



Rose Green Infant School – Successful Class fundraising projects! Goats and Roof Tiles!

The children of Rose Green Infant School have just completed their second very successful fundraising project. Each class have thought of their own way to fundraise for three roof tiles for St Thomas a Beckett church in Pagham. The children visit the church in Year 1 as part of their Religious Education curriculum and the Year 2 children take part in a Christmas carol service each December. When we heard that the church were trying to raise money for a new roof through their 'Raise the Roof' campaign we wanted to support them. Each class were given the challenge of raising enough money for three roof tiles. They came up with their own ideas and planned activities including colour bingo, cool clothes day, a sponsored run, a games afternoon and a tea party. When the children had all completed the class fundraising, we invited Father Mark into a school assembly to present him with a cheque for £300. He brought in the pram race church to show us and was very grateful for the children's efforts. The donations for each roof tile are going to be recorded in a book of memories at the church and headteacher Julie Holloway said 'It will be nice for the children to bring their children to the church and find the record of their class donating the tiles for the Raise the Roof project'. Hannah in Year 1 said, 'We raised money because the tiles are falling off' Holly in Year 1 said, 'Each class did something different'.

Last year the children completed a similar project where each class thought of their own way to raise money to buy a goat for a family in a third world country. The children learnt all about the difference a goat would make to a family and this really inspired them to think of great ideas to fundraise. They enjoyed finding out how the goat manure would help the families to grow crops! Our original target was to fundraise for 10 goats but as a school we managed to make enough money for 31 goats!

At Rose Green Infant School all the children have a voice and are part of the school council. Each class have their own class council meetings where school projects are discussed and a 'Linking Voice' reports back to Mrs Sugden in fortnightly 'Linking Voice' meetings. Caroline Sugden, deputy headteacher has found this new approach of asking each class to think of their own ideas of how to fundraise to be really successful. She said, It has given the children more ownership to the fundraising projects and the children have been really inspired and motivated due to the fact they have a clear idea of what they are fundraising for and a clear purpose to it. Well done to everyone!