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Dear RPPS Families,

Happy New Year to you all. Last week's return to school was fantastic – your children have settled back in really quickly and there was a buzz around the school all week.

The weather has been colder recently so many children have been wearing scarves, hats and gloves to school. Please ensure that all items are clothing are marked with your child's name as the number of lost items always increases during the cold, winter months.

### **Parking**

Again, due to the cold weather, more families than usual are opting to drive to and from school. As mentioned many times before, the best and safest places to park can be found a short walk from the school gates. We recommend parking on Ninian Road or Alder Road and then walking to the school gates.

It is unsafe to; double park in the road, park on or near junctions, park on double yellow lines or the zig zag yellow lines outside school and also to stop in the middle of the road. These actions put pedestrians at risk and as a school we prioritise the safety of everyone in and around the school premises.

### **'School Street' proposal**

On **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** at **5pm** we will be hosting a community meeting about the proposal to introduce a 'School Street' on a section of Diana Street and Tyn Y Coed Place. We feel it is really important that our community have their say on this matter. If you'd like to find out more or have questions then please do your best to attend. The meeting will take place in the school hall.

### **Baby news!**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 1.18pm Miss James (Teacher in Year 5) and her partner Ben welcomed their baby daughter Wynnie into the world. Wynnie was born at the University Hospital of Wales weighing 7lb 11oz. She is now home with her Mum and Dad and everyone is doing really well.

We wish Miss James, Ben and Wynnie lots of love and happiness as they enjoy this precious period of time together.

### **New website**

We are delighted to share our new-look school website: [www.roathparkprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.roathparkprimaryschool.co.uk)  
Some pages are currently being updated but the majority of content has been transferred already. This is a space for information about our school.

All learning content will continue to be shared via Seesaw and Google Classroom.

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### **Community Pantry**

Last week we received an incredible donation of long-life food and essentials. We are hoping to help as many families out at the start of 2024. Please email [sivens@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:sivens@roathparkprm.co.uk) on a Monday or Tuesday if you want to coordinate a visit to collect some items or come to 'The Cabin' on the Year 4-6 playground at 3.30pm after school each day.

### **School meals**

The Universal Primary Free School Meal (UPFSM) rollout is currently up to Year 4 and will include Year 5 / Year 6 soon. I am awaiting confirmation of dates to continue the rollout and will communicate these as soon as possible.

### **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 [L.Fitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:L.Fitzgerald@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 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**

We love reading about our pupils' successes outside of school. If your child has been awarded a certificate, trophy or just done something fantastic please let me know via email.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald  
Headteacher

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