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Dear RPPS Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you in school last week for the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 'Stay and Play' events. These were very well attended and we were really impressed to see so many parents joining in with their child's learning!

We'd love to gather some feedback from you on the Stay and Play event. Please follow the link to complete a short questionnaire: [Parent/Carer Questionnaire - October 2024](#)

School day – essential information

School starts at **8.55am** and ends at **3.30pm**.

School dinners should be ordered by parents through **Parentpay** at least a week in advance.

Schoop is our way of communicating with you. Ensure you have downloaded Schoop (Channel ID: 4303) and signed up to the relevant classes. Keep your notifications ON.

Family Consultations for Year 2 through to Year 6

Year 2 through to Year 6 Family Consultations (Parents' Evenings) will take place in the **school hall**. Please enter and exit via the double gates on Pen-Y-Wain Road (near 'The Corner').

Class 2W (Mrs Wright) only will take place on **Monday 7th October** and **Wednesday 9th October 2024**. Please could parents / carers meet with Mrs Wright in the Learning Plaza on Monday and the hall on Wednesday.

Class 2B and Year 3 will take place on **Tuesday 8th** and **Wednesday 9th October 2024**.

Year 4, 5 and 6 will take place on **Tuesday 15th** and **Wednesday 16th October 2023**.

Many of you have followed links sent out by the school office and booked appointments online. If you have not booked a Parents Evening consultation yet, call the school office as soon as possible to do so.

Pre-loved school uniform stands will be set up at the event - we encourage you to take what you need. If you'd like to make a voluntary donation for the uniform collection boxes will be available.

A QR code will provide a link to our Parent / Carer Questionnaire. This will be displayed on the screen in the school hall. Your feedback helps us to improve further and messages of support are always shared with our team.

GLOW Discos

Our annual Glow Disco will take place in the school hall on **Thursday 24th October 2024**.

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Years 1, 2 and 3 will be from **3.45pm** until **4.45pm** (parents should collect children as normal at end of school day and transport them to school hall)

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be from **5.00pm** until **6.00pm** (children should return to school in time for the disco).

Cost of entry to the Glow Disco will be £2 per child which will include a snack and a drink. The children can wear any bright, colourful items of clothing they wish to.

Collection will be from the double gates on Pen-Y-Wain Road (near 'The Corner').

Yearly Planner

Our Yearly Planner for the 2024-25 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 - 2024/25](#)

Governing Body Annual Report to Families

The report will be shared with families early next week. This contains a summary of information linked to the last academic year. Thank you to Richard Harris (Chair of Governing Body) and Dyfi Allen (Vice-Chair of Governing Body) for assisting us in writing the report.

Friends of RPPS

The annual AGM will be held on **Thursday 3rd October 2024**. Yvonne Perkins (current Chairperson) has communicated this date / time regularly.

Throughout this academic year we will require volunteers to run events. Remember that this is a community group and thus is inclusive of families, school staff, local residents, local businesses who want to organise and run event for our fantastic school and the community of Roath.

School trips, experiences and visits

You may have noticed that we are starting to plan experiences and trips across the school. We will do our very best to ensure the trips are financially viable for all families and impactful in terms of learning.

Our school minibuses are used for local trips which helps to keep trip prices low. We ask families to contribute £1 for local trips (within Cardiff) and £2 further afield to cover the cost of fuel.

Attendance and punctuality*

School starts at 8.55am. 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.

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

Holiday leave during term time

I have received a number of notifications of holiday leave. Thank you for these – it is useful to know your intention to travel during term-time just in case we are asked by the Local Authority. We require your dates of travel, how many school days not attending, location and reason for travel.

Please remember that Cardiff Council policy states that you cannot be absent from school for more than 20 school days. Doing so would result in the Local Authority asking us to remove your child from the school register and admitting a child who is on our waiting list.

School successes

Swimming: Reman (Year 3) has progressed into Wave 5 after a trial at Cardiff International Pool

Beavers: Zuhair (Year 4) has been attending 1st Cathays Al Huda Beavers group and achieved 20 badges as well as the Chief Bronze Scouts Award. Zuhair has now moved up to Cubs.

Cubs: Nadia and Zuhair (Year 4) won medals for taking part and earning the most points during an Olympic training event.

Football: Musa (Year 3) won player of the match for his side Ty Celyn on the weekend.

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

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
Headteacher

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