

St. John's School PTA

November Update for all parents, carers and friends

BAG2SCHOOL

A massive thank you to everyone for your ongoing support with our regular Bag2School collections. Our next collection is on **27 November** so if you need to clear some space in time for Christmas, set aside those old soft toys, clothes, handbags and household linens as each bag that is donated helps to raise money for your children! A letter and bag will be going home soon (although any old bag will do).

Speaking of Christmas, please support one of the biggest events in the school calendar.....

...the CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Saturday 2 December 12-2pm

Supporting the Christmas Fair is a great way to help raise more money for your children, meet other parents, do some Christmas shopping and have some warm food, cake and tea. There will be face painting, craft, and an opportunity to meet Father Christmas (photo & gift included).



Raffle

Don't miss out on the chance to **WIN SOME FANTASTIC PRIZES** in the raffle. Please find attached some raffle tickets for you to sell to family and friends.

£10 prize for the child who sells the most!

To enter your child, please write their name and year on the back of the stubs.

Need more tickets?

Please see a PTA member in the school office before/after school from Monday 20 November until the Christmas Fair. (Please return any unsold tickets so that we can sell them at the Fair)

£100s worth of prizes again this year

1st prize - a whopping £75 cash, generously donated by **Andrews Estate Agents**

2nd prize - £40 in cinema vouchers - a treat for the whole family - kindly donated by the new **Broadland Bears Nursery**.

There's *loads more to WIN as well*, including a deluxe hamper from **Gregorys estate agents**, Post Office vouchers from **Davis & Way**, a Smith's Jewellery voucher, a 2 month membership to the wonderful CW Fitness, theatre tickets to Snow White, Bonzo Lounge and Pomegranate vouchers, Bowlplex vouchers and much much more! Wild About Flowers are again donating a beautiful bouquet. As this cannot be kept at the school over the weekend, if your name is drawn for this prize but you are not at the Fair, a new ticket will be drawn.

Stalls

As well as selling raffle tickets, you can support your child's Christmas Fair by coming along to browse the delightful stalls, which this year include 'Win a present for Mum', chocolate tombola, face painting, lucky lolly and loads more! There will also be sellers from the local community who you can support by purchasing last minute gifts too. There will also be all the usual fun and games, including lucky dip, drop a coin on the Reindeer's nose and lots more!

Father Christmas Grotto experience (photo and gift included!)

Years R to 3 will be receiving a special invitation to visit Father Christmas at the Fair. Tickets are £3 per child and £2 per additional sibling if purchased prior to the date of the Fair (or £3 each on the day). This is an absolute snip compared to most grottos and there will be craft to do while they wait. Please see a PTA member in the school office before/after school from **Monday 20 November** if you wish to purchase tickets. Having an idea of numbers is very helpful, so **please book ASAP** - thanks 😊

We need your help with donations to make the Fair a success

Chocolate and cakes

Look out for a plate coming home for you to fill with delicious **chocolates** or homemade **cakes** for sale at the fair. We appreciate every single plate! If you are able to help, please bring your donations to school on **Friday 1 December**.

Bottles

The popular **Bottle Tombola** will be back again - any unwanted (unopened and in date!) bottles are welcome (e.g. wine, soft drinks, shower gel, washing up liquid, ketchup, salad dressing, nail varnish). Please bring donations to the school office from **Monday 20 November**. Thank you.

Gift sets

Finally, we would also be very grateful for your support with our “**Win a Present for Mum**” stall. If you have any unwanted and unopened gift sets to clear out, toiletries, or any other item (s) you think us ‘mums’ might like, please bring these to school from **Monday 20 November**. The less the PTA has to purchase for the fair the more we can raise to help the school which directly benefits all of our children.

Colour and display your colouring competition poster!

There’s a poster with this letter for your child to colour in and display in your window - to let people know about the Fair. This can also be entered into the colouring competition by bringing it to the Fair or to school on Monday 4 December. There will be prizes for the best Junior and Infant entries. Please participate & let your neighbours know they can wrap up Christmas by joining us on 2 December.

Above all, *please come along and enjoy the day with us!*

We hope you can join us on the day, this is a time when the school comes together so please put 2 December in your diary. The café will be open serving tea, coffee and cake and the BBQ will be in the Infant Playground (vegetarian option available). If you cannot make the Fair please **support us** by sending cake, chocolate or other donations in to the Fair or by selling raffle tickets to your family and friends.

We need YOUR help to make it a success

To make the Christmas Fair a success, we will need help on the day - it can’t be done without this help and you don’t need to be a member of the PTA. If you can help set up, clear away or spare half an hour to run a stall please leave a message in the school office with your name & phone number, or email auntiecath01@hotmail.com- Mrs Catherine MacMillan - PTA Secretary.

Did you know? You can stay in the know

Keep updated with PTA events by regularly checking the school website. Click on ‘The Office’ and scroll down to number 8 - <http://www.stjohnskeynsham.co.uk/the-office/#school-pta>

A BIG THANK YOU from the PTA for all of your ongoing support!