to providing the opportunity for practical musical activities within the classroom we offer tuition in recorder, piano, flute, guitar, violin saxophone and clarinet.

Sport

Children enjoy a wide range of sports activities. We employ a specialist sports' teacher, who coaches our youngsters to a high standard. We offer competitive sports in netball, football, cricket and rounders. Regular team matches are arranged with other local

schools and the school successfully competes in athletic and cross country events.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are held at the Bourton-on-the-Water Leisure Centre for Y4-6 children. Parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution to the transport costs.

Special Educational Needs

Our SEN co-ordinator works closely with class teachers to ensure that individual needs are met and that time is also made available for focused work to support individuals.

Gifted & Talented Children

Children are grouped within each class according to ability for different subject areas. This enables teachers to differentiate and match work to the ability of the child. A group usually consists of 5 – 8 pupils but as the need arises, able children will follow individual programmes of work. In this way children can be challenged and encouraged to achieve at their own level.

Parental Involvement

We aim to foster close co-operation between home and school. We encourage parents to share in the education of pupils by helping in the classrooms. Activities in which parents assist include – art work, computers, reading, language, maths games, needlecraft, cooking, PE and games.

Homework

We place a strong emphasis on parental involvement in homework. In Reception and Key Stage 1 this is in the form of reading, word recognition, spelling, handwriting and numeracy. It can also take the form of reading and sound games provided by the school.

Homework in Key Stage 2 involves literacy, numeracy and individual topics. Children will be asked to complete work at home to meet their individual targets for the week. Homework is always marked.