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Dear RPPS Families,

We have been really fortunate with the weather recently and this week is no exception. The warm weather has returned right in time for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports morning tomorrow.

Thank you for your attendance at recent events and celebrations across the school. There has been an incredible amount going on and this continues through to the end of the school year. Please check Schoop and Seesaw regularly – we notify you of all events through these platforms.

#### Warm weather

It has been very warm this week. Please remember to provide your child with a sun hat and a refillable water bottle. We also recommend applying sun lotion before school on sunnier / warmer days.

#### Yearly Planner 2023-24

You can find all key dates, events and information on the [Yearly Planner 2023-24](#)

We are just finalising the details for the 2024-25 academic year and will share our new Yearly Planner before the summer holidays.

#### Upcoming events – June and July

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Sports morning on Roath Rec. Ground
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 - pBuzz celebration at the All Nations Centre Year 5/6 enterprise event - in classrooms
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reception Parents Welcome Meeting 1 – 9.30am in hall Year 4 - cinema trip (AM) Reception Parents Welcome Meeting 2 – 1.30pm in hall
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Class 2W - Porthkerry Park trip
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 - America Day Gardening Club plant sale - 3.15pm on middle playground Musical Theatre Club - show for parents of children attending club
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Rocksteady Summer Show 9.30 - in hall Llanishen High School Year 6 transition day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Written Reports published – sent via email Nursery Parents Welcome Meeting – 10am in hall

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Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery (AM group) soft play trip Year 6 leavers trip - bowling and laser tag
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 2B – Porthkerry Park trip Nursery (PM group) soft play trip
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Cardiff High School Year 6 transition day 1 'Moving Up' morning at Roath Park Summer Fayre from 3pm (Pen-Y-Wain Road closed)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Cardiff High School Year 6 transition day 2 Year 5 – Egyptian Museum (Swansea) trip Class of '74 visiting Roath Park (PM)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Cathays High School Year 6 transition day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 - Global Gourmet enterprise day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day 6 – school closed to all pupils except Year 6 Year 6 Leavers Day at Roath Park

### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports morning**

Miss Owen and the class teachers from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have communicated all details for tomorrow's sports morning at Roath rec. Please find timings below;

**Year 1:** 9.15am until 10.15am

**Reception:** 10.15am until 11.15am

**Year 2:** 11.15am until 12.15pm

Access to Roath Rec. is restricted as part of the Cycleway development. We will be crossing the children over Ninian Road in one group and would appreciate any help in crossing them back over the road after the event. We look forward to seeing you there tomorrow morning!

### **Ordering School Meals**

This week, the school office staff have sent out an urgent message about ordering school meals. Some families are not ordering meals on time via Parentpay. This is causing major disruption as the school cooks do not have an accurate number of meals to provide each day.

We may need to resort back to insisting that you provide a packed lunch for your child if meals are not ordered in advance. Please help us by ordering in advance.

### **Staffing Update**

Yesterday, I shared details of some upcoming staffing changes – you can find these here: [Staffing Update - June 2024](#)

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### **Building Update**

As communicated many times before, we have a few issues with the school building which need rectifying. We meet with our Health and Safety officer regularly to ensure that the school site is safe to pupils, staff and visitors. The school site does comply with Health and Safety regulations.

Cardiff Council are aware of how long the scaffolding has been erected at the school. We have been in constant dialogue with the School Organisation and Planning team to coordinate essential works to the masonry on the front façade of the building. Recently, our Senedd Team (made up of Year 6 pupils) have prepared correspondence to Welsh Government about the issue. The Governing Body and school leaders have also prepared a letter outlining the reasons for carrying out works to our near 130-year-old building.

### **Friends of RPPS – Summer Fayre**

Our Friends of RPPS (PTA) have planned this year's Summer Fayre and shared details with parents. The key information to note is that the event is on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024** and starts at **3pm**. We have been told that Pen-Y-Wain Road will be closed to traffic so please plan ahead accordingly.

Year 1 will kick-off the fayre with their annual carnival. There will be many others acts, exhibitions, events and games throughout the afternoon. This year's theme celebrates the 2024 Olympics in Paris and explores diversity, culture and community.

The Friends of RPPS are looking for volunteers to help with this event so please contact Yvonne Perkins here [pta@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:pta@roathparkprm.co.uk)

**We need to know which children will NOT be collected at 3pm** so we can arrange staff to accompany them until 3.30pm. Please complete this form if you are **NOT** collecting your child at 3pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - [Summer Fayre 2024 - Notification Form](#)

### **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/>

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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. 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

**Swimming:** Martha (Year 6) took part in a sponsored swim at her swimming club in aid of the Cameleons, a swim club for children with learning disabilities and special needs. Martha swam a whopping 1520m before they stopped her!

**Gymnastics:** Lizzie (Year 2) competed in her club championships gymnastics competition and came 3rd in her age group for her floor routine.

**Taekwondo:** Sufyaan (Year 5) recently graded with a red belt in Taekwondo. He is now only 2 belts away from black belt!

**Gymnastics:** Sophia (Year 1) came 4th in floor routine, 4th in trampoline and 4th overall during a recent gymnastics competition.

**Rugby:** Tomisin (Year 3) played in a rugby tournament for Llanishen Lions and won a trophy for his participation in the team's season.

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

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald  
Headteacher

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