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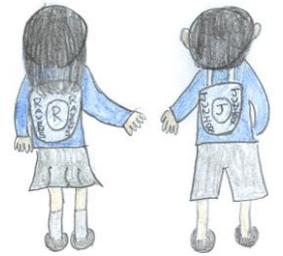
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## The Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much to all pupils and adults who donated to this appeal. As a school, we raised just short of £400, which will be a wonderful contribution to the funds raised across the city.



## Dates for Your Diary

29.11.16 - Parent meeting for France 6pm  
2.12.16 - Non-uniform day for donations for the Christmas Fair.  
9.12.16 - Christmas Fair 4.00 - 5.30pm  
13.12.16 - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day  
14.12.16 Christmas performance Yr3,4 and 5 for parents 9.30am  
15.12.16 Year 3 and 4 Christmas parties  
16.12.16 Christmas performance Yr3,4 and 5 for parents 9.30am and 2.00pm  
19.12.16 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Parties  
20.12.16 Whole school attends a Christmas celebration at St John's Church  
20.12.16 - School closes for Christmas holidays  
11.2.2017 Buzzards Class Assembly for Parents 9.10am  
04.01.17 - INSET day - closed for children  
05.01.17 - Return to school  
25.01.17 Swans Class assembly for parents 9.10am  
10.02.17 - School closes for half term  
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1.03.17 Falcons class assembly for parents 9.10am  
15.03.17 Kingfishers class assembly for parents 9.10am  
5.4.17 Woodpeckers class assembly for parents 9.10am  
07.04.17 - School closes for Easter holidays  
24.04.17 - New term starts  
26.04.17 Flamingos class assembly for parents 9.10am  
10.5.17 Swifts class assembly for parents  
31.5.17 Eagles class assembly

## Year 4 Cake Sale

Thank you very much to all parents who contributed to the sale and those that bought cakes. £174 was raised for the Maddie's Smile Charity.

### **Toyota Visit**

A group of 36 Year 5 pupils were lucky to spend a day at Toyota last week. They learned about a production line and built items with electronic Lego kits.

I am very proud to say that comments were made about their impeccable behaviour by the staff at Toyota who were leading their visit.

Toyota have kindly donated one of these kits to the school and pupils in Year 5 will have chance to use this resource at some time during the rest of the academic year.



### **Governor Day**

Last Wednesday, we welcomed Governors into school for the day. Nearly every governor came in for all or part of the day, to learn more about what happens on a daily basis in school.

During the morning, they had a chance to watch a class assembly and then observe maths and literacy lessons. They ate lunch with the children and chatted to them on the playground.

In the afternoon, they had training on specific aspects of school such as ICT, assessment and our new 'maths mastery' approach. The pupils were a credit to the school and there were many positive comments from the governors.

### **Early Learners**

Most of our Teaching Assistants start work at 8.30am and therefore, some children are invited into school at this time for some extra learning sessions. Please could those children enter school via their classroom door.

### **Christmas Cards**

As a staff, many of us are making a donation to the school charity this year, which is 'Maddie's Smile', instead of sending Christmas Cards.

If pupils would also like to do this, they are very welcome. They could perhaps send one card to the class and then make a small donation. If you wish to do this, please send the money into school in a named envelope, marked 'Maddie's Smile'.

### **Parent View**

I would be grateful if any parents who were unable to complete this online questionnaire on the second parents' evening, could go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and spend 5 minutes completing the questionnaire.

We currently have 44 submissions from parents and it would be great to increase this number to 100!

Thank you!

## Christmas Shop

The office staff kindly open a Christmas shop at this time of year, so that pupils can purchase gifts ranging from 50p to £5 for parents or friends and also have them wrapped. If children would like to bring money into school for this, please do so in a named envelope.

## Parent information evening/morning meeting

Last week we ran information events for parents at 6pm in the evening and 9.05am the following morning. The sessions lasted for 30 minutes and gave out important details regarding how we assess your children in school and the format of the new report format that will be sent out to you in December.

I would like to extend grateful thanks to the 27 parents who attended the events and hope that you feel much better informed about how we assess your child in school.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, the power point is on the website.

## Christmas Fair

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 4.00-5.30pm

Thank you very much to the parents who have already said that they would be able to help with the Christmas Fair - we will be getting in touch with you this week.

On Friday, we have a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing something in for the fair. This could be a donation for the bottle or general tombola, or little gifts and sweets in a clean jam jar.

Please bring other donations, such as good quality toys next week and cakes for the cake stall on the day.

Many thanks for your support at this busy time of year.

## RSPB visit for Year 3

Year 3 pupils were out and about in the school grounds last week, when they had a visit from members of the RSPB. They learnt much more about the birds and other aspects of nature that can be found in the local area.

## Intra-school competitions

Pupils who are interested have signed up to play for their house netball or football teams for matches that are played at lunchtimes.

