

The Richmond School Newsletter

December 2021

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

Thank you for working with us since September to ensure that your children settled back to learning. Once again, it has been a term with many challenges, particularly over the last three weeks. The decision to put the children back into bubbles was not taken lightly and was made with the best of intentions. We wanted to do everything we could to keep everyone as safe as possible, so that Christmas could be enjoyed by all children, parents/carers and staff. Our intention, in January, is to return to 'normal' but, with the current rise in the cases of the Omicron variant, we will wait to be guided by the advice from government and the teaching unions.

Parents of children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 should be receiving recordings of the nativities and carol concerts this week. We hope you enjoy them.



Our new phonics and English programmes are becoming well-established and children are making consistently good progress. Assessments are taking place this week so that phonics groups can be organised for the new year.



We have purchased, and been donated, over £2000 worth of books for Accelerated Reader. The children are enjoying the challenges of the quizzes at the

end of each book.

Children in EYFS now use the Maths No Problem scheme so they are in line with the rest of the school.

PFA

The winners of the Advent Calendar Raffle were Bonnie Vivian and Reggie Blades. Thank you to all those children who took part.

It was obviously disappointing that the Christmas Fair could not go ahead. Discussions have taken place with Mrs Worthington about the possibility of organising another event next term. The PFA raised £290 from



selling Christmas items. Thank you to those parents who supported the stalls held outside school. The raffle was drawn on Friday 10 December and the prize-winners have all been contacted. There will be a 'Choose Your Change' day on Friday. Details have been sent out on ParentPay.

CHARITY COLLECTIONS



This year we raised £382.93 for the British Legion by selling poppies and merchandise. Thank you for your support.

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day raised £215 for Save The Children and we were able to donate £296.80 to Children In Need. Thank you for your generosity.



PARTY DAY

Our Party Day took place on Thursday 9 December. All the children had a fun day playing party games, enjoying party food and watching a performance of Snow White.

The Rotary Club has donated fruit and sweets for all the children. These will be sent home this week.



DATES FOR DECEMBER

Fri 17 Dec: **Break up for Christmas**
Tues 4 Jan: **School re-opens**



**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL FROM THE PUPILS, STAFF AND GOVERNORS.
PLEASE KEEP YOURSELVES AND YOUR LOVED ONES SAFE.**



Caroline Wellsted
Head teacher

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