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Dear RPPS Families,

We are very busy here at school. I just wanted to provide an update and give you some key dates to take us into the Christmas holiday break.

### **Yearly Planner - UPDATED\***

We have updated our Yearly Planner for the 2024-25 academic year. Please note the following;

- 1) Year 3-6 Sports Day has been confirmed for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the National Indoor Athletics Centre at Cardiff Met University, Cyncoed Campus
- 2) Reception's Year Group Assembly has been changed to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- 3) The provisional date (weather dependant) for Reception – Year 2 Sports Day is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June over on Roath Recreation Ground

You can find the updated Yearly Planner here: [YEARLY PLANNER 2024/25 - UPDATED](#)

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.

### **Our school and community**

We celebrate all cultures and religions at Roath Park. Family, community, compassion, tolerance and respect are some of our core values – you can find these woven through our curriculum, splashed across our website and within your child's learning and experiences at school.

Therefore, I am asking our community to enjoy and support upcoming activities associated with Christmas. In the new year we will celebrate Chinese New Year, St. Dwynwen's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Dydd Miwsig Cymru, St. David's Day, World Book Day, Holi, St. Patrick's Day, Ramadan and Easter.

### **Christmas Concerts – 4pm shows for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6**

As previously communicated, the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Christmas concerts will take place at 10am and 4pm. We have sold lots of tickets for the 4pm performances already.

All pupils will remain in school on the day of their concert, get changed and the concert will begin in the school hall at 4pm. We expect the performance to finish and for children and visitors to be leaving school at around 5pm.

All concert dates and times can be found in the 'upcoming dates / events' section of this newsletter.

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### Winter Fayre – Friends of RPPS

Our Friends of RPPS have communicated that this year's Winter Fayre will take place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** from **4pm** until **6pm**. We are still looking for stall holders and volunteers. Please contact [PTA@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:PTA@roathparkprm.co.uk) if you are able to help out or have any questions.

### Easy Fundraising

Yvonne Perkins (Chairperson) and the Friends of RPPS team have asked me to remind you about 'easyfundraising'. Please remember to use the portal when you are shopping – over 8,000 retailers will donate to Roath Park Primary PTA for free when you do. Here's a link to the campaign: [easyfundraising - Roath Park Primary PTA](#)

I'd like to say a big thank you to those who have used easyfundraising already.

### Parentpay – ordering school meals

There were some issues with Parentpay last week but these have now been resolved. Many families have not ordered school meals this week which has resulted in lots of issues for the school cooks.

Please remember to log into Parentpay and order your child's school meals at least a week in advance.

### Parent Governor vacancy

We are holding an information session to explain the role of the Governing Body and promote our Parent Governor vacancies. If you would like to know more, please join us for a presentation from the Governing Body on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** between **3.45pm - 4.15pm** in the school hall.

### Digital payments

We are in the process of setting up digital payments for school uniform, trips / experiences and snack (in some year groups). This will make it easier for you to pay towards costs associated with your child's educational experience.

We recognise that having one system for payments is most beneficial for everyone and are working on this at the moment.

### School building update

Cardiff Council have confirmed that work to remove the buddleia from the façade of both buildings will begin soon. The gutters will also be cleared. We expect brickwork, masonry and other fittings to be re-pointed in the new year. Cardiff Council will need to liaise with Cadw (<https://cadw.gov.wales/>) in order to comply with regulations as our beautiful school is a Grade II listed building.

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### 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.

### Upcoming dates / times

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** Christmas Movie Night from 3.45pm until 5.30pm

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Nursery, Reception and Year 1 watching 'Little Red Riding Hood' at The Sherman Theatre (PM)

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Parent Governor information event 3.45pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Year 1/2 Christmas Concert 'Lights, Camera, Action' at 10am and 2pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 2 visiting St. David's College for 'The Sheep Chronicles'

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception Christmas Concert 'Born in a Barn' at 10am and 2pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 3/4 Christmas Concert 'Bah Humbug' at 10am and 4pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner menu at lunchtime

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day & Swap Shop

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Rudolph Dance-a-thon for City Hospice

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Hall reserved for Rocksteady Christmas Concert (TBC by Rocksteady)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Nursery Christmas Concert 'Christmas Chaos' at 10am and 2pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 5/6 Christmas Concert 'Hosanna Rock' at 10am and 4pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Class Christmas Parties – party food donations welcome

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** INSET day 3 – no school for pupils on this day

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK

All pupils return to school at 8.55am on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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### School successes

**Gymnastics:** Lucy (Year 1) competed in her first gymnastics competition representing 'somersault' gym against 4 other clubs. She placed 1st on beam, 3rd on bar and 2nd for individual all-rounder and 1st in the team event.

**Hockey:** Lizzie (Year 3) and Lucy (Year 1) played in their first hockey tournament u8 representing Cardiff Metropolitan University. Lizzie scored 4 goals in her debut!

**Swimming:** Gracie (Year 2) completed a distance swim for Children in Need. She received a certificate and badge for swimming 50m non-stop.

**Dance:** Lily (Year 5) was in a dance competition in Bristol last weekend (her first ever) and her team won 1st in their age category with Lily getting a medal for 'stand out dancer'.

**Swimming:** Alex (Year 5) competed in the Welsh Capital Open swimming gala this weekend and got 2 silver medals for the 50m and 100m breaststroke.

**Donation:** Minster Christian Centre have donated five beautiful Christmas hampers which we will donate to families who require additional support. We thank everyone at Minster Christian Centre for their very kind donation.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald  
Headteacher

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