

# ***The Friends of Wheatfield Primary School***

## ***November Newsletter***

### **Dear Friends**

Here is our latest update and information on our second biggest fundraiser of the year –

### **Christmas/Winter Fayre - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – 7.30pm**

It's fast approaching and the committee are very busy preparing. However, as always, the success of any event depends on the donation of items and time that we receive.

This year we will be asking for donations of the following:

- Bottles of alcohol – please ensure that they are within use by date
- Bottles of non-alcoholic drinks, soap, shampoo, Xmas tins/jars – all within use by date and unopened.
- Decorated and filled jars/plastic bags – homemade jam, wrapped sweets, party bag type goodies etc or just the items to go in the jars/bags!
- Chocolate! – any type – a bar, a box, a tin...
- Homemade cakes & biscuits
- Books & DVDs
- Toys – please check they are in working order
- Cuddly Toys – the type you'd like your child to bring home!
- Christmas Hamper donations – Christmas cake, crackers, port, whisky or brandy
- **If you would prefer to make a monetary donation please help us to 'fill Santa's sack' and send in loose change in an envelope marked 'Christmas Fayre Donation' with your name, child's name and class.**
- **30 mins of your time on the day (or more!)**

Offers of your time are essential to the success of this event. We need help sorting through the donations on the day and setting up the stalls. We also urgently need help 'manning' the stalls this year. We **do not** have enough committee members to 'man' each stall, so 30 mins of your time on a stall is vital to ensure the fayre runs smoothly.

**Parents of children in KS1 – please sign up to help 'man' a stall on the sheet outside your child's classroom.**

**Parents of children in KS2 – please complete and return the donation form, email us or give your details to the school office.**

**We will also need help on the day of the fayre to set up from 1.45pm and to clear away after 7.30pm**

Here's a timetable to let you know what's required by when

<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Required</b>
Donation form - items for stall, hamper or your time! (setting up, 'man' a stall, help clearing up)	School Office or by email wheatfieldprimarypta@virginmedia.com	By Friday 21st November
Donations – as listed <b>Cuddly toys can be brought in from Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Nov so we can give them a name!</b>	Small School Hall	Between Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November (8.45am – 9am)
Homemade cakes and biscuits	Small School Hall	On Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov by 12 noon

### **Santa's Grotto Tickets**

We are very pleased to announce that Father Christmas has found time in his very busy schedule to come along and pay us a special visit at the fayre again this year. Grotto tickets will be £3.00 per child with an allocated time slot to help avoid lengthy queues. You can purchase a ticket by sending in your money in an envelope labelled "Christmas Fayre – Grotto Tickets" with your child's name, age, class number & preferred time slot (either 5-6pm or 6-7pm) to the school office. **Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment as we only have 120 places available!** Please note the tickets are on sale before the fayre in order for Santa to bring the right number of presents!!

***Please can you help us with Christmas decorations? – We are seeking tinsel, in good condition, and handmade snowflakes. If you have any tinsel you are able to donate please bring this into school during w/c 24<sup>th</sup> November. It would be lovely if all the children would make a snowflake for us to use as decoration at the Christmas fayre. They can be any colour, any size and yes you can add glitter! Again, these can be brought into school during w/c 24<sup>th</sup> November ready for us to use to decorate the hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.***

### **Christmas Cards**

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for Christmas cards/gift items. We have made a profit of **£179.00** which is a great start to this year's fundraising!

Christmas card orders will be back in school towards the end of November/early December.

The children produced some lovely artwork in school for this project. These were judged by Mrs Haydon and a winner from each class was chosen. The winners are:

**RB – Grace Morton-Sherwood**

**ROR – Ansh Patel**

**1H – Evie Robinson**

**1M – Krish Kalia**

**2J – Matthew Lang**

**2G – Beatriz Hattingh**

**3FW – Ruby-Louise Nixon**

**3CR – Camilly Arrivabene**

**4H – Ahmed Rashid**

**4G – Luke March**

**5M – Sophie Barker**

**5B – Kiera Harrison**

**6M – Elysia Anstey**

**6G – Maddi Wilde**

Congratulations and well done to everyone. The winners will receive some tokens to spend at the Christmas fayre.

### **Easyfundraising**

We launched Easyfundraising 3 years ago – So far we have 39 supporters and have raised over £600.00!

How does it work? Simply by registering and clicking through Easyfundraising when you shop on-line shop you could raise a donation for the school. There are 1,000's of retailers listed and as more and more of us are shopping on-line for Christmas Presents this is the ideal time to get involved. Please make time to have a look at the website and

register to help us raise FREE money. Retailers included are Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos, Homebase and many more.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

**Don't forget to select Friends of Wheatfield Primary School as the organisation to support**

**There is now an app that you can download to you phone/tablet so that you don't miss out on raising FREE money when ordering online form one of these devices.**

### **Wheatfield Logo Water Bottles**

We still have Water Bottles for sale priced at £2.50. If you would like to buy one please send your money in a sealed envelope marked 'Water bottle' with your child's name and class printed on the front.

### **Clothes Recycling**

We will be organising another clothes recycling collection in the New Year on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. A letter and a bag will be sent home before the Christmas holidays.

If you are able to 'Phil the bag' and bring it back to school on our recycling day we would be very grateful.

We will send a reminder at the start of term in January.

### **Wine & Cheese/AGM - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

We'd like to thank those who attended our AGM; it was a very enjoyable evening. We elected our new committee including 4 new members. The elected committee for the forthcoming 12 months is as follows:

Naomi Snedker	Chair	ROR and 6G	Jill Bonney	3FW
Helen Hodges	Vice Chair	3FW	Sally Callis	3CR & RB
Leonie Day	Treasurer	4H	Sandhya Mangat	RB
Tracy Coles	Secretary	1M & 4H	Katherine Wiltshire	ROR
Sarah Corbett		2G & 5M	Catherine Jones	RB
Melanie Dollin		6G & 5M	Lindsey Griffiths	ROR & 4H
Fiona Townsend		3CR & 4G	Vicky McKeown	Teaching Asst

### **Save the Date.....**

Just to let you know in advance of two events we have planned for next year.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – Valentine's DISCO – children only!**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – Easter themed cupcake decorating.**

Cost of tickets and more information will follow in the New Year.

*Once again – thank you all in advance for your support and donations*

***The Friends of Wheatfield Primary School  
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