



# Red Kite's Bird Watch

Dear Families,

It's officially the start of the Christmas Season today although all around us it seems to have started way back in October!

November has been a busy month. We took part in some Diwali celebrations on the 10<sup>th</sup> and then on the 17<sup>th</sup> we took part in Children in Need where we raised £124.10. We also held our careers weeks for our KS4 and 5 pupils. We had some lovely feedback from one of our visitors. See an extract from the feedback below -

*'Thank you for inviting me to speak at your school. Meeting the students and staff members and sharing my experiences with them was a pleasure. The session was delightful, and the interactions with the students were excellent. I was particularly impressed by the students' thoughtful questions and patience. Their curiosity and engagement made the discussion even more rewarding.'*

Jason our music teacher is busy preparing for Young Voices that will take place in January. We want to say a big thank you to York, Ward and Rowlett (Vauxhall) who will be covering the cost for our young voices t shirts again this year, up to £500!

Our next Parents Forum will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9am - 10.30am. The topic this time is **School Events and fundraising days**. Please email [emma.campbell@redkite.school](mailto:emma.campbell@redkite.school) to let us know if you will be attending.

We love Christmas in school and staff are feeling excited about all the events and activities we have planned for your children and young people:

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** its Christmas Jumper Day. This can be any kind of jumper or even a home-made one! On **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** will be putting up our school Christmas tree. Each class will make decorations to hang on this. On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** we are holding our Secondary and Post 16 Christmas Fayre in the afternoon. The pupils are busy making their wares to sell to you. We hope our secondary and post 16 families are able to join us for this. Also on this day Jason is taking some pupils to sing at a local care home too.

We are looking forward to our Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. The pupils will be making Christmas table mats for this. On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** in the morning, Jason is taking some classes to the local church to sing Christmas songs and I know lots of families have signed up to join us for this already. Then in the afternoon we have our Christmas sing a long led by Jason for those classes that aren't going to the church in the morning. We hope you can join us for this too.

In the last two days of term we are going to fully embrace the Christmas spirit and have a lovely surprise for our pupils. We will be turning the music room into a magical grotto on Monday after school. We have some visiting reindeers planned for Tuesday and we have of course booked a very special visitor for both these days! Our special visitor will be in the grotto to greet all our pupils and classes will all have a visit to meet him.

We also will saying our final goodbyes to Tom this term. On **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** we will be having a day filled with fun activities that Tom can join in with as he visits classes across the school. Tom is all about the children and we want him to enjoy his last few days with us before he retires spending time with your amazing children and young people.

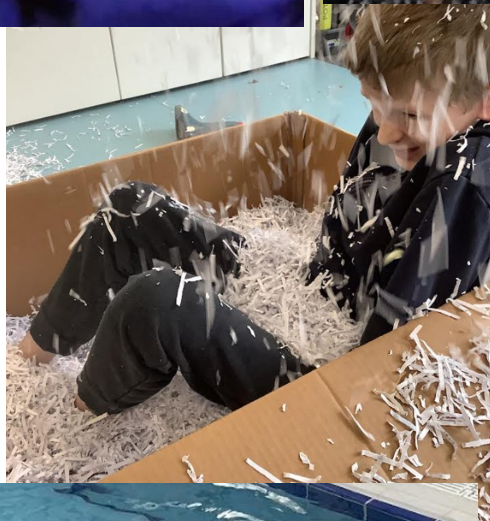
We will start the day with a coffee morning for families from **9am to 10.30am**. Please come and pop in to say your goodbyes and join Tom for a coffee and a cake. Please email [emma.campbell@redkite.school](mailto:emma.campbell@redkite.school) if you are able to come so we have an idea of numbers.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen



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