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You will have seen a hive of activity around the school in preparation for our new EYFS play area. We are very sure that the children in Reception will be excited to use the new play area once it is finished. Thank you for your cooperation with dropping off and collecting your children whilst the work is being carried out.



We are very happy to share with you the lovely news that Mrs Abson had a little baby boy Jensen last week. Both mum and baby are doing very well.



A big thank you to all who sent coin donations in for our recent Children in Need fundraising.

As a result of your generosity, we raised an amazing **£310.40** for the charity.

Job Vacancy

Would you like to join our MDSA team?

We would love to hear from you if you'd like to help with supervising the children at lunchtime. Please register your interest with the office team either in person, by calling us on 01793 523119 or emailing

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Parent Support Advisor

A huge thank you to everyone that has already brought in a donation for the **Christmas Toy Appeal** - we will be collecting donations until next Friday (29th November) so if you are able to contribute please hand your donation into school by then. They would like toys, games, books or stocking fillers to make up a present for a child that would otherwise possibly not receive one. Their only request is that they are new, or in the case of books, as new. I know some parents have used this as prompt to clear out presents from last Christmas that haven't even been opened. All donations are gratefully received!

Christmas is a very expensive time for families, particularly when parents are finding their finances are already strained. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact me at school as there are several organisations that I may be able to put you in contact with. There will also be a Money Advice Roadshow at the Central Library on 27th November, where a range of local organisations will be able to offer advice on all financial issues.



One of the most common types of support I am asked to help with is **foodbank** referrals. I am able to refer to the local foodbank as well as to a scheme called Boxes of Hope, which can deliver food for up to 4 weeks to get you through a short term financial crisis. Some parents are reluctant to ask for help with food as they find the process embarrassing, but don't realise that the whole referral is completed by me through text message. No more paper vouchers! There is also a new leaflet available called Accessing Food in Swindon which lists all of the community fridges, food banks and affordable food clubs in Swindon. I have put a few copies in the leaflet stand in the entrance of the school, but can send home a copy to anyone that emails and requests one.

As always, I am here to offer support and 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

SAFEGUARDING

This week (17th-23rd November) is National Road Safety Week. This year the theme is 'Everyone Can be a Road Safety Hero'.

Everyone can be a road safety hero

We all have a responsibility to use roads safely to protect ourselves and others. We can choose safe ways to travel and safe vehicles, obey road rules, travel at safe speeds and educate people about safe road use.

Parents and carers

Parents and carers can help keep young children safe by:

- Holding hands with them when walking near roads
- Crossing roads at safe places
- Riding with children on safe paths away from traffic
- Making sure children wear a cycle helmet to protect their head if they fall off
- Making sure a child is sitting in a well-fitted, appropriately sized child seat if travelling by car.

Parent and carers can also set a good example by driving at safe speeds, never using a phone while driving, always wearing a seat belt and never driving after drinking or taking drugs.

All parents and carers can help children and young people use roads safely and choose active ways to travel or public transport where possible.

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2. Ibid

3. Department for Transport (2024) Reported Road Casualties in Great Britain: 2023 Annual Report and associated data sets. www.gov.uk/government/statistics/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-annual-report-2023

4. Tingvall and Haworth . 1999. Vision Zero: An Ethical Approach to Safety and Mobility. https://www.rsearchgate.net/publication/264873849_Vision_Zero_-_An_ethical_approach_to_safety_and_mobility/link/549922a80cf2eeefc30fa409/download



SUPPORTERS NEWS



Planning for the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 14th December** is well under way. Thank you to those who have replied to the recent letter offering help on the day of the fair. Tickets for the prize draw should be coming home with the children early next week.

Asda 'Cashpot' fundraising scheme

A big thank you to all those who have been taking part in the Asda 'Cashpot' scheme. So far we have already raised over **£282** you shop online or instore at Asda and have not signed up to the scheme yet, details of how to take part can be found on the poster in the classroom windows. The scheme will run until the end of November.



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Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to all those who came along last week and supported the book fair. We are delighted to say that as a result of your support the school has received nearly **£450** worth of books for the children.

If you would like to find out more about what the Supporters do or you are interested in joining the Supporters, please contact us at the following email address below or see Mrs Beale in Class 4.

supporters@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org



Reading for Pleasure

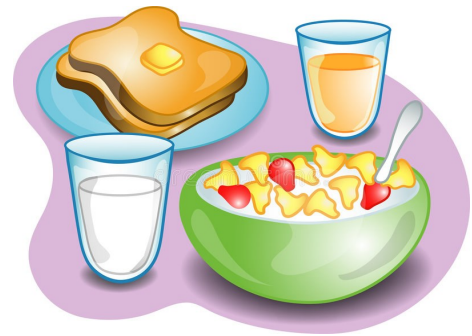
Christmas is getting nearer and you may be looking for ideas for gifts for children. Books can make ideal small gifts, but there can sometimes seem to be too much choice. The 'Books for Topics' website has produced some help with their book gift guide. It gives recommendations for the different year groups and can be found at the link below:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/primary-school-book-gift-guide>

Our breakfast club is open from 7.45 am every school day. Please contact the office if you'd like to book a space for your child.

A number of different activities are available each day and of course breakfast.

Booking and paying in advance for the next term attracts a 20% discount on the price.



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)

2024 -2025 remaining TD DAYS

14th February

24th February—School closed
Blue Kite Trust
Collaboration Day

27th June