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Dear RPPS Families,

There is just one more school day to go before the Easter holiday break begins. I wish you and your family a restful two weeks – let's hope for an improvement in the weather! For those families observing Ramadan, please enjoy the remainder of the month. I will write to you again around the time of Eid al-Fitr.

Many thanks for all of your support through the Spring Term. Various events have been well attended and received – it has been lovely to see so many families enjoying time in school for various assemblies, Stay and Play events and Parents' Consultations.

Easter holidays

Our staff have worked tirelessly to provide quality learning and experiences throughout the Spring Term. I am asking them to switch off work emails from **4pm on Friday 31st March 2023** until we return to school on **Monday 17th April 2023**. Please direct any vital correspondence to me LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk

Year 2 – Year 6 Parents' Consultations

Over the last two weeks Teachers from Year 2 through to Year 6 engaged with families through Parents' Consultations. Thank you for your attendance and engagement.

In the last newsletter I thanked our Early Years (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) staff for their time and effort towards the Stay and Play events. I would now like to thank all staff from Year 2 through to Year 6 who know, understand and celebrate your children so well. We are extremely lucky to have such a fantastic team here at Roath Park.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire – March 2023

I have previously sent the Parent / Carer Questionnaire to Nursery, Reception and Year 1 families. Other families may have completed it already during the Parents' Evenings. If you have completed the questionnaire already, there is no need to do it again. We value your feedback and always look to improve as a school - I have attached a link to the questionnaire below;

[Parent / Carer Questionnaire - March 2023](#)

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023

Miss Owen has informed me that we are currently positioned 5th in Wales for our efforts to cycle, scoot or walk to school over the last two weeks. Over 75% of our community have chosen active travel – this is

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an outstanding effort. Thanks to Miss Owen, our Active Travel team, Rights Ambassadors and you, our families, for getting involved with this initiative.

Building / kitchen update

Necessary building work on the façade, roof and windows of our school is planned for a Summer 2023 start and this project is progressing well. There is also a long-term plan which involves building a new hall, kitchen, offices and corridor between the two buildings which will join the school up.

We are making exhaustive enquiries with our colleagues in the Local Authority to get an update on our existing kitchen and find a resolution to this situation. As communicated before, we are waiting for a fire-safe roller shutter to be signed off and a boiler to be checked. These are non-negotiable tasks because I am not prepared to risk the safety of our staff and pupils.

RSE focus group 2 - 17th April

As communicated to group members via email, the RSE focus group will meet on Monday 17th April at 4pm in the Learning Plaza (located in the main school building). I will share the outcomes of this group meeting in a future newsletter. This focus group is currently at full capacity.

'Friends of Roath Park Primary School' committee

Keep an eye on Facebook, Schoop and our school website for some fun activities currently being planned by our Friends of RPPS.

Internet Safety – Guide for Parent / Carers

Keeping pupils safe online is something we take very seriously at Roath Park. Mrs. Wright is currently working on a package of support for families to help with keeping children safe online whilst they are at home.

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 hope this is useful to you.

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

Cheerleading: Jasmine (Year 6) achieved first place in a cheerleading competition with her team 'Rebellion Allstars'.

Taekwondo: Norah (Year 1) has received green ends on her belt for Taekwondo from the UTI Wales Club.

Tennis: Alex (Year 3) was awarded a medal at a competition at Old St. Mellons tennis club last weekend.

Piano: Lucas (Year 5) passed the Trinity College initial piano exam with Merit.

Cello: Jason (Year 4) achieved his grade 1 music exam.

Cardiff Bay 2K 'fun run': A number of children participated in the Cardiff Bay 2 kilometre 'fun run'.

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. If I have missed anyone who has **recently** picked up an award, certificate or achievement outside of school please contact me with details

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Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Acting Headteacher

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