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Dear RPPS Families,

We kicked off this year's Christmas concerts in style yesterday with our fabulous Reception cohort performing "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel". May I thank all families for coming along to support your children. Those at the shows will agree that the children did brilliantly and had lots of fun up on stage. A big well done to all staff involved.

A full list of shows and showtimes can be found on the Yearly Planner and on letters brought home last week. Tickets are still available - please remember to provide a £1 payment for each ticket. The shows are limited at 140 tickets per show (up to 2 per child) as we have to maintain a safe environment for everyone in the school hall.

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](#)

Missing reading books

Mr. Newbury has recently completed an audit of our Oxford Reading Tree books scheme. Unfortunately, there are lots of books missing. We have found some in school but believe lots were sent home and have not returned to school. Please could you check and return any books by 21st December.

Christmas cards for children

One of our parents has very kindly donated a post box which we will use to gather Christmas cards sent to children in school. This can be found in the downstairs corridor of the main building.

If your child would like to post a Christmas card to a friend in their class or any other class, they just need to write their friend's name, initial of last name and class e.g. "Thomas F – Class 2B" and it will be delivered on their behalf.

Christmas gifts for staff

Some parents have asked staff what gifts they would like for Christmas. We really appreciate your kind thoughts and sentiments but do not expect gifts from families. Our only wish is for you to enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas break with your family.

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Christmas Jumper 'Swap Shop' – Thursday 7th December

We sent a Schoop out about this earlier in the week. Please do not buy a new Christmas Jumper for this – an old one or just wearing festive colours is enough. There will be an opportunity to swap Christmas Jumpers in class but your child does not have to join in.

We will not be raising money as part of Christmas Jumper Day this year as we have run several charity events already this term.

Friends of Roath Park 'Winter Fayre' – Thursday 14th December

Many thanks to our 'Friends of Roath Park' PTA group who are busily preparing for the Winter Fayre on Thursday 14th December. The event will run from 5.30pm until 8.00pm.

Lots of information has been shared on Schoop already but if you have any questions or are able to help out, please contact pta@roathparkprm.co.uk

School meals

Some families are not regularly ordering school meals through the Parentpay website. Please ensure that you do this in advance so we can provide the correct meal for your child. Menus and further details can be found on Parentpay.

The Universal Primary Free School Meal (UPFSM) rollout is currently up to Year 4 and will include Year 5 / Year 6 in Spring Term 2024. I will communicate more information about this in the new year.

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 or late. The benchmark for attendance across the school is 97% which equates to attending school on 189 days out of a possible 195 days.

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. My email address is LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk

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

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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: Roni (Year 6) was named man of the match and captain for the following game during a recent football match.

Violin: Gwil (Year 6) completed his Grade 2 violin exam achieving 113 points.

Piano: Lucie (Year 3) received a merit for her grade 1 piano exam.

Taekwondo: Frankie (Reception) was awarded his yellow belt and certificate last weekend.

Artwork: Zoe (Year 6) entered the Perfect Pets art competition and won a certificate. Three children who attend Plasnewydd Out Of School Club have now won awards and certificates for this.

Rugby: Jaxon (Year 3) recently won man of the match for his team St Alban.

Running: Our very own Mr. Parsons, lots of parents and children ran the 5k Santa Dash in Cardiff Bay last Saturday.

Karate: Angus (Year 3) competed in a karate tournament last Saturday where he won medals for 2nd and 3rd place.

A huge well done to each of you for your fantastic achievements – we are extremely proud of your efforts inside 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

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Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Headteacher

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