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Dear RPPS Families,

Just like that – we are into the final week of this calendar year. Please remember that **Friday 20th December** is an **INSET day**. Staff will be on site but the school will be closed to all pupils.

Thank you for coming out to support all of the Christmas concerts over the past three weeks. From Nursery's 'Christmas Chaos' right through to the Year 5 & 6 performances of 'Hosanna Rock' yesterday, the turnout was amazing. We appreciate you helping your children to learn their spoken parts, providing odd bits of costume and hearing the songs on repeat! I'm sure you'll agree that we've got some real talent here at Roath Park and we could not be prouder of your children.

Christmas gifts for staff

Some parents have asked staff what gifts they would like for Christmas. We really appreciate your kind thoughts and sentiments but do not expect gifts from families. Our only wish is for you to enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas break with your family.

Dance-a-thon for City Hospice

On Thursday 12th December we enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day and a Dance-a-thon to raise money for City Hospice.

Ms. Marker and Miss Owen organised this brilliant event which brought all of the school together on the playground. Some Year 6 children led the dancing up on the stage and a great time was had by all. I'm delighted to inform you that collectively we raised just over £750 for City Hospice.

Friends of RPPS – Winter Fayre

Due to Storm Darragh, the Winter Fayre could not take place on Friday 6th December. We were pleased to offer some food stalls and would like to say a huge thanks to those who cooked Asian food and hotdogs at the end of the school day.

A craft stall (Christmas decorations), a movie night stall, Christmas lucky dip and Candy Cane Lane prize stall will be set underneath the blue Ascot shelters **this afternoon (Wednesday 18th December)** from 3.30pm. Please bring cash with you if you would like to buy any items.

Christmas Parties in class – Thursday 19th December

Christmas parties will take place in classes on **Thursday 19th December**. We kindly ask that your child brings in food either for themselves or to share with their friends in class. Some teachers have communicated this separately in their class newsletters so please check these too. Any leftover /

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unopened items will either be returned home or donated to local food banks. Please do not provide any foods which contains nuts.

Missing reading books

Mr. Newbury has requested than any reading books are returned to school by the end of tomorrow afternoon – **Thursday 19th December 2024.**

Parent Governor vacancies

Every family brought home letters last week outlining details of **two** vacancies we have on our Governing Body for Parent Governors. Please read the information and consider this opportunity.

These vacancies have come about as a result of Mr. Graham Tully and Mrs. Rachel Cable stepping down from the role. I just wanted to thank both Graham and Rachel for the incredible support and challenge they've provided throughout their terms associated with the team.

School successes

Gymnastics: Emily (Reception) competed in her first gymnastics competition and finished 2nd in the vault and 6th on the trampoline. Sophia (Year 2) also competed in her age group and came 2nd in the floor routine, 6th on the vault and 6th overall.

Gymnastics: Lizzie (Year 3) recently attended a gymnastics competition and achieved 1st on vault, 3rd on floor and 3rd for all-rounder.

A huge well done to each of you for your fantastic achievements – we are extremely proud of your efforts inside 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
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