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Dear RPPS Families,

Firstly, apologies for not making you aware of the school photographs yesterday. The date was rearranged as it clashed with another event in school. As always, we gave all children the option to wear a school jumper if they were wearing PE kit or didn't have their own jumper in school. We await a date for class photographs which will take place in the new year.

This week has been very busy. It started with Year 6's incredible Remembrance Assembly on Monday morning. On Tuesday Year 5 visited St. Fagans National Museum of History. Today and tomorrow Years 2, 3 and 4 are visiting the cinema. On Friday we will host our annual 'Children in Need' day here at school.

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.

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](#)

Winter Fayre – Friends of RPPS

Our Friends of RPPS have communicated that this year's Winter Fayre will take place on **Friday 6th December**. We are looking for volunteers to run stalls. Please contact PTA@roathparkprm.co.uk if you are able to help out or have any questions.

Christmas Concerts

Tickets will go on sale on **Wednesday 20th November**. Tickets are priced at **£1 each** with 2 per child per performance available due to space restrictions in the school hall.

You can secure tickets by completing the order form which will come home with your child on **Tuesday 19th November**. The form will also contain dates and times for the performances – these can be seen on the Yearly Planner.

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School building update

Further to my newsletter dated 16.10.2024 on the school building our Health and Safety officer, councillors and Local Authority officers visited us at school on Monday 4th November to discuss the order in which we repair works required to the façade, roof and boundary walls of both buildings.

I have since asked for timescales or a programme of works. To date I have not received an update but have been assured that the school will be considered when the council prioritises upcoming works on school buildings. The issue will be discussed again during tonight's Full Governing Body meeting at Roath Park.

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.

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

Football: Our Year 5 football team travelled to Rhydypenau Primary School for three matches last week. The team performed brilliantly winning 2 out of 3 games and scoring a total of 13 goals. They will be congratulated during Friday's Merit Assembly.

Volunteer of the Year: On Monday 11th November Areatha Comanescu from Plasnewydd Out Of School Club (POOSC) received the 'Volunteer of the Year Award' in the Cardiff Volunteer Awards 2024. This award recognises Areatha's commitment to The Birth Partner Project. We are very lucky to have Areatha and the POOSC after-school club associated with us and congratulate her on her award.

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Gymnastics: Alma, Eden C and Betsy (Year 4) won various medals and trophies for their involvement in recent gymnastics club competitions. Da iawn girls!

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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