

Hello team,

We had a PTA meeting on 7th November, with lots of new faces, which was mega-brill. Two of our marvellous Year 1 parents, Dawn and Naz, have kindly volunteered to organise a **Santa Event after school on Friday, 7th December**.

As ever, we can only run PTA events with YOUR support, so please note the following dates relating to this event, and then see below for more information:

1. **Wednesday, 21st November:** PTA meeting at 3.30pm (at school) with main focus on discussing Santa Event
2. **Friday, 23rd November:** Non-uniform day in exchange for Christmas Hamper raffle items.
3. **Friday, 30th November:** Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for our Chocolate Tombola stall
4. **Friday, 7th November:** PTA Santa Event with proposed time of 4pm - 7pm

1, PTA meeting, Wednesday 21st November

Our next meeting will be after school (3.30pm) on 21st November and the main focus will be the forthcoming **Santa Event on 7th December**.

I know that this earlier meeting time doesn't work for everyone, and we will still be doing pub-based PTA meetings in the future. Please do feel free to review the Minutes of the last meeting (attached) and share your thoughts.

Please get in touch if you have any suggestions or can offer your support in any way, even if you aren't able to attend meetings in person.

2, Non-Uniform Day, Friday, 23rd November

We are asking for children to bring in a contribution for our **Christmas Hamper Raffle**. In order to ensure we don't end up with lots of hampers full of Christmas puddings, we'd suggest children bring the following:

- Reception - Chocolates and/or sweets
- Yr 1 - Biscuits and sweet treats
- Yr 2 - Christmas Puddings or cake
- Yr 3 - Luxury pamper items
- Year 4 - savoury treats, eg, crackers or breadsticks
- Yr 5 - Jams, chutneys or pickles
- Yr 6 - Beverages

Please note, this is just a suggestion! If you have something that is assigned to another year group, or that isn't on the list (but would be appropriate for inclusion...) then please feel free to off-road.

We are still looking for a Star Prize for our raffle, so if you work somewhere that might be able to contribute a Star Prize, or if you know someone who might be able to get us something jazzy, please do put your feelers out and let us know if you succeed.

3, Non-Uniform Day, Friday, 30th November

We will be running our hugely popular **Chocolate Tombola** stall at our Santa Event, so would ask that children bring in something chocolate (that is still in date, please!) to go on that stall. If anyone would like to volunteer to stick raffle tickets onto tombola items, please do get in touch! ;)

4, Santa Event, Friday 7th December

We will be running a festive event after school on **Friday, 7th December**. There is still lots to finalise, but the general plan is for children to be able to visit Santa and for there to be some stalls and food available as well.

At the risk of sounding like a stuck record, **PTA stuff will only happen if people like YOU get involved to do your part**. Many hands, light work, and all that.

Anyway, thanks again, all.

Fiona

On behalf of the PTA Committee

PS, Have you signed up for EasyFundraising yet? Have you?... If so, you can take a moment to feel smug. If not, please click here:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/maryextonjmi>