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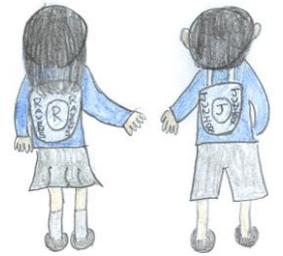
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## Christmas Fair

This will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December, 4.00 - 5.30pm. We need to have a short time after school to set up stalls in the classrooms. There will be items to buy on sale on the playground to entertain the children and keep you warm and fed from 3.15pm. The choir will be singing at 4.30pm. If you know of anyone who would like to have a stall, please ask them to email school - the cost for this is £15.

**INSET days for this year:** December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2017, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

8<sup>th</sup> December: 4-5.30pm Christmas Fair

12<sup>th</sup> December: 2pm Christmas performance

13<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am Christmas performance. Also Christmas dinner and jumper day.

14<sup>th</sup> December: 2pm Christmas Performance

14<sup>th</sup> December: 5.30-7.30pm Christmas Film night

15<sup>th</sup> December Pupils break up for Christmas

(18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December INSET)

3<sup>rd</sup> January: New term begins

Holiday dates for the remainder of the year are on the website and in diaries.

## McMillan Fund Raising

This week, the School Council will be going to Derby Royal Hospital to present the cheque for over £400 that was raised from our coffee and cake afternoon. They will also get to see Santa and some live reindeers, which will be great fun!



## Keeping Children Safe

Please do not allow children to play on the railings or steps outside the classrooms that we refer to as 'the bungalow'. Younger children are often playing on these after school and they are not a play area. It is also very distracting for the pupils working inside when young children are playing so close to the classrooms.

### **Visits out of School**

There have been plenty of visits out of school this term, as you will see below. In addition, Year 3 have studied the plants on the railway track, Year 5 have been to the Space Centre as well as carrying out a traffic survey and Year 6 have been to Pickford House, where they built model Anderson Shelters.

### **E-Safety**

#### **Net Aware social media guide for parents**

The NSPCC has launched an updated Net Aware site for parents and carers. The site, run in partnership with O2, and informed by 1,696 children and young people and 674 parents and carers includes: tips showing how to help your child block or report someone targeting them; a guide to 39 of the most popular social media sites, apps and games used by children and young people including information about new apps like Pokemon Go, Periscope, IMVU, and Live.ly.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

### **Running in School**

As long as the weather is fine, pupils run three days a week on days when they do not have PE. We began this half term with a running challenge. Children are accumulating miles to see how far their class can run collectively. After 1 week Falcons managed to reach York!! Mrs Crane will be collecting the final results soon and will publish these during the final week of the term. Weather permitting, the path should be joined up over the holidays to make a complete running circuit.

### **Fund Raising**

A big thankyou to Joshua, Sanya and Zaynah, who raised £19.70 to go towards the RSPCA fundraising by selling bookmarks in school.

### **Mini-leaders in School**

Year 6 started their mini leader activities, giving up their free time to coach netball shooting and some of their own activities during their lunchtimes. The children were very enthusiastic about giving children opportunities to explore some of our PE equipment and games skills. Thank you to all children involved.

### **Eco-Council Visit**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the Year 5 and 6 Eco-Councillors took part in the Annual Parliamentary Debate at Derby Cathedral. Not only did they discuss current issues, such as the rise in the ocean's temperature and its adverse effects on coral life, but they also took part in a debate with the Mayor of Derby, on whether fracking should be allowed in the Peak District. Before the visit, the Eco-Councillors gave up some of their own time and worked very hard on creating a sculpture out of recycled materials, which they won first price for the best interpretation of an element. A big well done to all of them!

### **Sports Update from Mrs Crane**

Netball and Gymnastics clubs continue to be very well attended. The Netball A and B teams went to Ockbrook School for their first friendly event this year. They played really well on court, however it's goals that count and unfortunately we just couldn't get the ball through the hoop! Even though we lost the matches the children commented that they had thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.

The Inter-house netball started recently and we have had lots of children coming forward wanting to play. The finals will take place next week. Year 3 and 4 will be Dove versus Derwent and Year 5 and 6 will be Wye versus Dove. A hockey event is due to happen next half term.

Mr Watts also entered his 'Rackets and Bats' club into a Table Tennis competition. Due to not having enough girls opting to join the team we took a team of boys so were unable to qualify for the level 3 competition (as rules stipulated, 2 girls and 2 boys were needed). The boys played very well and won almost all of their games. They finished joint 3<sup>rd</sup> in the city! Well done Team Ravens!

Mrs Crane took a team to Mickleover Gymnastics Club for a Gymnastics competition. The children were fabulous and tried really hard, remembering and executing their 3 sequences really well. They certainly did us proud. Their conduct throughout was admirable.

Well done to everyone trying out some of the new things and sticking at their running to get those miles!