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Dear RPPS Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you in school last week for the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 'Stay and Play' events. These were very well attended and we were really impressed to see so many parents joining in with their child's learning!

We'd love to gather some feedback from you on the Stay and Play event. Please follow the link to complete a short questionnaire: [Parent / Carer Questionnaire - October 2023](#)

#### **Family Consultations for Year 2 through to Year 6**

Year 2 through to Year 6 Family Consultations (Parents' Evenings) will take place in the **school hall**. Please enter and exit via the double gates on Pen-Y-Wain Road (near 'The Corner').

**Year 2 and 3** will take place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

**Year 4, 5 and 6** will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

This week you will receive a text message inviting you to book your appointment online. Please do this ASAP in order to secure a day and time which works for you.

Pre-loved school uniform stands will be set up at the event - we encourage you to take what you need. If you'd like to make a voluntary donation for the uniform, collection boxes will be available.

A QR code will provide a link to our Parent / Carer Questionnaire. This will be displayed on the screen in the school hall. Your feedback helps us to improve further and messages of support are always shared with our team.

#### **GLOW Discos**

Our annual Glow Discos will take place in the school hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Years 1, 2 and 3** will be from **3.45pm** until **4.45pm** (parents should collect children as normal at end of school day and transport them to school hall)

**Years 4, 5 and 6** will be from **5.00pm** until **6.00pm** (children should return to school in time for the disco).

Cost of entry to the Glow Discos will be £2 per child which will include a snack and a drink. The children can wear any bright, colourful items of clothing they wish to.

Collection will be from the double gates on Pen-Y-Wain Road (near 'The Corner').

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### **Yearly Planner**

Our Yearly Planner for the 2023-24 academic year can be found below – please print this off or save it as it contains all key dates for the next school year. If we amend the dates, we will publish a new Yearly Planner on our website and circulate this via Schoop.

[YEARLY PLANNER 2023/24](#)

### **Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM) rollout**

From 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 all Year 4 pupils will be offered a UPFSM.

Cardiff Council are planning to introduce a new primary menu after the half term break on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and are therefore delaying Year 4 until the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The UPFSM rollout will continue for Year 5 and Year 6 – we envisage this taking place after Christmas but are awaiting a firm date from Cardiff Council.

### **Cardiff Child Friendly Awards - nominations**

Many thanks for your nominations. The deadline has now passed so we cannot accept any further nominations. Miss James is in receipt of all responses and has submitted these to Child Friendly Cardiff for review. An announcement on award winners is expected by the end of October.

### **Governing Body Annual Report to Families**

The report will be shared with families early this week. We are just awaiting sign-off from our Clerk to the Governing Body.

### **School trips, experiences and visits**

You may have noticed that we are starting to plan experiences and trips across the school. We will do our very best to ensure the trips are; financially viable for all families and impactful in terms of learning.

Our school minibuses will be used for local trips which will assist in keeping costs low. We ask families to contribute £1 for local trips to cover fuel costs.

### **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 your child arrives 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.

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### **Requesting holiday leave**

Requests for holiday leave should be made to me via email. Please include the following details; purpose of visit, location of visit, dates of visit.

Where Roath Park Primary and Cardiff Council do not know the whereabouts of your child, we will investigate. Cardiff Council regulations state that if the pupil is absent for over **20 school days** and hasn't returned from their holiday and is not back in school on day 21 then the regulations permit schools to remove the child from their register.

### **School successes**

**Football:** Ewan (6L) recently won player of the week after scoring for his team. The team were only set up 6 weeks ago and with Ewan's goal they drew 1-1

**Swimming:** Lucas (6O) took part in the Cardiff City swimming club 2023 championship. It was his first gala and he completed 6 events.

**Tennis:** Alex (4HT) has been selected in the under 9 years old South Wales county tennis squad and he had his first training recently.

**Karate:** Noor (Year 2) competed at the Welsh Karate League championship 5 with Sensei Rob and won the gold medal in Kata, which makes her a triple Kata champion.

**Reading:** Reman (Year 2) and Ibrahim (Year 6) both completed their reading challenge at Star Hub Library and will join many others to receive a certificate in this Friday's Merit Assembly.

**Swimming:** Reman (Year 2) made great progress in swimming during the summer holiday achieving 96% in foundation level.

**Lifesaving:** Ibrahim (Year 6) completed a week Course of Life Saving at Star Hub.

**Cardiff 10k and Half-Marathon:** Many of you within our school community completed this year's Cardiff 10K and Half-Marathon. Your commitment and dedication raised essential awareness and funding for numerous local and national charities and foundations. Congratulations to you all!

A huge well done to each of you for your fantastic achievements – we are extremely proud of your efforts in school and outside of school. If I have missed anyone who has recently picked up an award, certificate or achievement outside of school please contact me with details [LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk)

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald  
Headteacher

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