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Dear RPPS Families,

I hope are staying warm in this cold weather. Thank you for providing your children with warm clothing and wellies for yesterday's school day in the snow. It was such a fantastic day – please check Twitter and Seesaw for photos of your children enjoying playing and learning in the snow. Your support with this was greatly appreciated.

DEC Appeal – Turkey and Syria

Our fundraising week where we created a 'heart full of coins' and enjoyed a non-school uniform day raised a total of **£1,246.45** towards the DEC Appeal following the devastating Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Our 'Roath Park Kind Hearts' fundraising team, alongside Mrs. Richards did an amazing job of communicating their plan then counting and banking the funds. A huge thanks to all of them – Nancy (Year 2), Lucas and Jake (Year 3), Ibrahim and Sam (Year 5), Gwen, Bianca, Jasmine and Evan (Year 6) for their kindness and generosity.

Eisteddfod 2023

Llongyfarchiadau (Congratulations) to all pupils for taking part in a brilliant day of celebrating our Welsh culture and heritage last week. Families worked hard to produce delicious cakes, outstanding models, learn recitations / songs and musical pieces. We appreciate the great deal of effort and support you've given the children.

I want to extend a huge thank you and well done to Mr. Newbury and Mr. Parsons for coordinating this year's Eisteddfod. This year's Bard competition winner was Sofia in Year 6 – all entries were very strong but Sofia's anonymous entry received the most votes from staff and she was crowned as Eisteddfod Bard 2023. Da iawn bawb! Well done everyone!

Year 3 assembly – 10th March

Year 3 will be performing an assembly to share their learning tomorrow morning in the school hall. Please arrive by 9.15am – the assembly will start at 9.30am. This date has been communicated on the updated Family Planner and by teachers on Seesaw and Schoop. There will be enough space available for other family members too.

Industrial Action – NEU members on 15th / 16th March

As communicated previously, NEU members will be taking part in lawful industrial action on **Wednesday 15th March** and **Thursday 16th March**. Later today I will communicate which classes will be in school these dates. Please check Schoop for this information.

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Parent Consultations

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 'stay and play' events will be taking place week beginning 13th March. The teachers have forwarded you information on how to book. Year 1 staff are taking bookings at the start or end of the day – please see one of the team to book an appointment.

NB: The previous version of the Family Planner had Year 1's consultation week beginning 20th March – this has come forward a week as we are offering a 'Stay and Play' event instead.

Year 2 and Year 3 parent consultations are taking place on **Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March**. These will be in the school hall. Books will be provided and teachers will be able to discuss your child's progress. The consultations will be for 10 minutes only. Mrs. Lark is currently setting up the booking system and will be in touch with you soon.

Year 4, 5 and 6 parent consultations are taking place on **Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March**. These will be in the school hall. Books will be provided and teachers will be able to discuss your child's progress. The consultations will be for 10 minutes only. Mrs. Lark is currently setting up the booking system and will be in touch with you soon.

Llangrannog 15th-17th March

This trip is going ahead as normal and will not be affected by NEU industrial strike action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 15th March. All trip details have been sent to Year 5 parents. Mr. Newbury, Mr. Lewis. Miss Owen and Miss R Evans are attending the trip. Mr. Newbury, as Welsh Leader, has coordinated this residential visit.

Miss M Evans and Ms Marker have planned and communicated details for an alternative day trip to Storey Arms activity centre for those not attending the Llangrannog trip. Miss Evans has coordinated this visit.

RSE focus group 20th March

As communicated to group members via email, the RSE focus group will meet on Monday 20th March at 4pm. I will share the outcomes of this group meeting in a future newsletter. This group is currently at full capacity.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 20th March

Miss Owen is very excited to be leading on our annual Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel Week' this year. We ask that as many pupils as possible travel to / from school either by walking, cycling or scooting throughout the week. Further communication will be shared next week with plans for loaning bikes and scooters.

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Building Update

Further positive talks have taken place regarding the front of the school building. The roof, masonry and windows will either be repaired or replaced with work to begin this summer.

School meals*

We are waiting for a fire shutter to be adjusted and signed off, our new lunch tables to be delivered, a gas boiler to be checked and a new member of staff to be added to the kitchen team. I've been promised that the above will happen soon and will of course keep you updated on this.

As communicated before, we require the existing kitchen and temporary kitchen to both be open and operational in order for us to provide the options of Universal Primary Free School Meals and paid school meals.

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.

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

Karate: Alice and Eleanor have been awarded medals for wins in recent karate competitions. They performed in Kata and Kumite categories earning 5 bronze, silver and gold medals between them. Amazing!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Acting Headteacher

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