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Estfeld Art Exhibition

Thank you to everybody who visited our art exhibition on Thursday last week. It was great to be able to showcase the work of the school. We received many compliments on the quality of the work and these have been shared with the staff and pupils.

Thank you also for donations of cakes and biscuits on the evening and to those of you that purchased a raffle ticket. We raised a total of £97.80 for school funds. The lucky winners were Max in Reception, Emily in Reception, Poppy in Year 2, Megan in Year 2, Olivia in Year 3, Esme in Year 5, William in Year 5 and Mrs. Whitaker one of our volunteers in school. Well done to them all.

Children in Need

Our pupils came to school dressed in a variety of outfits to mark Children in Need Day. The theme of "Do Your Thing" was popular with many pupils dressing in their kit or uniform to show what their hobbies and pastimes were, whilst others donned their spots or Pudsey accessories. They all looked fabulous and raised £223.88 for this worthy cause.

Macmillan Cancer Support

We have recently received a certificate in school to thank us for raising £171.65 that was raised by selling refreshments at Open Evening. Thank you for your generosity on the evening and for the donation of cakes and biscuits.

Charitable Giving

During the course of the school year we support a range of charities as well as raising money for school funds. We are always grateful to parents and carers that these events are well-supported.

In the past we have supported the following local charities:

Bluebell Wood, St. John's Hospice, St. Mary's Church, Sheffield Children's Hospital, Doncaster Food Bank.

We have also supported the national charities below:

Children in Need, Comic Relief/Sports Relief, NSPCC, British Heart Foundation, Brain Tumour Charity, Macmillan, Race for Life, Marie Curie, The Poppy Appeal

And of course the Friends of Estfeld hold their own fundraising events such as the Sponsored Walk, Christmas Fair, school discos, barbecue etc. which are well-supported.

We are aware that sometimes requests for money from school in support of charities and for other purposes such as school visits, photographs, Christmas cards etc. can all seem to come at once.

We do try to strike a balance between supporting national and local charities and we do not ask for support for all charities every year. We also try to ensure that the cost of supporting a charity is not prohibitive for anybody, as we strive to hold events that are inclusive for all pupils. For this reason, we try to ensure that for most events it is not essential to purchase anything specific in order to take part.

Bearing this in mind at our last Open Evening we conducted a survey on the charitable giving that we do as part of school life. Those responding to our survey were asked to respond to the statement below.



I feel that the amount of charitable events held in school are:

About right

Too many

Too few

(please circle one)

All but two of those responding selected the “About right” option, with only one selecting “Too many” and one selecting “Too few”.

We also had one request for support for an animal charity as the person responding felt that it was important that children are taught the importance of caring for animals, which of course it is.

The Dogs’ Trust have visited school for the last three years and they do teach about care of dogs and safety around dogs. However, we have never actively fundraised for this charitable organisation, so this is perhaps something that we could consider in the future.

We do adopt a donkey (Ripple) at The Donkey Sanctuary. A collection around Christmas time is held each year for The Donkey Sanctuary and this will be coming around again soon.

Thank you to everybody that responded.

Yours sincerely

Miss Diane Risley