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Dear RPPS Families,

The days are far shorter and the weather is noticeably wetter this side of the October half-term break. Please could you encourage your children to wear suitable clothing - waterproof / warm coats will be required from now on.

With so many families (92% this week) choosing active methods of travel to and from school, it is also worth checking lights on scooters and bikes are working. The school site and surrounding areas are very busy during drop-off and collection times so we must do what we can to keep families safe.

Year 6 Remembrance Assembly

A huge thanks to families who came and enjoyed Monday's remembrance assembly. Our Year 6 children provided us with an understanding of; remembrance, how Welsh lives changed during conflict and the importance of promoting peace.

Trips and experiences

In the last two weeks various trips and experiences haven taken place including; visits to the cinema for the Into Film Festival, Dwr Cymru (Welsh Water) have worked with children in Year 2 and Year 3, Year 4 visited Tretower Court and today we held our Children In Need fundraising celebration.

Children In Need

Thank you for supporting this year's Children In Need fundraiser – this year's event was named 'Challenge Yourself'. Your children looked fantastic in their 25 items of clothing, and the school was brighter and even whackier than usual!

We have raised an amazing £1,150 so far! The total could increase next week once all contributions have been brought into school. All monies raised will be passed to Children In Need next week and this will help support vulnerable children and young people.

Staffing updates

Earlier this week Miss Cara Tennent joined our Reception team as a Teaching Assistant to replace Miss Louise Trask. We congratulate Miss Tennent on being appointed and welcome her to our learning community. Miss Tennent is a qualified teacher and brings great experience of working with young children.

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Parents / Carers of children in Class 6J (Miss James) have received information about changes at the start of the Spring Term. Miss James will reduce her working days from four to three. Ms Marker will teach two days to ensure consistency for the class.

Upcoming events

You can find our Yearly Planner here: [YEARLY PLANNER 2025-26 NEW](#)

As we move into the busy Christmas period, I will also include key dates in my newsletter.

Week of 17th November – Road Safety Week 2025

Monday 17th November – Year 5 at Cardiff Met

Tues 18th November – Year 3 at cinema (Into Film Festival)

Thurs 20th November – Year 3 at Cardiff Storytelling Museum

Fri 21st November – Year 6 at cinema (Into Film Festival)

Thursday 27th Nov – Year 2 to Year 6 Christmas Movie Night: ‘That Christmas [2024]’ (PG)

Note: ‘That Christmas’ is a PG rated film – we feel it is suitable and the children will be accompanied by RPPS staff.

Christmas Concerts

Tickets for Christmas concerts will be on sale from **Wednesday 19th November**. Tickets will cost **£1** per person and due to space restrictions in our school hall are capped to two tickets per child, per performance.

You can secure tickets by completing the order form which will come home with your child on Monday 17th November. The form will also contain dates and times for the performances – these can be seen on the Yearly Planner.

Monday 1st December – Year 1 & Year 2 “A Starry Night In Bethlehem” (10am & 2pm)

Friday 5th December – Reception “Whoops-A-Daisy Angel” (10am & 2pm)

Monday 8th December – Nursery “Christmas Chaos” (10am - Nursery AM & 2pm - Nursery PM)

Wednesday 10th December – Year 3 & Year 4 “The Magical Christmas Jigsaw” (10am & 4pm)

Wednesday 17th December – Year 5 & Year 6 “Christmas Spells C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S.” (10am & 4pm)

All children performing in the 4pm shows on **Wednesday 10th December** and **Wednesday 17th December** will stay in school at the end of the day, change into their costumes and take the stage at 4pm. Teachers will provide approximate timings closer to the performance date.

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Other events leading into Christmas

Monday 8th December – Year 1 & Year 2 visiting Sherman Theatre: ‘The Frog Prince’

Thursday 11th December – Christmas dinners in school (order through Parentpay), Christmas Jumper Day, Rudolph Dance-a-thon fundraising for City Hospice.

Friday 12th December – Nursery and Reception visiting Sherman Theatre: ‘The Frog Prince’

Friday 12th December – Rocksteady Christmas Show (Rocksteady musicians & families only)

Thursday 18th December – Class Christmas parties

Friday 19th December – INSET day 3 (school closed to all pupils)

Breakfast Club – Update

The ‘Free Breakfast Club’ survey is closed – we received a great response and there is high demand for spaces. We expect Breakfast Club provision to look like this;

Paid Breakfast Club (no spaces currently available)

8.00am until 8.25am

Priority will be given to existing Breakfast Club members

Free Breakfast Club

8.25am until 8.55am

Update: We are currently enrolling staff in Level 2 Food Hygiene training. We want to launch the new Breakfast Club arrangements from 1st January 2025.

School successes

Fundraising: Dylan (Reception) and Ben (Year 3) took part in sponsored walk and raised £350 for the charity ‘Forgotten Women’ who are assisting children and families in Gaza.

Swimming: Theo (Year 5) won ‘Top Boy’ in the Dragons Squads at the City of Cardiff swimming club championships.

Swimming: Lizzie (Year 4) won ‘Top Girl’ in the Dragons Squads at the City of Cardiff swimming club championships.

A huge well done to each of you for your fantastic achievements – we are extremely proud of your efforts in school and outside of school. Thank you to parents / carers who have shared these achievements – I look forward to reading more as the year goes on.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr. L Fitzgerald

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