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Dear RPPS Families,

Many thanks to those of you who visited school last week either to support our Yard Sale or for Open Sessions in Nursery and Reception.

Last Wednesday's Yard Sale raised over £1,150 for the DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal – I'd like to thank you all for the wonderful donations and coming in to support us in the torrential rain! A special mention must be made to Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Ivens, Mrs. Shaz and all other staff and volunteers who made the event possible.

Open sessions in Nursery and Reception started last week and will continue throughout this week. It has been great to see you spending time with your children in class. Many of you have provided lovely feedback on how invaluable it was to chat about how they've settled in with our Early Years team. Thank you!

#### **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.

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](mailto:sivens@roathparkprm.co.uk)

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

#### **School meals - Update**

We are delighted that Universal Primary Free School Meals are being offered to all Reception and eFSM pupils across the school. This is working really well and the children are enjoying the experience. To help us in school, we would like families to discuss with their child what they are having for lunch each day and support their child to correctly use a knife, fork and spoon when eating at home.

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We are **not** in a position to offer School Meals to any other year groups just yet. This is because; our existing kitchen is currently undergoing a refurbishment, we are currently working with the LA to launch Parent Pay as a form of online payment / meal selection and our position of cooking meals from a temporary kitchen unit.

Thank you to those families who have requested further information and updates on school meals – we appreciate your patience and hope we can start offering hot meals to your children as soon as possible.

### **RSE (Relationship and Sexuality Education) meeting dates**

We are going to hold two RSE meetings with our school community this side of Christmas. I urge anyone who is interested in this topic or has questions for us as their child's school to do their best to attend. Dates and meeting details can be found below;

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm:** Ms. Marker shared the details of the first meeting via Schoop last Friday. This meeting is to share the RSE Code and discuss talking points as a school community. Children will not be able to attend this meeting so please ensure you have alternative childcare arrangements in place. We will not be able to offer a solution in school as many of our staff will be taking part in the meeting and we expect many families to attend.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm:** We hope to share the resources and tell you more about our school's approach to teaching RSE during this meeting. Children will not be able to attend this meeting so please ensure you have alternative childcare arrangements in place. We will not be able to offer a solution in school as many of our staff will be taking part in the meeting and we expect many families to attend.

### **INSET Day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Our next staff training INSET day is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Please see the Family Planner (link below) for other important school dates.

### **Family Planner\***

I've sent this out a couple of times already but here is a link to the Family Planner for 2022/23. Please download it and refer to it throughout the year. Dates and events 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>

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### 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

Karate – Nephele in Year 6 became **World Champion** in the Kata category at the WKA World Championship in Poland earlier this month. This is an amazing achievement and testament to the time and effort she puts into training.

Summer Reading Challenge – We are delighted to share that many children have been recognised by Penylan Library for their engagement during the summer holidays. Anna and Sioned are coming into school very soon to deliver certificates and medals to those who completed various challenges.

Senedd Parc Y Rhath | Roath Park Senedd – Congratulations to all Year 6 pupils who have been appointed to our school Senedd. This is a great opportunity for you to be involved in change through whole school projects and events.

A huge well done to all those mentioned above.

Kind regards,

Mr. L Fitzgerald  
Acting Headteacher

*NB: \* shows regularly communicated items*

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