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Dear RPPS Families,

I hope this letter find you well. We are experiencing a high number of pupils picking up seasonal illnesses like colds and coughs. Please treat these as you would normally do, with over-the-counter medicine or get some advice from your child's GP.

Where a child experiences nausea (vomiting / diarrhoea) our school policy states that they should remain at home for 48 hours following their last bout of sickness. It is important to follow this rule for the health and safety of all children and staff.

Please find important information and dates below. I will write to you again ahead of the Christmas holiday break.

Christmas Concerts

Nursery "Christmas Chaos" (Nursery AM – 10am & Nursery PM - 2pm)

Reception "Whoops-A-Daisy Angel" (10am & 2pm)

Year 1 & Year 2 "A Starry Night In Bethlehem" (10am & 2pm)

Year 3 & Year 4 "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw" (10am & 4pm)

We thank you for attending and supporting the events listed above. The Christmas story been retold by all year groups and children / staff had great fun when putting the shows together. We are very proud of everyone involved.

Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Concert

"Christmas Spells C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S." (10am & 4pm)

There are a very limited number of tickets available for both shows next Wednesday. Please return your order form or call the school office. Our school hall can only accommodate a maximum of 140 audience spaces.

On this day the Year 5 & Year 6 children will remain in school at 3.30pm, get changed and take the stage for 4pm. All parents / carers coming to the show should wait at the double gates on Pen-Y-Wain Road. We expect the concert to finish at 4.45pm and all pupils to be released to parents / carers by 5pm.

Other events leading into Christmas

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

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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 – see Class Newsletters for further information
Friday 19th December: INSET day 3 (school closed to all pupils)

Drop off and collection

Please ensure you bring your children right up to the school gates in the morning. Upon collection and handover at the end of the school day, your child should always stay with you. We want to ensure they are kept safe around our busy school site. The only children allowed to walk to / from school unaccompanied are Year 6 pupils with written consent.

Snack – ParentPay (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

Snack payments for the Autumn Term are due by Thursday 18th December with some payments outstanding. Many thanks to those who have already paid.

We will be uploading the next set of payments to ParentPay ready for the start of the Spring Term in January.

Breakfast Club – Update

Free Breakfast Club provision for **Reception** and **Year 1** pupils will begin on **Monday 5th January** 2026. It will be phased out to all remaining year groups by February half term (16th February 2026). We will issue letters to Reception and Year 1 families by Thursday 18th December which will include all details and timings.

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

Year 6 trips – Matilda and Condoover Hall

Many thanks for securing your child's place on the above trips. If you have not done so already, please check your ParentPay account for any outstanding payments.

ParentPay – school meals

Please keep ordering school meals through ParentPay until the Christmas holiday period. You **DO NOT** need to add funds to your account – Universal Primary Free School Meal provision covers children from when they start Reception to the end of Primary School in Year 6.

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School successes

Gymnastics: Hallie (Reception) won 4 medals and a trophy for being overall somersault champion at a gymnastics competition.

Gymnastics: Sam (Reception) won 2 medals at a gymnastics competition.

Gymnastics: Alicia (Reception) won 2 medals for taking part in a competition.

Football: Jesse (Reception) won 3 medals for great football skills and a trophy from Fab Bears.

Gymnastics: Emily (Year 1) came 3rd in her floor preparation routine and ranked 5th over all in her age group.

Gymnastics: Sophia (Year 3) came 1st in the floor routine, 3rd in the floor preparation routine, and finished 2nd overall in her age group.

Gymnastics: Sara (Year 3) won a 3rd place medal for the vault event.

Rugby: Vinnie (Year 4) won a trophy for being 'Player of the Match' for his rugby team Old Illtydians RFC.

Star on stage: Zachary (Year 6) won Student of the Term at Stagecoach, being chosen out of over 130 children. He has also been cast as one of the school children in an upcoming production of Matilda.

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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