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Dear RPPS Families,

On Sunday afternoon some of our team attended a private showing of a brilliant short film named “*Mother’s Day*”. The film is written and directed by Emily Burnett (daughter of our very own Mr. Carson Burnett and Mrs. Sandi Burnett). It explores the relationship between a single Mother and her son, ‘Emrys’. The film was shot here at Roath Park Primary School and stars one of our current Year 6 pupils in the lead role with many other children in Year 6 featuring as extras.

I am delighted to share that *Mother’s Day* won the Welsh Short Film Award at the British Short Film Awards in January. It is a real privilege for us to be involved with this and we could not be prouder of the cast a crew involved.

Swimming – Year 4

Our Year 4 classes completed their tenth and final swimming lesson last Friday. I just wanted to say a huge well done to each of them for making so much progress in the water. They have told us that they feel much more confident and have developed their skills.

Thanks to you all for supporting swimming at Roath Park again this year. Huge thanks to Miss Owen for coordinating the swimming lessons and to staff for transporting and supervising the children.

Sustrans – Cycling

‘Doctor Bike’ (Will from Sustrans Cymru) worked with some Year 6 pupils to ensure that 45 bikes belonging to pupils were checked over, fixed or given prescriptions to be fixed last month.

Will is back in school this week to deliver cycling workshops with our Year 5 pupils.

Mrs. Lark and Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Lark and Mrs. Jones will still be working at Roath Park Primary School after half-term. Many families within the community have asked about saying thank you and goodbye to them. We will share plans for signing cards and saying goodbye after half-term.

Iftar Celebration – Year 5 and Year 6

We are in the process of organising our own Iftar Celebration for Year 5 and Year 6 children and their families. We have to place a limit on how many people attend the Iftar due to space restrictions in the hall.

Further information will be shared via Schoop including a link to sign up to the event.

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Safer Internet Day

Today is Safer Internet Day and throughout this week we will be sharing how to keep safe online. Yesterday PC Hocking from South Wales Police was in class with our Year 6 pupils to lead a session on how to be safe online. Our teachers will be delivering sessions throughout the week and I will be sharing information during our weekly assembly on Friday afternoon.

Guidance and tips for families can be found on our school website: [RPPS - ONLINE SAFETY](#)

Disco – Thursday 13th February

On Thursday 13th February children from Year 1 through to Year 6 are invited to our school disco. On this day they can wear comfortable / party clothes. This is a cash-only event. The £2 entry fee will cover the cost of a snack and a drink.

Year 1, 2 and 3 children **should be collected by parents / carers as normal** and taken straight to the school hall. Our staff will be on hand to supervise from 3.45pm onwards.

Year 1, 2 and 3 children **should be collected from the double gates near the school hall (on Pen-Y-Wain Road)** after the disco at **4.45pm**.

Year 4, 5 and 6 **should be collected from school as normal** then **return just before 5pm** and **be collected (unless in Y6 and permission is granted)** after the disco at **6pm**.

Year 4, 5 and 6 entry / exit is also through the double gates near the hall on Pen-Y-Wain Road.

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.

School building – update

Works to remove the buddleia and other vegetation at the front of the school building are complete. The next stage is to re-point and repair loose items of masonry and brickwork – we are awaiting a date for this to start. The lean-to-roof in the middle playground is currently fenced off as we await of programme of works from Cardiff Council.

I will communicate further updates with you as and when I receive them.

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

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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

Karate: Noor (Year 3) won a medal for coming 1st place in kata at a recent competition.

Rugby: George (Year 6) has represented Cardiff Schools Under 11's Rugby Team this year. The team recently beat Vale of Glamorgan in the quarter final of the DC Thomas Cup. They await details of their semi-final fixture.

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

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Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. L Fitzgerald
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