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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all of the families who supported the Garden Workshop Day which we held on Sunday. There was a great turn out for the event which enabled us to make a lot of progress between 10.00 and 2.00! The trees and bushes in the pond area have been pruned right back which has reinstated the clear sight-line of the pond area to maintain health and safety requirements whilst classes are working in the outdoor areas. We weeded, sanded and painted the Friendship Bench, cleared the greenhouse out, moved all garden tools and resources to the shed for storage and had an all round tidy up! We all enjoyed cooking sausages and smores over the fire pit to reward our efforts. The school environment cannot be maintained to the level we all expect for our children without the support of families, so please do keep a look out for our next work party day in the Spring Term and pop along to help for a short while.

We are delighted to be part of a great new initiative through a community cooking project - '**Made in South London: Cooking Skills for Life'**
This is being organised by Veryan Wilkie-Jones who is an enthusiastic local resident and was part of the group of parents who raised the funds to build our Learning Kitchen several years ago when her children attended Rockmount. Veryan, and her colleague Sharon Gardner, are planning to offer free cooking sessions based in our Learning Kitchen for Rockmount families. The idea is for parents and carers to cook together with their children, learning practical skills such as cooking from scratch, batch cooking, making food budgets go further and gaining confidence in the kitchen. Veryan and Sharon recently launched a crowdfunding campaign to cover the ingredients, materials and delivery costs, so families can take part for free. We are hoping that this first course will also help us to build a foundation to secure further funding and continue developing the project. An amazing amount has already been raised but any donation would be hugely appreciated and sharing the appeal with friends, family and your wider networks would also make a real difference.
Find out more here:
https://www.gofundme.com/f/made-in-south-london-cooking-skills-for-life

We are so grateful to Veryan and Sharon for developing this project and would also like to thank the huge number of people who have already generously donated to make sure this can help our school community.

Look out for dates and further information over the coming weeks so that your family can join in with these sessions!

Next week we look forward to celebrating our individuality on Odd Socks Day as a start to our week-long focus for Anti-Bullying Week. Information about the week has been sent out – the focus for this year is 'Break the Silence'. On Monday everyone is invited to wear odd socks, reinforcing the importance of respect and celebrating individuality. On Tuesday, all children will take part in anti-bullying workshops and assemblies led by OpenView Education. This will all feed into the year-round reinforcement of positive values through our PSHE curriculum and assembly themes.

Lost property seems to have become more of an issue in school lately. We have labelled boxes for all of the lost property located at the top of the steps from the lower playground area. We do go through the items and return them to the children when they are named so please make sure that all uniform, jackets, coats, hats, scarves etc are labelled with your child's name to help us in keeping this under control.

The RFC (Rockmount Friends and Community) are very busy planning ahead for the Winter Fair on Friday 4th December. Separate letters are being sent out about this so please do offer your help wherever possible. We are aware that the festive season will be upon us very quickly and you will have received notification of a non-uniform day planned for Friday 20th November in exchange for any donations of bottles, toiletries, games, gifts suitable for adults or children etc to support the Winter Fair.

The key dates for all school events - school trips, workshops, performances etc are all kept up to date on the school website; just look under the 'News and Events' tab and click onto the calendar. We also provided a table of dates for this half term in our half termly newsletter which was sent out in October. This has been added to and is copied here below for your reference:

Date	Event
Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day Wellbeing Ambassadors trip to Croydon Wellbeing Event
Tuesday 17th November	Anti-Bullying workshops and assemblies
Wednesday 18th November	Year 5 classes cinema trips
Thursday 19th November	KS1 and KS2 allergy awareness assembly
Friday 20th November	EYFS/KS1 Oracy Breakfast workshop for parents and carers 9.30-10.30 – ticketed event Tombola Donations – Non-uniform Day
Monday 23rd November	Year 2 cinema trip Year 3 cinema trip
Tuesday 24th November	Year 5 Outdoor Learning Year 1 Crystal Palace Museum visit
Wednesday 25th November	Year 6 cinema trip
Thursday 26th November	Year 5 Library trip/visit
Friday 27th November	Year 2 India Day
Monday 30th November	

Tuesday 1st December	Year 5 library visits Year 6 Sapphire Outdoor Learning Year 3 Onyx Outdoor Learning
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 6 group of peer mediators to London Awards ceremony
Thursday 3rd December	
Friday 4th December	Winter Fair 3.00-5.30
Monday 7th December	Nursery Christmas Concerts 10.30 and 2.45 Year 2 Crystal Palace Park visit Parent/Carer maths workshop years 3-6 3.20-4.15
Tuesday 8th December	Year 5 Festive concert at Fairfield Halls Year 6 Moonstone outdoor learning Christmas Lunch Year 3 Zircon outdoor learning
Wednesday 9th December	Reception Christmas Concert 2.15
Thursday 10th December	Year 1 Christmas Concert 2.15
Friday 11th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Concert 9.15
Monday 14th December	Year 5 trip to Imperial War Museum Year 6 Food Technology day
Tuesday 15th December	Year 2 Nativity performance 9.30 Year 2 Nativity performance 2.00
Wednesday 16th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Concert 2.15
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Jumper and Party Day
Friday 18th December	Rocksteady Concert – 9.15 Last day of term – school closes at 1.30 (children collected from usual points at 1.30)

Have a lovely weekend,

Helen Carvall