Christmas Fair 2017!

After a well-attended and busy PTA meeting on Monday evening, we are full steam ahead planning for the Christmas Fair, which will take place at school on **Friday 1st December, 6-8pm.** Dare we say it; in three weeks' time!!!!!

This year we will have some exciting new stalls, plus the welcome return of some old favourites including, Teddy Tombola, Chocolate Tombola, Bottle Tombola, Money Tree and the Christmas Crackers. After its success at the Summer BBQ, Crazy Sand Art will also be back - children will be able to make Christmas themed bottles (snowmen, Santa and Christmas trees) as well as bubbles, trolls and football boots. One of the fabulous grandparents from school is also very kindly making some beautiful fairies and angels, which will be available to buy, along with a selection of other fun gifts.

These stalls can only go ahead if we have volunteers to help run them. Each class has been allocated a couple of stalls and your class reps are currently trying to fill half hour slots on these. Please get in touch with them if you think you can spare 30 minutes on the night, your help will be very much appreciated.

It wouldn't be a Christmas Fair without a visit from the big man himself! Children will be able to pay Father Christmas a visit and fill him in on what they want for Christmas, they will also get a small gift to take away.

As usual we will have a great selection of food and drink available to buy on the night. The ever-popular bar will be serving the usual alcoholic and soft drinks, including prosecco, wine and beer, fruit shoots and cans of pop. Those looking for a festive tipple will be pleased to know that mulled wine, (along with tea and coffee) will be served from the kitchen. Also on the menu will be Bratwurst sausage hot dogs, as well as vegetarian falafel and hummus wraps. To satisfy those sugar cravings we are hoping to have chocolate logs (donations gratefully received), mince pies and a selection of other yummy delights!

Susie and Fiona have been very busy sourcing some brilliant prizes for the raffle, please see the attached sheet for a full run down of what you can win! There really are some great prizes up for grabs, so don't forget to buy your tickets! Books of raffle tickets should be book bags today and we would encourage you to please sell as many as you can to friends and family. Please send any raffle ticket money and stubs back to school in a sealed envelope and mark it for the attention of the PTA. Tickets will also be sold on the night. If you know of anywhere that would be happy to donate something to us, please let us know.

The Tombola's can only go ahead with your kind donations. We will be collecting donations for these each Friday over the next few weeks in the playground. Class reps will be on hand to collect all your donations on these days so please keep an eye out for them.

The rota for collections of donations is as follows:

10th November - Teddies

17th **November** - Bottles (anything unopened such as toiletries, fizzy drinks, alcohol, bucks fizz, ketchup /sauces etc)

24th Nov - Chocolates

Finally, donations of homemade crackers and decorated filled envelopes known for the Money Tree (or essentially the Christmas Tree Surprize stall), are very much appreciated. Money Tree envelopes should be in book bags today and keep an eye out for details of the Christmas Crackers.

We also want to say a massive thank you in advance to anyone who donates items, volunteers their time, sells and buys raffle tickets, bakes cakes or turns up to be part of the fun on the night. We know we have said it before, but it really is true that every single penny raised at these events goes towards resources and activities that benefit <u>all</u> our children. The Christmas Fair is our biggest money raiser of the year, so it is more important than ever that we all pull together to make it the great success that it is sure to be!

Many thanks for your continued support

Lisa and Emily xxxx