

John Ray Infant School

"learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so lovely to see the children in their spots and stripes today. We will update you on the Children in Need total early next week.

Thank you to the EYFS parents who attended the phonics sessions this week. I hope it was useful to see our phonics lessons in action and that they gave you an insight into how well the children are doing, with some ideas on how you can consolidate this learning at home.

Mrs Ervine, in her role as maths lead, and myself have completed visits across the school this week to see the children in their maths lessons. It was good to see the progression from Nursery up to Year Two and reflect on how the children use mathematical language to give reasons to the problems they are solving.

Nursery were sorting objects into 'big and small' groups, EYFS have been focusing on the number 5, Year One were using tens frames to master the knowledge of their number bonds to ten and Year Two were adding and subtracting numbers to 100. The children were all demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours and really reflecting lots of the traits from our learning spoons.

Next Thursday the PTA have a 'Toy Sale' after school in the back playground. We have had some lovely things donated so please pop by with some loose change and grab a bargain.

If you know of anyone looking for a school place in September 2023 please encourage them to book in for a tour. Dates are on the website and can be booked via the office.

Please look out for further details on upcoming Christmas Celebrations and timings.

I hope you all have a great weekend,

LCChristian

Headteacher





