

Date 21st November 2016

PTFA Christmas Fair

On **Thursday 8th December** the PTFA will be holding a Christmas Fair in the school and everyone is invited. There will also be a non-uniform day where children can come to school in their own clothes or even a Christmas jumper and give £1 to their class teacher who will collect the money in. The fair will be from 3:30 to 6pm. Entry is free for children and £1 for each adult. There will be children singing Christmas songs, Santa's grotto, games, crafts, face painting, stalls and refreshments. All proceeds go to the PTFA.

The purpose of the PTFA is to raise money for all the children in the school. We buy resources and fund fun experiences for every year group. Last year, among many other things, we gave the school playground markings, a shoot-out goal, mud kitchens for Reception, an author visit from Alex Keller, a Wild Animal Experience for Year 1, and an end-of-school bowling treat for Year 6.

In order to do this, we depend on the help of parents and teachers. We hope that you're able to support us and help create some magic in the school this Christmas.

Here are the ways you can help:

- **Bring your children along to enjoy the event!**

- **Take part in the Jolly Jar competition**

Fill an empty jar with goodies such as cracker toys, wrapped sweets, stickers, rubbers, party bag toys etc. Put a lid on your jar and decorate it – the more festive the better! Write your child's name and class on the bottom of the jar(s) and hand it to your class teacher by **Monday 5th December**. There will be prize for the best decorated jar in each year group. *All food must be nut-free and individually wrapped and please make sure you check your children's jars for anything toxic or dangerous.*

- **Donate something for the Christmas Pop-up Shop**

Sshhh! There will be a children-only shop, stocked with pocket-money presents they can choose and get wrapped so they can surprise their family and friends! Please donate to your class teacher something small but lovely such as choccies, candles, mugs, stationery, toiletries, books, dvds, cool non-perishable things that you or your children have made by **Thursday 1st December**.

- **Bake a cake for our popular cake stall**

Please deliver these on the morning of the fair to the school reception and make sure everything is nut-free.

- **Volunteer to help on the day**

The more help we have, the better the fair we can put on and the more money we can raise for the school. If you're able to help with running a stall, setting up or clearing up afterwards, please email us at georgetompta@googlemail.com.

- **Raise money for free when you shop online**

Download one simple widget from easyfundraising.org.uk and companies will make no-strings attached donations to George Tom PTFA every time you shop at a wide range of websites like Argos, Amazon, EBay, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, John Lewis, The Book People and many others.

If you sign up before all your Christmas shopping, just think how much more we can raise, but your weekly grocery shop can help, too! Sign up for free at easyfundraising.org.uk.

Thank you for your continuing support and we wish you a Merry Christmas!

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