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Dear RPPS Families

This week is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) week at Roath Park and the school is buzzing with excitement. Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Wright have challenged each year group to explore different methods of travel with the goal to transport an object around the school efficiently and safely. We are learning about coding, motorised cars, hover vehicles, mini robots, drones, pulley mechanisms, rockets and much more! See our school Twitter account for photos.

As we approach May half-term I just wanted to say thank you for your support. I hope you and your family have a restful break next week. Please remember that **Monday 5th June is an INSET day** so school will be closed to all pupils.

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.

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 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.

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Year 6 residential - Condoover Hall

Thank you for providing payment for the Condoover Hall residential visit.

Year 6 families are invited to attend a meeting where we will discuss chosen activities, kit lists and travel information on **Wednesday 24th May at 4.30pm**. This is likely to be in Miss James's Year 6 classroom and we will meet at the double gates near 'The Corner'.

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.

Warmer weather

Please ensure that your child wears lighter and cooler clothing through to the end of Summer Term. It is also worth considering applying sun cream and providing a hat when the weather gets really warm. Drink bottles are kept in class are accessible throughout the day.

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>

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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.

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.

School Successes

Rugby: Jake (Year 3) earned a medal playing in a tag rugby tournament recently.

Gymnastics: Lily and Chloe (Year 3) earned medals in gymnastics competitions a couple of weeks ago. Chloe's hard work and effort resulted in her achieving 1st place in the tumbling category.

Gymnastics: Elsie and Molly (Year 1) took part in the Somersaults Gymnastics competition and won medals for taking part.

A huge well done to each of you for your achievements – we are extremely proud of your efforts in school and outside of school. If I have missed anyone who has **recently** picked up **any** award, certificate or achievement outside of school please contact me with details
LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk

Many thanks for your continued support,

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