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Dear RPPS Families,

Many thanks for your support towards our Children in Need 2022 event last Friday – we raised a fantastic £324.95 through dressing up in mis-matched, mixed up and back-to-front outfits, kind donations and a group of children selling toys on the playground. We'd like to thank you all for your generosity and kindness.

Year 5 Year Group Assembly

On **Friday 25th November at 9.15am** Year 5 will be performing their year group assembly. We are very excited for this event and really hope that as many Year 5 parents / carers and other family members as possible can attend. Please arrive at the double gates (nearest 'The Corner') just after 9am. This event and all other year group assemblies can be found on the yearly Family Planner.

Cymru at the World Cup!

Thank you for sending your children to school wearing red as a show of support for our Welsh football team. On Friday morning we will be showing the Wales vs. Iran game at 10am in all classes. We are still trying to work out how our Year 2 and Year 4 classes will watch the game once they arrive back in school after their trips to the cinema in the morning. The best-case scenario would be to record and play back the game and the worst-case scenario will be to show the game on 'catch-up' the following day. Wales's remaining World Cup matches can be found below;

Wales vs Iran – Friday 25th November (10am kick off)*

Wales vs England – Tuesday 29th November (7pm kick off)

*The Year 5 assembly on Friday 25th November will finish well before the Iran fixture begins.

RSE Meeting postponed and rescheduled

Our second meeting for Relationships and Sexuality Education was due to take place on Monday 5th December at 4pm. We have decided to postpone this meeting until **Monday 23rd January at 4pm**. We have done this because;

- We are currently compiling a bank of resources which are suitable for all of our learners which has taken longer than we anticipated.
- We want to ensure that the resources are suitable and developmentally appropriate.
- Our Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team have been actively involved and require more time in looking at the resources.

We hope to see all parents with an interest in the resources we will use to support the teaching of RSE at the meeting in January.

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Christmas Movie Night

On Tuesday 29th November we will be showing 'Christmas Chronicles: Part 2' in the school hall. This is the same evening as the England vs. Wales World Cup match so we understand that some families will have already made plans.

- Only Year 2 to Year 6 pupils can attend this event.
- Families will collect their child as normal at 3.30pm and take them to the school hall.
- There is no cost for entry.
- Drinks and popcorn will be provided - £1 per child.
- Blankets / pillows etc. can be brought into school.
- The film is rated PG but we feel it is suitable for your children.
- Families will collect at 5.30pm from the double gates on pen-Y-Wain Road (near 'The Corner').

Attendance and punctuality*

Many thanks to all families who have stuck to the guidance about attendance and punctuality. Unfortunately, we have noticed that attendance is starting to drop as we get closer to Christmas. It is of great concern to me that we are sometimes not notified if a child is not going to be in school on a particular day. I have included a reminder about good attendance and punctuality below.

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.

Family Planner 2022/23*

All important dates and events can be found on the Family Planner (link below). These are subject to change but we will resend the document if changes are made.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/roathparkprimaryschool/UploadedDocument/5c3fdcc0-a156-4952-9311-fa354c3bf19c/family-planner-2022-23.pdf>

School meals*

Thank you to all families who have responded to the School meals survey. I've got a very clear idea of how many hot dinners are required for each day over a two-week period and know that we can facilitate this once our existing kitchen in the Early Years building is refurbished.

I had a meeting with Cardiff Council's Catering Management Team on Friday 11th November during a lunch service. This was very useful and the team could see the issues we are experiencing as a result of not having our existing kitchen operational. We are waiting for appliances to be delivered, emergency lighting to be installed and a roller shutter to be installed correctly. I am emailing the buildings team weekly about each of these issues. It was agreed that this work needs to be completed before we can offer paid school meals across the school. We have now worked with a colleague in the catering team to begin the launch of

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ParentPay and will be sharing more information as soon as we can. I will keep you up-to-date with each item above as it progresses. I hope to have this resolved quickly so we can start offering meals to a wider group of pupils.

Help for families*

We fully understand that the rising cost of fuel, food and other daily essentials has and will continue to put an enormous strain on families in our learning community. We want to help anyone who is affected by the rising cost of living by offering discretionary guidance and support. So far, we have done this by; taking families to food cooperatives, providing pre-loved school uniform and essentials and liaising with local charities / organisations to obtain vouchers and other goods.

After half-term we will be publishing a strategy on how we can support you in the near future. It is important that you let us know if you require some help with accessing food or reducing costs in your home. Mrs. Ivens's email address is sivens@roathparkprm.co.uk

Further information and guidance is also available from the Welsh Government website:
<https://gov.wales/get-help-cost-living>

School Successes

Karate: We have another karate champion at Roath Park! Robin from Year 1 achieved first place in the National Karate League last weekend. The league includes pupils from schools across the UK competing so this a huge achievement. Sensei Rob tells me that we now have four Karate champions at Roath Park so I'm beginning to think there is something in the water! Congratulations Robin – da iawn ti.

Stars on stage: Betsi, Fleur, Lauren and Phia from Year 6 were stars on stage with friends from the Cardiff Scout and Guide Gang Show for four showings of 'Land Of The Lost' at the New Theatre last week. The girls have worked tirelessly to practice songs and refine their performances leading into the event. The shows took place over four evenings involving late finishes. Well done girls – you've done us all proud.

Toy sale: Lukas and Jake in Year 3 and Sam in Year 5 put together a stall to sell toys raising money for Children in Need. They sourced toys, set a price list, set up and sold their stock. This was a lovely idea and contributed towards helping other children out by raising funds. Thank you for your kindness boys.

I wish you a good week ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Acting Headteacher

*NB: * shows regularly communicated items*

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