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Dear RPPS Families,

This week has provided a sunny and warm welcome to the Summer Term at RPPS. Your children have settled back into school and their learning really well after the Easter holiday break.

It has been good to see children wearing sun hats, sun lotion and carrying their water bottles. Thanks for providing these and don't forget to mark all items with your child's name and class. We will set up a 'lost property' stall after school in the coming weeks.

Bank holiday – Monday 5th May

Monday 5th May is the Early May Bank Holiday and public holiday. School will not be open on this day. School will resume on Tuesday 6th May.

80th VE Day celebration – Thursday 8th May

We will be marking the 80th Anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day on Thursday 8th May. Across the school, we will be learning about the significance of this important time in history and we are asking that children wear red, white and blue to school on this day. Please do not feel obliged to buy a costume or specific clothing especially for this event.

Some schools have opted to change the school menu to mark the 80th VE day celebration. After speaking to the older children, cooks and staff we have decided to continue with the normal school menu but will also be decorating the lunch halls in red, white and blue.

Year 6 residential visit to Condoover Hall

31 pupils in Year 6 will visit Condoover Hall from Wednesday 14th May until Friday 16th May. The remaining Year 6 pupils are expected to attend school as normal and will take part in lots of fun activities over the 3 days.

The staffing team attending Condoover Hall is: Mr. Lewis, Miss Owen, Miss Evans and Mr. Fitzgerald.

STEM week – 19th May

STEM week takes place between Monday 19th May and Friday 23rd May. The theme is "Up, Up and Away". We will be looking at and designing inventions that are able to go up into the sky.

We wondered whether any of our parents / family members would be able to run a workshop with the children. If you know of anyone who could help us with this project, please contact Mrs. Wright (Science and Technology Leader) at nwright@roathparkprm.co.uk

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After school clubs – Summer Term

The following after school clubs will run during the Summer Term;

Club / activity	For who?	When?	Where?	Staff member / Volunteer
Maths Club (20 spaces - not tuition)	Year 3 - Year 6	Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm	Year 3 classroom	Dr. Claudia Carrillo math_span@yahoo.co.uk
Taekwondo	Year 3 - Year 6	Friday 3.30-5.00pm	School hall	Master Dean Matthews Instructor@swat-tkd.com
Choir	Year 3 - Year 6	Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm	Year 6 classroom	Mr Lewis
Cricket	Year 5 & Year 6	Thursday 3.30-4.45pm	School site or Roath rec.	Mr Loizos Mr Fitzgerald
Netball (until May half term)	Year 6	Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm	School site	Miss Owen
Cwtch club (invitation only)	Year 4	Thursday Lunchtime	Year 4 classroom	Miss Kent

Online payments

I am pleased to share that online payments will begin in the next couple of weeks. We will move to online payments for snack, uniform, trips and experiences over the course of the Summer Term.

We will be trialling single transaction payments first e.g. school trips. More information will be shared soon. Thank you for your patience with this.

School building

We are waiting to hear from Cardiff Council about whether they have been allocated further funding from Welsh Government to carry out works to older, historic school buildings like ours. I will keep you up-to-date with any progress.

School dinners – ParentPay

This week alone 29 families have not ordered school meals for their children. This causes huge disruption for our school kitchen who need to know how much food to cook. Please order school meals at least a week in advance and call us if you need help with this.

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Attendance and punctuality *

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.

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 during the Summer Term. 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

Stars on stage and screen: A huge done to all pupils who took part in productions and filming with the following clubs and companies in recent weeks - Kinetic Theatre, Stagecoach Performing Arts, Actor's Workshop and Jam2000 Talent Agency.

Rugby: Tomisin (Year 4) was awarded a medal for winning every game at the District B rugby festival in Fairwater.

Hiking: Callum (Year 2) and Ross (Year 4) climbed Snowdon in the Easter holidays. They travelled up via the Pyg Track and down through the Llanberis Path. It was 9 miles and a 2600ft ascent in total.

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

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