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Dear RPPS Families,

We were treated to a fantastic 'Tudors Got Talent' Year 4 assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. What a show it was too – full of information, facts and fun! Thank you to all Year 4 families who attended the show. It was great to see so many of you.

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February the Valentine's Discos will take place after school. We will be sending a flyer out later today with all the key information. All of our important event dates can be found here: [FAMILY PLANNER 2022-23 UPDATED](#)

#### **Industrial Action – NEU members**

We really appreciate your kindness and support during this period of Industrial Action. As a school we were able to open fully on February 1<sup>st</sup> because our Risk Assessment showed every class could be in school without any negative impact on pupil safety and well-being.

Over the next three proposed dates we do expect class closures. I will communicate this information with you as early as possible in order for you to make plans - each date will be shared separately. The next date for strike action to take place is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

We fully respect and support the right of our teachers to take part in lawful strike action. The NEU's current campaign is about fairer funding and pay in schools.

#### **RSE Code in Wales – 'Sexual Health and Well-being' meeting / focus group**

Our meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January was again very well attended and a rich conversation took place. Mrs. Tiani-Tanzi shared many of the resources we will be using to support the 'Sexual Health and Well-being' strand of the RSE Code in Wales. Our Senior Leadership Team were available to answer questions, provide opinions and listen to others' ideas.

I will be in contact with those that have expressed an interest in being part of our focus group by the end of the day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. This group will explore the other two strands of the RSE Code.

#### **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 ask 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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### **Scaffolding**

Earlier this week parts of the scaffolding were temporarily adjusted and then returned to how they were before. This was so a digital survey of the front of the building could take place. The Local Authority have given me 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\***

New appliances have now been fitted into our existing school kitchen. We are now 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](mailto: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**

**Forest School:** Reception and Year 2 are currently enjoying their turn at visiting Forest Farm to sharpen their Forest School skills. Many thanks to our teachers for providing this brilliant experience. The children are loving it – please visit SeeSaw and Twitter for regular updates.

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**Swimming:** Year 4 have completed a full week of swimming lessons. Miss Phillips, Mr. Husband and Mrs. Tiani-Tanzi have told me that the children are really enjoying it and are making great progress. I'm lucky enough to see this first-hand today as I am going along to the swimming pool with them.

**Gymnastics:** Archie and Elsie in Year 1 have achieved their Level 1 in General Gymnastics Award. This is a brilliant achievement – da iawn both!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald  
Acting Headteacher

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