



16th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly I would like to introduce myself, I am the Chair of the PTFA Claire Farrell and I wanted to let you know what role the PTFA has in school. The PTFA is a group of Parents, Teachers and friends of the school who volunteer their time to help raise money which goes directly into providing for the school and its children, helping to provide items such as iPads, coaches for Year 5 & 6 residential trips and other resources school may need support in funding.

Due to the pandemic we have been unable to do as much fundraising as we would have hoped over the past couple of years but it is excellent to be able to start holding events again. A huge thank you to everyone who attended our first event of the academic school year on November 5th. The film night was a huge success and the children really enjoyed themselves.

As we are shortly beginning the season of Advent, Christmas is a time where the PTFA run quite a few events. This year we will be holding a number of key events in school:

Luxury Hamper Raffle: We will be holding a non-uniform day on 26th November 2021 and ask for a luxury item in exchange for this, these will then be added to our luxury class hampers. Raffle tickets will then be sold via SchoolMoney from 1st December and the raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 14th December where everyone will have a chance to win one of the luxury hampers.

KS2 Film Night: This will take place in the main hall on 3rd December 2021 from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. The cost of tickets will be £5 each and includes snacks, a drink and a small gift. Tickets will go on sale on SchoolMoney on Monday 22nd November 2021. The deadline for tickets is Wednesday 1st December.

Supper with Santa: This will take place in the dining hall on 3rd December 2021 from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. This is one of our resurrected events for our EYFS and KS1 children and where they will watch a short film, have hot dogs and chips and then get a visit from Santa himself! Santa will also bring a gift for each child. The cost of tickets will be £6 each and will go on sale on SchoolMoney on Monday 22nd November 2021. The deadline for tickets is Tuesday 30th November.

Christmas Shop: This will take place in school on 10th December 2021 and all children will have the opportunity to buy gifts for chosen family members. This is a cash event and children will need to bring cash in an envelope. Gifts range from £1 to £4 each and will be wrapped and gift tags added with their name clearly written on it. .

Please note if you do not book within the timeframe to order tickets then your child will be unable to attend. We are hoping that next year we will be able to run our Christmas Fayre once again. However we look forward to the great events this year.

With so many events coming up, we are always grateful for volunteers, if you would like to help please email cfarrell@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk.

Many Thanks

Claire Farrell
PTFA Chair