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Dear RPPS Families,

Welcome back from a sunny and warm May half-term! It has been great to see the children back with their friends and teachers. They have been busily sharing everything they got up to during their week off school with us and we have loved hearing about their adventures.

It was great to see (and hear!) our Year 4 classes perform Taiko drumming yesterday. Thank you to families who came into school to join in with these performances. Your children, along with their instructor Joel, have had lots of fun whilst honing their drumming skills.

This term and the month of June is traditionally very busy at school so I thought it may be useful to include some key dates in this newsletter. Please remember that you can find all key dates and information on the Yearly Planner.

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

### **Key dates / events in June**

More information on the following events can be found in the class newsletters.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Reception trip to St. Fagans & Year 6 at baseball event

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Nursery family fun day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 at Cardiff Bay

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Reception hearing tests

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Year 3 bumblebee workshop in school

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Reception Assembly (9.30am in the hall)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 5 visit to Techniquet planetarium

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Nursery family fun day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Years 3 to 6 Sports Day at the National Indoor Athletics Centre, Cardiff Met

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Year 2 violin concert (2.30pm in the hall)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Year 5 cycling event – letter to follow

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June: Reception to Year 2 Sports Day on Roath Recreation Ground

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Year 2 visiting Ogmores beach, Year 3 pBuzz celebration at the All Nations Centre & Year 5/6 enterprise event in classrooms.

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### Year 3 to 6 Sports Day

Miss Owen has asked me to share more details about this year's sports day for children Year 3 to Year 6. This event will take place at the National Indoor Athletics Centre at Cardiff Met University on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

This event will begin as close to 9am as possible. Please transport your children directly to the NIAC at Cardiff Met. We will only be able to transport children who are attending Breakfast Club on this day.

We encourage parents, carers and other family members to stay and watch the sports day. Otherwise, all children should be collected at 11.45am and can either come back to school for their school lunch or come back to school for 1pm.

### Free School Meals status

FSM status is more than the Universal Primary Free School Meal your child receives each day.

If you are eligible for FSM and your application is accepted by Cardiff Council, we are notified at school. The FSM status stays with your child until they complete statutory schooling at 16 years old. FSM status also support claims to Cardiff Council and Welsh Government where your child may require additional support e.g. School Essentials Grant, Cost of Living Support.

Please find Cardiff Council's application form here:  
<https://forms.cardiffcouncilwebteam.co.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

### Universal Primary Free School Meal – update

The UPFSM rollout has now reached and includes Year 6. This concludes the cycle for us as a primary school.

School meals are available to order via Parentpay. **We recommend ordering all meals for the week over the weekend before and discussing these with your child.** Where a lunch is not ordered, your child must have a packed lunch in school with them.

### Friends of RPPS – upcoming events

**Summer Fayre:** The event will be on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – please save the date. If you would like to get involved, please email the FRRPS. The event will start at **3pm** so you can collect your child from school from this time.

Please email [pta@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:pta@roathparkprm.co.uk) if you have any ideas or queries.

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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 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.

### **School successes**

**Karate:** Zuhair and Joash (Year 3) won a medal for ordering their katas at St. Patrick's karate club.

**Swimming:** Theo (Year 3) got his 1500m swimming badge and Penny (Year 1) got her 200m swimming badge last weekend.

**Football:** Ewan (Year 6) won Players' Player of the Year at a recent presentation evening for his team.

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

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Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald  
Headteacher

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