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Dear RPPS Families,

It's been a really busy start to the year at RPPS with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the school. This week alone I have been lucky enough to see some brilliant learning linked to Science and Technology, spend time listening to children who have made spectacular progress in their reading and watch adults and children working hard to improve their storytelling skills.

I have included the most up-to-date information for our fantastic school below.

Family Planner

A small change has been made to the Year 3 Assembly date. Please see the latest version of the Family Planner here: [FAMILY PLANNER 2022-23 UPDATED](#)

RSE Code in Wales – ‘Sexual Health and Well-being’ meeting

Our second group meeting about the RSE Code in Wales is at 4.30pm on Monday 23rd January 2023. This will take place in the school hall – please enter via the double gates on Pen-Y-Wain Road near ‘The Corner’. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide childcare arrangements on this evening.

The focus for this meeting will be the Sexual Health and Well-being strand. A link to the RSE Code in Wales can be found here: <https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/curriculum-for-wales-relationships-sexuality-education-code.pdf>

We will only focus on Phase 1 and Phase 2 given that we are a Primary School with children aged 3-11.

We are looking to continue this work into the future and would like those interested in this topic to consider joining a focus group. I will share further information on the RSE focus group at the meeting next week and afterwards on Schoop.

Parent Governor election

I am delighted to share that Mr. Dennis De Widt, Mr. Graeme Tully and Dr. Richard Harris have been elected as Parent Governors. I'd like to say thank you all nominees for showing an interest in these positions and extend my gratitude to everyone who voted for the Parent Governor candidates.

Teachers Strike Action

NEU and NAHT teaching unions have reported that their members will have the option to take strike action. We will write to you next week to explain the impact strike action could have on our school. We will respect our teachers' decisions but take necessary and reasonable steps to keep our school open.

School meals*

On Friday 30th January we are expected to receive a delivery of appliances which will be installed in the existing kitchen (situated in the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 building). This is a positive step in the right direction and brings us a little closer to offering a higher number of hot school meals at lunchtime.

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Alongside members of our Governing Body, I am continually asking for updates on this issue. I am conscious that many of our families would like to pay for school meals for their children and I want to deliver this option. We require our existing kitchen, temporary kitchen, canteen and hall all to be in full working order in order to deliver Welsh Government's programme of Universal Primary Free School Meals and then paid meals for those who wishes to receive them across the school.

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.

Scaffolding

A plan to carry out work on school building was shared with me this week. Unfortunately, the scaffolding will stay up for a few more months but the good news is that the brickwork, masonry and roof of the school building are expected to be repaired this summer. I'll share more information on this when I receive it.

School Successes

Writing instructions: Ross in Year 2 visited me earlier this week to show me some outstanding work. He had written a set of instructions on how to find a secret room here Roath Park Primary School. Well done Ross – I look forward to finding out a bit more about this mystery space!

Reading: Zain in Year 4 has made wonderful progress in his reading. I loved hearing him read earlier this week and can say that everyone at RPPS is really proud of his efforts.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Acting Headteacher

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