



ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL

PTA CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016



CHRISTMAS FAIR – SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER, 1PM – 3PM

This year's Christmas Fair promises to be a fabulous way to soak up the festive spirit. Featuring our usual tried, tested and much loved Christmas favourites including, hands-on craft activities for the kids, treasure hunt, our now infamous Irish coffee and a visit from a very special guest. There will again be the Secret Santa present bonanza (see below), the Christmas raffle and the chance to win front row tickets for your child's Christmas performance!

New this year: Santa Dash! Watch this space!

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets! Check your children's bags!
We have some superb prizes!!

YOUR SUPPORT REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This year, at the children's request, we are raising funds to purchase sports equipment (outdoor table tennis tables, netball posts, play equipment surface...) as well as a much needed new projector. We will continue to work with Mrs Ritchie to understand what else might be needed this year and update you further.

You help with any donation you make! Thank you!

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

**** Thursday 24th November ** – Chocolates**

Friday 25th November – Bottles (drinks)

Friday 2nd December – Cakes

The non-uniform days are held to support the Christmas Fair, with all donations sold or raffled at this event. In exchange for bringing in the appropriate donation your child will be able to wear their own clothes.

Only one donation per family is required for children to take part. Boxes for donations will be placed at the entrance to the playgrounds on these dates.

SECRET SANTA

Secret Santa for parents is returning this Christmas with gifts chosen by our children.

When and how? Send in any new/unwanted gifts into school. These gifts will be sold in the secret



Santa shop at the Christmas Fair, (hopefully your donated item/s will not be returned to you as your surprise gift!). Items to be dropped off in the boxes situated outside the reception classroom from **Thursday 24th November - Friday 2nd December**. The Secret Santa Shop will be open at the Christmas Fair with the support of teachers in assisting the secret shoppers to help choose and wrap the gifts, for the children to then take home, £1 per child.



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Secret Santa continued...

Why do it? To raise money for the school and much needed equipment. To give all the children the opportunity to buy a surprise Christmas gift for their parents. They are sure to know what you like and you will surely like what they have selected for you!

What is it? It's a cheap and fun way of recycling unused and unwanted items that are stored around the house. We are asking for gifts such as: (unopened) toiletries, (new or nearly new) scarves, hats, gloves, bags, puzzles, photo frames, books, ties, socks, pens, Christmas jumpers or anything that is appropriate for a mummy or daddy and suitable for a Christmas gift. If unsure please contact any member of the PTA.

Please join in with the fun to ensure that we have enough gifts for every child and parent.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- By volunteering to help set up or man a stall. If your company does charity matching we may even be able to get an extra donation for your help!
- By sending in any Christmas wrapping paper you may have lying around.
- By coming to the Christmas Fair and spending your money!

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th November 7.30pm-10pm (What fun we had!)

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRE-DRINKS

Tuesday 6th / Wednesday 7th December from 6.00pm

CHILDREN'S DISCO

Friday 27th January 2017

- Infants 5.00pm - 6.15pm (Reception parents to stay)

- Juniors 6.30pm - 7.45pm



For all your help and much appreciated cooperation! Do not hesitate to contact us.