

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,  
**Big Schools' Birdwatch**

Year 3 will be taking part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch - the schools' version of the Big Garden Birdwatch - during the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February: the actual day will be dependent on the weather.

Organised by the RSPB, it is the world's largest wildlife survey and a chance for the class to get closer to nature. There are strong connections to be made to areas of the curriculum and it is an opportunity to inspire the next generation of wildlife lovers.

We will spend an hour watching the birds in the school grounds and report our findings to the RSPB - who will use the information to work out which birds are doing well and which might be in trouble. In preparation for this, we will be making some 'pine cone lardy seed feeders', 'crumbly pastry maggots', 'edible pictures' and apple feeders to attract the birds.

If you should have any **binoculars** at home (nothing too expensive!), I would be really grateful if your child could bring them in on 5<sup>th</sup> February to be used sometime that week. Also, please keep your eyes peeled for any **large pine cones**. Furthermore, if you should happen to have any **books/guides** on birds, we would be really grateful if you would allow us to borrow them.



Thank you for helping us to 'count the wildlife that's counting on us.'



Thomas Frost  
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