



We have had new email addresses rolled out across RLK and have a new email address for all correspondence which is

officerlk@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org

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We
Wish
★ you a ★
Merry
Christmas
★ and a ★
Happy New Year
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We hope you all have a happy and peaceful break. Stay safe and we will look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

School reopens to pupils on **Thursday 4th January 2024** as we have a TD Day on Wednesday 3rd January.

Susan Smith
Headteacher



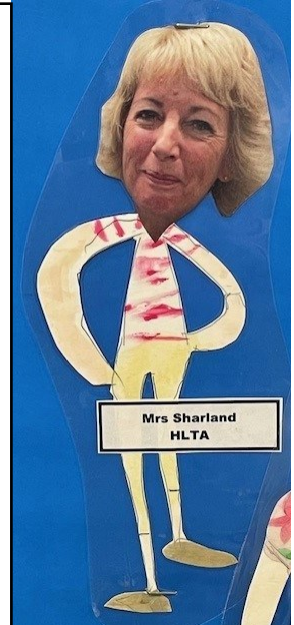
A **BIG** thank you to our Coombs Catering Team—Bev, Donna and Koren who made a delicious Christmas dinner for pupils and staff on Wednesday. The children had a lovely meal, pulled crackers with their friends and sang along to Christmas music in the hall.



Happy Retirement Mrs Sharland

We would like to wish Mrs Sharland a very happy retirement and hope that she can now enjoy spending lots of time gardening, something that we know she loves to do.

Mrs Sharland has worked in the Snug for over 25 years. She has seen many Snug children through their time here at Robert Le Kyng. Her knowledge & experience has been invaluable and we will miss her very much.



Some of our KS2 children entertained shoppers in the Brunel Centre on Wednesday morning singing lots of lovely Christmas carols. Well done to Mrs Benn and her Christmas choir.





Parent Support Advisor



The end of term brings a much-needed rest for all and a time to celebrate with our loved ones, but it can also be a stressful time (particularly for parents and carers!), and the financial pressures on families may be adding to this stress. Although as a school we cannot provide direct financial support, we are doing all we can to alleviate some of these pressures. Free pre-loved school uniform is available from the school and our next termly 'swap shop' will be held in the hall after school on **Monday 15th January**. If you find yourselves having a clear-out over the holidays, please bring in any uniform or warm coats that your children may have grown out of and we will re-distribute them.

I am also able to refer families to other organisations that may be able to provide financial assistance, such as grants for household items in times of hardship, or the Food-bank. Food bank referrals can be arranged now for later in the holidays, so please get in touch if you find yourselves experiencing hardship and I can arrange this. My email address is at the bottom of this newsletter and I do check it periodically during the holidays.

On a lighter note, finding things to do with the children that doesn't cost a lot is tricky in the Winter and the 12 days of Kindness activity sheet on the next page is a lovely way to focus children on doing something thoughtful for others and it may even keep them busy for a while!

Have a lovely restful break and I look forward to seeing many of you in 2024.

As always, I am here to offer support & advice to all parents of children here at RLK. Parents/carers do not need to be referred but instead can contact me directly via the school office, or by emailing psa@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk

Drop in sessions happen every Tuesday. Please email me or ring the office if you would like to book a slot to discuss any issues, big or small, regarding parenting.

In addition to Tuesday morning drop in sessions, I also open the school library on Mondays until 4pm where I am also available to discuss any issues.

Tara Ward - Parent Support Advisor



Parent Support Advisor



Colour in each box as you complete each act of kindness.





Supporters

A huge thank you to all those who helped in any way to make our Christmas Fair on Saturday such a great success. It was great to see so many people come along and everyone seemed to be having a good time. We raised an amazing **£1355**, some of which will pay for the Key Stage 1 pantomime performance in January. Once again thank you for your amazing support.



Next Supporters' Meeting

The next Supporters' meeting will be towards the end of January. Watch out for details in the next newsletter.

Reading for Pleasure

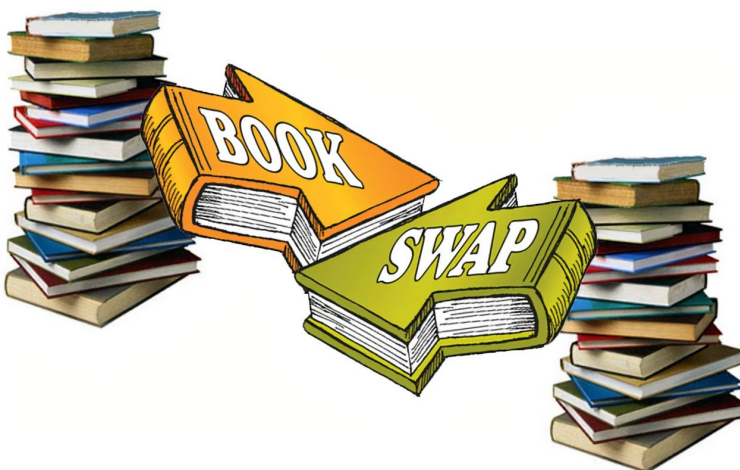
We are delighted to announce that more of the children who recently applied for their Blue Peter Book badge have now received them. If you are interested in applying for a badge, the forms can be found online at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge> and there are copies of the form in the school library. Please see Mrs Beale if you are not sure of what you need to do.

For this week's reading tip, I'm promoting the following website:

[Christmas Inspiration for Toddlers to Teens \(lovereading4kids.co.uk\)](https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk) It has lots of ideas for recommended reads for different year groups plus a preview of some of the new books being published during the next year.

Book Swap

A reminder that we will be holding our next Book Swap in January, where children will have the opportunity to choose and bring home a book to keep that has been donated. If you are thinking of having a clear out of your child's books during the holiday, we would be grateful if you would keep them to send in next term ready for the Book Swap. More details will follow early in January.





RLK Safeguarding

PREVENT

What is PREVENT?

PREVENT is a government safeguarding strategy to support vulnerable people to stop them from being exploited, to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

What is radicalisation?

Radicalisation is the process through which a person comes to support or be involved in extremist ideologies. It can result in a person becoming drawn into terrorism and is in itself a form of harm. (NSPCC, 2021)

What is Extremism?

Extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. The majority of prevent referrals relate to extreme Right-Wing beliefs, followed by Islamist extremism.

[Parents' Booklet \(educateagainsthate.com\)](https://educateagainsthate.com)

Educate against hate aims to give you advice and direction should you have concerns your child may be having, or has been exposed to extremist views.

The above link will take you to a parent's booklet which will help you to discuss radicalisation and extremism with young children.

The guide includes the key areas:

- Understand the risks that are prevalent online
- Keep your child safe online
- Trust your instinct if you are worried about changes in behaviour
- Talking about terrorism is better than avoiding it
- Encourage your child to be respectful of people from all beliefs and backgrounds
- Equip your child with the skills and know-how to challenge extremism for themselves

Further advice can also be found at [ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation](#)



TD DAYS

The remaining TD days for this school year are :

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

COOMBS

CATERING PARTNERSHIP

Please remember to order your child's dinners on School Gateway in time for their return to school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Dinners need to be ordered by midnight 2 days before the day required (eg: by midnight Tuesday for Thursday, midnight Wednesday for Friday etc)



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 189.43
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely
April J. Porter
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £

Registered Charity No. 219279



Did you know that we have a Facebook page?



Just search for 'Robert le Kyng Primary School' on Facebook, look for the RLK school logo and select 'Like' to follow our page.

We use this page for general updates, photos and sharing of useful education based Facebook links.



Please note that the main platform for school communication is Parentmail, telephone calls and the school office email address. (The Facebook page does not allow messages between parents and school)