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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been anti bullying week and our inclusion ambassadors have been running assemblies for the infants and Juniors. Our children have also been considering how we offer 'One kind word' to those around us. We will follow up these activities in further PSHE sessions.

### Infant Nativity

Our Infant Nativity this year, 'The angel that nearly missed it all' takes place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> (1.45pm) and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December (9.30am). A dress rehearsal is being professionally recorded and will be available soon after. In order to prevent overcrowding, we will be issuing tickets, four per family. A letter will go out shortly with additional details. The Infant Nativity includes children from Reception Class, Year One and Year Two. The children are rehearsing busily and I'm enjoying hearing some of the songs.

### PTA News

Quiz Night:

*Last Friday, Friends of Margaret Roper held the much-anticipated School Quiz night. It was a fantastic night with teachers, parents and friends all competing to win the Quiz Night Cup! The drinks were in full flow and delicious grazing platters were a huge hit. Thank you to Lucy's Kitchen@Ltd for providing such great food.*

*We had an impressive nine teams taking part who all participated with lots of enthusiasm and showed some real competitiveness!*

*Our Quiz Masters for the evening were John Rutland and Mr. Mooney, who made sure everyone had to use their strongest general knowledge skills! There was a great raffle with some super prizes, which on the night raised over £500!*

*All in all, the evening was a huge success, and it was great to have so many parents supporting this event. We have missed all being together and it was so lovely being 'normal' again.*

*Congratulations to Team "And In 3<sup>rd</sup> Place" for winning the Quiz Night Cup - What a clever lot you are! Commiserations to the losers "Class of 21", who took home the Wooden Spoon!*

*A whopping £1000 was raised over all for the Quiz Night event, this money is gratefully received and is offset for Year 6 Leavers trip which will be taking place next year.*

*A very special thank you to John and Sally Rutland who created such a genius array of quiz questions. Huge thanks to all those Year 6 parents who took time to set up the hall and decorate. Thank you to Anna Bond for looking after and selling the raffle tickets at school and on the night. And thank you to Catherine Lange and Kerry Branigan who were our official adjudicators on the night!*

*It goes without saying without our kind and supportive parents, carers and friends we could not make these school events happen. People who willingly give up their time to ensure nights like the Quiz run so successfully – we are very lucky and hugely grateful!*

Ed's note: Huge thank you to everyone who attended and organised – it was a special evening to be back together again after so long and I had a huge grin on my face all night seeing everyone enjoying themselves!

**Christmas Fayre** – Plans are proceeding for the Fayre and a flyer is attached below. Please tell your friends and neighbours. It promises to be an excellent event.

Now, **COMPETITION TIME!** We'd like the children, over the weekend, to design a picture for the front cover of the Christmas Fayre programme. We need these by Tuesday, so you'll have to be quick. They can use anything they want as long as it can be scanned, so 3D is out, but lots of colour and interest. A Christmassy picture of whatever you wish, designed in A5 portrait please. The winner gets a Christmas Hamper and we will display the entries at the Fayre, so get drawing children! Please send in your entries through your children's classes by Tuesday at the latest as the brochure needs to go to the printers. Many thanks for your support.

### **Poppy Appeal**

I am pleased to inform you that Margaret Roper raised £461.72, and we had a delighted email from the organiser Dawn Stelling, a past parent. Well done everyone.

### **Sports reports**

Lots of extracurricular sports activities this week.

On Thursday two Infant girls, Evie and Aanya, took part in a friendly Gymnastics competition at Thomas Becket School. Both girls did very well and had a great time. This is the first time we have entered this and another way for our children to get involved in sport from a young age. Well done girls.

*Football: Yesterday, the Margaret Roper football team played a home match against Regina Coeli. It was a league game, so we knew it was going to be tough. We battled hard and Margaret Roper went 1-0 up. Soon after that we made it two. Then three! After the third goal, we relaxed and Regina Coeli scored so the final result was 3-1. It was a very good performance and we deserved to beat them. By Lawrie & Max.*

*Rugby: On Thursday, we went to Old Whitgiftians and played a rugby league tournament, organised by Trinity School. There were six teams present. All played very well and we finished in third place. Unfortunately, we were one try away from second, which would have earned us a place in the Croydon finals later in the term. We lost only one match, our first, and got stronger and stronger all the time. We had some new players on the side as well, so it was great to see them all grow in experience. Well done everyone. By Alex & Rajarshi.*

God luck to all the runners from Yrs 2-6 running in the South London Harriers cross country tomorrow morning at Woodcote High School. If there are any more pupils who wish to run, you are welcome to join us at 9.15 for the races. Use the Meadow Hill entrance – CR8 3HL

| <b>Stars of the week:</b>     | <b>Writers of the week:</b> | <b>Mathematicians of the week</b> |
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| <b>Rose &amp; Luca</b>        | <b>Ines</b>                 | <b>Arabella</b>                   |
| <b>Andrew &amp; Francesca</b> | <b>Zoe</b>                  | <b>Ronan</b>                      |
| <b>Maya &amp; Finbarr</b>     | <b>Alice</b>                | <b>Leo</b>                        |
| <b>Una &amp; Armaan</b>       | <b>Michael</b>              | <b>Alfie</b>                      |
| <b>Ted &amp; Sorcha</b>       | <b>Nene</b>                 | <b>Lucas</b>                      |
| <b>Tobi &amp; Isabella</b>    | <b>Maja</b>                 | <b>Oli R</b>                      |

**This week's attendance awards are as follows:**

Y4 - 99.63 % Attendance

Y3 - 100% punctuality - well done to both classes!

Have a lovely weekend.

**D Mooney**

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**Attachments:**



**The unbelieveably delicious grazing platters from Quiz night!**



**All the teams at quiz night exercising their grey matter!**





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Festive Fun at

# Margaret Roper School Christmas Fayre

SANTA'S GROTTTO - STALLS - GAMES & RIDES -  
GRAND DRAW - DELICIOUS HOT FOOD - CAFE -  
IRISH COFFEE & PROSECCO BAR - RAFFLE  
PRIZES - LOTS OF FESTIVE FUN FOR EVERYONE



**Saturday**

**4th December**

**12pm - 3pm**

ENTRANCE PRICE FOR ADULTS £2.00

(KIDS FREE ENTRY)

SANTAS GROTTTO £6.00

RIDE PASS (WRISTBAND) £5.00 unlimited use



**ALL WELCOME**

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