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Dear RPPS Families,

The weather is beginning to get warmer and the nights a little lighter – spring is on its way!

Last week saw Year 4 complete their two-week programme of swimming lessons, Year 3 enjoy a trip to St. Fagans and Valentines Disco's for children from Reception through to Year 6. Lots of fun was had by all and through your kind donations, we were able to treat all of the children to some snacks and drinks. Many thanks for your brilliant support.

On Friday 17th February Year 2 will share what they have been learning with you as they'll be up on stage for their assemblies. Full details have been shared with you via Seesaw, Y2 Newsletter and Schoop.

- Class 2B (Mrs. Burnett) will be performing at **9.30am**
- Class 2W (Mrs. Watts) will be performing at **2.30pm**

Please remember that it is half-term next week (week beginning 20th February) and school will resume on Monday 27th February. The first week will be busy with our annual Eisteddfod and World Book Day. More information on these events can be found below.

Important term dates and times

We have updated some dates and times on the Family Planner (see highlighted areas).
Click here: [Family Planner 2022-23 UPDATED](#)

Industrial Action – NEU members

As communicated previously, the planned strike action for today (14.2.2023) was postponed by the NEU and rescheduled for Thursday 2nd March. I will communicate further updates as I receive them.

Raising funds for Syria and Turkey

We are currently raising funds for the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) in order to provide aid for those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. A heart-shaped mural will appear outside today which will contain your donations to the appeal. Thank you for supporting this.

Administering medicines

All parents and carers must complete a medical form at the Main Office before any new or existing medicines can be administered by school staff. You can enter the school site to do this – just as a member of staff for assistance and we will help you.

Children **should not** carry medicines including eye drops, inhalers in their school bags.

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Building update

The Local Authority have given us a provisional date of the summer holidays for work to start on the loose brickwork and masonry on the front of the building. Parts of the roof and some windows will also need to be changed – this will happen whilst the scaffolding is up too.

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

Learning journals: Molly, Uno, Archie and Alice in Year 1 showcased their fantastic learning this week by talking us through their learning journals. It was fantastic to see their progress and all of the fun they have had at school.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Acting Headteacher

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