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Dear RPPS Families,

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxed half-term break. Apologies for sending this week's newsletter out on a Sunday – I just wanted to share some key information and upcoming dates ahead of pupils returning to school tomorrow. We look forward to seeing you all at 8.55am in the morning.

Mrs. Bailey

It is with deep sadness that I am to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Margaret Bailey. Mr. Parsons has very kindly provided us with an insight into her life and commitment to Roath Park Primary;

Margaret and her sister Betty grew up on Angus Street and were pupils at Roath Park. She went on to work as a clerk for a shipping company in the Docks before working in later years for Cardiff Council. Margaret married Harry Bailey and both were very happy. After Harry died, she started to volunteer at Roath Park Primary and helped many children with reading. Former Headteacher, Mrs. James, began the annual past-pupil reunions of which Margaret was a stalwart. Mrs. Bailey worked in Year 1, 2 and 3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for over 20 years.

Mrs. Bailey was a great friend to many of us at Roath Park and we shall miss her humour, kindness and avid love for children.

Eisteddfod 2023 – Wednesday 1st March

As already communicated by Mr. Newbury, Eisteddfod model entries should be brought into school tomorrow. Our annual Eisteddfod will take place on Wednesday 1st March – different year groups will be in the hall throughout the day to take part in a range of celebratory events. When the children are in their classroom, all learning will be linked to our Welsh culture and heritage for the day.

Industrial Action – NEU members on Thursday 2nd March

As communicated previously, NEU members will be taking part in lawful industrial action on **Thursday 2nd March**. I have communicated which classes are in school as normal and will share the plan again ahead of Thursday.

World Book Day – Friday 3rd March

We updated the Family Planner a few weeks ago – one of the changes was to move World Book Day to Friday 3rd March so it did not clash with the proposed NEU members strike on Thursday 2nd March.

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, in their pyjamas or comfortable clothes. We would encourage children to bring their favourite book to school with them on this day or

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otherwise borrow one from school. It is not necessary to buy a new costume for World Book Day. The day will consist of lots of tasks and learning linked to the enjoyment of reading.

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

Climbing: Eesa in Year 5 has achieved Level 1 Certificate as A New Climber for the National Indoor Climbing Awards Schemes (NICAS). I look forward to catching up with Eesa and discussing his achievement tomorrow morning. Well done Eesa!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Acting Headteacher

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