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Dear RPPS Families,

We've enjoyed a very busy but positive week here at school. Please read on to find out more.

Estyn Inspection – thank you

Thank you for your cooperation and engagement before and during our Estyn Inspection earlier this week. I have been informed that over 160 responses to the pre-inspection questionnaire were returned and there was large turnout for the 'Meet the Inspection Team' event.

Your children were magnificent over the course of the three days. Their attitudes towards learning, behaviour and kindness astounded our visitors.

Estyn Inspection – outcomes / next steps

We feel that our colleagues at Estyn have captured what makes Roath Park such a special place within the local community. The report will be published on Monday 23rd March 2026. It will not include summative gradings (such as Adequate, Good, Excellent) as Estyn removed these in 2022.

Breakfast Club and Free Breakfast Club

Our 'Free Breakfast Club' provision is running for Reception and Year 1 children plus siblings. The timings and arrangements can be found below;

Paid Breakfast Club (no spaces currently available)

8.00am until 8.25am

Priority will be given to existing Breakfast Club members. The cost is £1.50 per session.

Free Breakfast Club (Reception, Year 1 and Siblings until further notice)

8.25am until 8.55am

Parent Governor election

Earlier this week Ms. Marker contacted you via Schoop regarding the election of two new Parent Governors.

Congratulations to **Mrs Nia O'Donnell** and **Miss Nikki Loukisas** who were elected to our Governing Body. We'd like to thank all nominated Parents / Carers and anyone who took time to vote during the Parent Governor election.

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St. Dwynwen's Day

Some children and classes have been learning about St. Dwynwen's Day (Dydd Santes Dwynwen) which will be celebrated on Sunday 25th January. Dwynwen was a princess, daughter of King Brychan Brycheiniog, who lived in the 5th century in what is now Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons).

Recurring information – marked with *

* Notification of absence due to illness

All notifications of absence due to illness need to be reported to the School Office. This can be done via email roathparkprm@cardiff.gov.uk or call 02920 499549 (option #0). If there is no answer, our Office Team will be busy attending to something else so please leave a voicemail.

* Attendance and Punctuality

School starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.30pm. We thank you for arriving at school on time and have noticed a big improvement in lateness / punctuality.

Any families arriving after 9.05am will be asked to come into the school office and sign their children into school. Additionally, families will be asked to sign children out if they are collected within the school day e.g. appointments. These measures help us to know the whereabouts of pupils.

* ParentPay – ordering meals

School meals should be ordered through the ParentPay website - please note that there is not a Parentpay app. Meals should be ordered at least a week in advance and are **free**.

* Notification of holiday leave

The school does not 'authorise' leave for holidays. As per Cardiff Council policy, holidays during term-time count as an unauthorised absence from school.

If you are planning on travelling during term-time, we kindly ask that you notify me (LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk) of your plans including your child's name, their class, dates of travel and location. I will acknowledge your notification with a generic response.

It is important to note that per Cardiff Council policy, children cannot miss more than 20 school days per school year. If this rule is not followed, the school may need to offer your child's place to those on our waiting lists.

It is also important to acknowledge the importance of good school attendance and its impact on your child's learning. The benchmark for attendance across the school is **97%** which equates to attending school on 189 days out of a possible 195 days.

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*** ParentPay – other transactions**

Experiences, trips and visits are paid for through ParentPay. All experiences, trips and visits require a voluntary donation from families. We try our best to keep costs low and manageable throughout the school year.

However, if the school does not receive enough money to cover the costs associated with the experience, trip or visit, this may result in cancellation.

Breakfast Club fees are just about to be moved over to ParentPay and we are working with Cardiff Council to bring about change to our Breakfast Club offer. I will share more information with you once I have it.

*** School uniform**

Our school uniform colours are;

- We'd prefer all children to wear dark shoes/trainers
- Dark trousers / shorts / skirt / jogging bottoms (black or grey)
- White or royal blue polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper / cardigan / hoody / fleece

Uniform with the school logo is available to purchase from the school office – please see Miss Wellbeloved. Polo shirts without the school logo can be bought from local supermarkets or clothing outlets. We understand the cost associated with buying school uniform so we offer 'pre-loved uniform' for a voluntary donation. Please check whether you are eligible for support to purchase school uniform and essentials here: [Cardiff Council - School Essentials Grant](#)

*** School uniform – PE/Games**

On days where the children have PE/Games, they should wear appropriate clothing to school.

Summer / warmer months – shorts, t-shirt, light jumper, light jogging bottoms
Winter / colder months – hoody, fleece, thicker jogging bottoms, gloves

We do not expect children to wear sports kits or activewear to school on any other days than when they have PE/ Games lessons. Teachers will communicate if there are trips / days where this is permitted.

*** Application for 'Free School Meals' status**

Free School Meals status should not be confused with the Universal Primary Free School Meal offer in Wales.

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* **Free School Meals** – I would advise **all families** to check eligibility and apply for FSM status for your child(ren) here: [Cardiff Council - Apply for 'Free School Meals' status](#)
As well as free school meals (see below), there are a number of benefits associated with applying for FSM status.

* **Universal Primary Free School Meal offer** – this applies to **all** pupils from Reception to Year 6. It is a Welsh Government-funded initiative which is not means-tested. Therefore, all pupils are eligible under the current Welsh Government offer. The offer only covers school meals.

School successes

Swimming: Theo (Year 5) won 5 medals (1 silver, 4 bronze) during a swimming gala in Carmarthen.

Swimming: Nora (Year 1) swam on her back for 10m and got two stickers and a certificate.

Karate: Noor (Year 4) competed in the Karate Wales Closed Championships and won the gold medal in Kata.

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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