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Dear RPPS Families,

We are at the end of this short but very sweet half-term. It's been a very busy five weeks with lots of fun and exciting learning experiences taking place at school. We'd like to say a big thank you for coming out to support your children during musical performances, assemblies, school events and immersion days.

Tomorrow (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February) marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year 2024. May I wish all families celebrating lots of happiness and joy as you share time your family and friends.

Next week is half-term. As always, please allow our team some time to rest and relax. In the event of an emergency or if you need to contact us urgently, please email me: [LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk)

### Yearly Planner

The most up-to-date version of the Yearly Planner can be found below. It is a good idea to print this and check it regularly. If dates change, I will communicate these through Schoop.

Click here: [YEARLY PLANNER 2023-24](#)

### 'Spot the Oddity' – Friends of RPPS

Our fantastic PTFA have created a free, fun, family activity for over half-term. 'Spot the Oddity' will involve finding unusual objects in the shop windows along Wellfield Road. Further details have been shared by the Friends of RPPS committee via Schoop. Pob lwc!

### Upcoming events

There are a number of events and visits taking place straight after half-term. I have included these below but please check the Yearly Planner for a full list of upcoming activities.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** INSET Day 4 (school closed to all pupils)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** Health screening for Reception pupils

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Eisteddfod models to be brought into school

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Year 5 and Year 6 trip to London

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Year 4 visiting Cardiff Museum

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Friends of RPPS (PTFA) open meeting from 3.45pm – 5.15pm in the staffroom

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Year 3 Assembly – 9.30am in the school hall

### Eisteddfod 2024

Our annual Eisteddfod where we celebrate Welsh culture, heritage and language will be celebrated on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Mr. Newbury will share all information about this year's Eisteddfod later today. Please read this carefully and help your child to take part in the competitions.

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### School meals

We do not have confirmed dates for the rollout of Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM) into Year 5 and Year 6 just yet. Once we do have the dates, we will share them with families and start issuing ParentPay letters so you can set up order meals online.

### School Essentials Grant

Some of our families might need financial support to buy school uniform, sports kit, school bags and stationery. You can apply for the School Essentials Grant here: [Cardiff Council - School Essentials Grant](#)

### New website

We have made further tweaks to our school website and more are on the way. You can access it by clicking here: [www.roathparkprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.roathparkprimaryschool.co.uk)  
The website will hold all essential information about the school. All learning content for pupils will continue to be shared with families via Seesaw and Google Classroom.

### School Disco

Last night's School Disco was lots of fun. It was great to see so many children even though the weather was appalling throughout the day. Thanks to families for arriving promptly for drop-off and collection. We raised £232.22 which will be spent on whole-school resources.

### 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 – the school day starts at 8.55am. Our school gates and class registers will be closed 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](mailto: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 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.

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### School successes

**Swimming:** Fatima (Year 5) has achieved her Bronze Award for swimming

**Karate:** Samantha (Year 5) took part in ITF Wales open taekwondo competition and won gold medal in patterns and gold medal in sparing

**Rugby:** Jaxon (Year 3) was named man of the match for St Albans Rugby Club after scoring 5 tries.

**Karate:** Eleanor (Year 5) competed in Ireland and got bronze medals in kata for her age group, the 11-12 age group, and in team kata for the 13-17 age group.

**Karate:** Alisha (Year 3) & Alayna (Year 1) have moved up to the white yellow belt, 10th kyu and syllabus A.

**Football:** Rudy (Year 5) was named man of the match for his team.

**Ballet:** Etta (Year 3) had her primary ballet exam result at the beginning of month and she received a high merit. She has now moved into Grade 1.

**Football:** Ewan (Year 6) was named man of the match for his team - the second time in three weeks.

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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