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Dear RPPS Families

We hope you enjoy a restful break during half-term next week. Please remember that **Monday 5th June** is an **INSET day** and children will **return to school on Tuesday 6th June**.

As it is half-term next week, I politely ask for all important correspondence to be directed to me in order for our staff to rest and enjoy time with their families. My email address is LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk

This week's STEM Week FINALE took place today. If you haven't seen the footage already, please go to our school Twitter account @RoathParkPrm – you won't regret it. A huge thanks to the whole team who made the event so fun!

Kitchen / School meals update

Pupils in Reception and Year 1 are already receiving their offer of a **Universal Primary Free School Meal**. Pupils in Year 2 will start receiving the **UPFSM** offer from June 5th onwards.

Initially, we will be taking orders on the school gate and will share the menu with Year 2 families before half-term. We will then start the process of moving everyone over to ParentPay – this will include all children who wish to have a paid school meal and those ordering a UPFSM. On **Tuesday 6th June** the Year 2 pupils will be at Cosmeston Lakes so 'grab bags' will be provided by the school kitchen.

To ensure that families know how to use ParentPay, we will hold two meetings to show you what to do. These will be at **3.45pm on Wednesday 14th June** and **3.45pm on Wednesday 28th June** in the school hall. The goal is to have all families using ParentPay by the end of the school year.

Updated Family Planner

The Family Planner has been updated due to a change to our Nursery Fun Day. Please click on the following link and see changes in yellow: [FAMILY PLANNER 2022/23 UPDATED](#)

RSE – Sexual Health and Well-being (Strand 2)

During our INSET day on Monday 5th June, Mrs. Tiani-Tanzi will be working with teachers ahead of them delivering our Relationships and Sexuality Education lessons in classes during next half-term.

Our RSE focus group have been working collaboratively to view resources and discuss the content of lessons. We will be sharing lesson outlines with you through the class newsletters before delivering

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the lessons in class. This will give you an opportunity to explore the learning at home. Mrs. Tiani-Tanzi has also very kindly offered to meet any families who want to view the resources ahead of us delivering the lessons. Further details will be shared at the start of June.

Year 6 residential - Condoover Hall

This trip takes places between 7th – 9th June. Please arrive at school for the normal time of 9.00am. All activities and rooms have now been allocated and the kit list has been shared via Schoop.

Friends of RPPS – upcoming events

At the end of the school day on **Friday 26th May** volunteers from the Friends of RPPS group will be **selling ice lollies** on the two playgrounds. These will be priced at 20p each. Please bring change with you if you would like to buy an ice lolly.

On **Friday 16th June at 7pm** the Friends of RPPS will be hosting a Parent / Carer Quiz Night. This event has been very well attended in the past and is usually lots of fun! Further details have been sent via Schoop – we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Internet Safety – home / school partnership

We have seen a slight rise in e-safety incidents at school. These have been low risk and resolved quickly by school staff. We have informed the relevant parents / carers about these incidents and suggested how to monitor at home. We would really appreciate your support in monitoring your child's use of mobile devices including games consoles, laptops, tablets and phones at home and we will continue to do so in school.

Mrs. Wright has asked me to share the following link with you as a starting place for you to discuss with your children: <https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online> We are currently putting e-safety guidance together for families.

Help for families*

We have helped many families by offering support in a variety of different ways. Please contact sivens@roathparkprm.co.uk if you wish to discuss what help and support we can offer as a school.

Alternatively, further information and guidance is also available from the Welsh Government website: <https://gov.wales/get-help-cost-living>

Attendance and punctuality*

Where a child does not come to school and we haven't received a call, email or voicemail we will be contacting parents straight away as part of our 'first response' strategy. We urge all parents to contact us if your child is unwell or cannot attend school and we will assist you where we can.

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It is also VITAL that you arrive to school on time. Our class registers will be shut at 9.05am meaning that any pupils who arrive after this time will be marked as absent. The benchmark for attendance across the school is 97% which equates to attending school on 189 days out of a possible 195 days.

If you are travelling abroad or visiting others next week, I wish you a safe journey. We look forward seeing you back at school on **Tuesday 6th June**.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Headteacher