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Dear RPPS Families,

Happy New Year to you all. Your children have settled back into school really quickly this week and we have loved learning about their trips and experiences over the Christmas holidays.

The weather has been colder recently so many children have been wearing scarves, hats, thicker coats and gloves to school. Please ensure that all items are clothing are marked with your child's name as the number of lost items always increases during the cold, winter months.

#### **Parking around the school**

Again, due to the cold weather, more families than usual are opting to drive to and from school. As mentioned many times before, the best and safest places to park can be found a short walk from the school gates. We recommend parking on Ninian Road (near Roath Recreation Ground) and then walking to the school gates.

It is unsafe to; double park in the road, park on or near junctions, park on double yellow lines or the zig-zag yellow lines outside school and also to stop in the middle of the road. These actions put pedestrians at risk and as a school we prioritise the safety of everyone in and around the school premises.

#### **London trip – Lion King**

On **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025** Year 5 and Year 6 pupils along with various members of our team will travel to London to visit the Natural History Museum and The Lyceum Theatre to watch The Lion King.

Mr. Lewis provided a final trip letter before Christmas which provides full details of the trip. It is important to note that the meeting time at school tomorrow morning is 6.15am – please do not be late.

#### **Mrs Wright – Year 2**

As mentioned via Schoop earlier this week, Mrs. Wright will be having a knee operation on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Miss Rachel Jenkins, who has taught a variety of classes across the school and knows the children, will cover Mrs. Wright during her absence to recover from surgery. The rest of the Year 2 team will remain the same to provide further continuity for the children. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs. Wright a speedy recovery.

#### **Parent Governor vacancy**

Nomination forms need to be submitted by **9.30am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. These can be emailed to [LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk) or brought into the school office.

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### **Fenced off area**

You may have noticed that heras fencing has been put up on the middle playground. The fencing is there because two of the brick pillars holding a lean-to roof are unlevel. We have been asked to do this temporarily, as a precaution, and I have asked Cardiff Council representatives for an understanding of what works are required to correct the issue.

### **Parentpay – ordering school meals**

We have a number of children whose school meals have not been ordered so far this week. This causes a problem for our catering team who need to know exactly how many meals to cook.

Please ensure that you have ordered meals a week in advance. You can order up to three weeks of school meals at a time.

### **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.

### **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.

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#### School successes

**Swimming:** Lizzie (Year 3) won a 3rd place medal for 50m front crawl during the recent City of Cardiff swimming club championships event.

**Swimming:** Theo (Year 4) won two gold medals in 100m front crawl and 50m front crawl during the recent City of Cardiff swimming club championships event.

**Swimming:** Alex (Year 5) won five medals in backstroke, breaststroke and individual medley during the recent City of Cardiff swimming club championships event.

**Karate:** Noor (Year 3) won two trophies for Kata during the Welsh karate league.

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](mailto:LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk)

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald  
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