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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Life

As you can imagine, this week has been very much focused on the children immersing themselves with Christmas-related activities and events, both in school with RE lessons and Collective Worships and visits to St Anne's Church. Our whole school Christmas Service on Monday was lovely and the children were very sensible and mature on their walk to and from the Church, especially Reception who were making their first visit to St Anne's. Well done to all our readers who read confidently and clearly; Zab, Emilia, Tomoko, Florence, Iris, Jermaine and Chloe.

On Monday afternoon our Year 6 School and House Captains, as well as our Faith and Prayer Ambassadors, walked to Cecil House to deliver the many shoeboxes that had been sent in to give to the residents. We had over 50 shoeboxes donated, which is an amazing amount, and the staff and residents of Cecil House were very grateful for the kindness shown by our school community. After taking all the shoeboxes in to the main lounge, Mrs Noyes fired up her guitar and we were able to sing a medley of carols for the residents which they very much enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who took the time to put a shoebox together and donate it and my thanks to Melissa and Izzy from the PSA who transported the shoeboxes to Cecil House and who made all the arrangements for us to visit. Well done to our Year 6 children who were great ambassadors for the school: George, William, Bethanie, Hen, Chloe, Toshiro, Rosy, Pichak, Zab, Emilia, Rory, Reia and Avesta

On Wednesday Years 3-6 treated us to a wonderful Carol Concert, with high quality music from the School Orchestra, made up of our current children and ex-parents. The individual year group carols were all sung with enthusiasm and smiles, and we were all in awe of the beautifully composed self-written carols that Year 6 performed for us. Well done to our readers who also read confidently and clearly: Emilie, Freya, Maralgoo, Miguel, Thomas, Emily, Erica and Nathan. Thank you to all the children and parents who played in the orchestra and to Mrs Noyes who arranged and conducted the concert. Thank you too to all the parents who helped walk with the children both on Monday and Wednesday and to Fr Giles and Rev Melanie for their prayers and blessings.

Yesterday the children enjoyed having their school Christmas lunch and today we finished the term with a Worship about the importance of family and giving gifts with "no strings attached" and an afternoon Big Sing of some of our favourite carols.

Thank you and Gratitude

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, I would like to thank you for all your help and support for your children and the school this term. I would also like to thank you, on behalf of the staff for your very kind cards and messages and generous gifts. They are never expected, but are gratefully received. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the staff at The King's who go over and beyond to provide the learning experiences for the children. My thanks also go to our volunteer Governors who give so much of their time and all the dedicated members of the PSA who support the school brilliantly.

I wish you and your family an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and safe travels if you are going further afield.

Mr Corke

Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete the Parent Survey. We have had over 60 replies, which has been really encouraging and we will let you know the name of the class that had the most responses next week.

The results and comments from the survey will be looked at by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors to assess the feedback and look to see where we can make improvements in what we do. We will share the results with you in the New Year. Thank you again for your valuable feedback.

Local Authority Wraparound Care

Achieving for Children, on behalf of Richmond Council, are asking parents to complete their survey regarding wraparound (before and after school childcare) that is accessible to parents. They would be very grateful if you could complete their survey via the link or QR code below. Thank you for your help with this.

Please share this link or QR code



Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to help manage the lunch hall on Mondays and Fridays. This is a paid role, working for an hour per day, ensuring that lunchtimes run smoothly and happily. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact the office or email jobs@kings.richmond.sch.uk We will follow our normal Safer Recruitment procedures for this vacancy, including a full career history, two references, and Enhanced DBS check.

<u>Attendance</u>

Here are this week's class attendance ratings - Well Done Oak Class!

Attendance Ratings	w/e 21 st December
Holly	96.22%
Willow	97.08%
Cherry	95.06%
Fir	96.71%
Maple	93.90%
Oak	97.73%
3JB	97.35%
3NB	95.12%
4ER	95.53%
4AC	93.83%
5SC	96.60%
5AM	95.58%
6GD	95.34%
6MS	94.15%

Reminders

Spring Term Extra-curricular Clubs Sign Up

The closing date for signing your child up for a Spring Term extra-curricular club is midnight on 8th January

PSA England International Rugby Ticket Raffle

Thank you to the many parents who have bought raffle tickets for the two pairs of tickets for the England vs Wales and England vs Ireland 6 Nation matches at Twickenham next year. If you haven't bought any raffle tickets yet and would like to do so, you can pay for them via Parentmail. Good luck everyone!

Looking Ahead

INSET Day	Monday 8 th January 2024
Start of Spring term	Tuesday 9 th January

For further dates please see the school website:

https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=3,1,2&pid=94&viewid=2

Fabric Request for our Prayer Tables

As we continue to enrich the spiritual environment within our school, we are reaching out to our wonderful community for support. Currently, our prayer tables lack the vibrant colours associated with the liturgical calendar. In an effort to enhance these sacred spaces, we are seeking donations of green, dark purple, and white cloth, each measuring at least 1 metre in length. We wanted to approach our parent community first. If you have any spare green, dark purple, or white cloth at home, or if you know of any companies that might be willing to contribute to our cause, we would be immensely grateful for your support. If you can contribute please contact Miss Ratcliffe via our info@kings.richmond.sch.uk email as she will be arranging this for all of the classes. Thank you for all your support.

