

WHITFIELD ST JAMES' CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

This newsletter is to let you know about some of the events we have planned for the next few months and also things that you may be able to do to help us raise funds that you may not have been aware of.

Firstly thanks to everyone who supported our first 'Hot Chocolate Friday'. It's been a while since the last one and we appreciated your patience and support. We look forward to the next one.

We will start off with dates for things we have planned, obviously some of these dates may change and if that is the case we will give as much notice as possible.

1/11/22 PTA Meeting 3.45pm in school

4/11/22 **Donation Day** (for Xmas Market & Fair) non-uniform (see below)

Nursery, Reception Yr1 & Yr2 - Christmas items such as: crackers/ Xmas cards/wrapping paper/Xmas cards/selection boxes/Advent calendars/biscuits/baubles/gift sets etc. Please ensure any food items are in date and unused.

Yr3/Yr4/Y5/Y6 - Children's tombola items*: this could be books/games/colouring books/craft kits etc *We would ask that these items be new and unused.

10/11/22 Movie Night - We will be showing 3 movies and letters will be sent out very soon with all the details of timings and cost.

We are looking to have a stall at the Christmas Market & Fair (on the 2nd December) selling second hand Christmas jumpers and t-shirts for a nominal cost (£1). We are therefore asking for any donations of these items that no longer fit your child/children to be brought into school during the week commencing 21st November to give us time to sort them.

25/11/22 **Donation Day** non uniform (for Xmas Market & Fair)

Nursery/Reception/Yr1/Yr2 - Bottles: this can be wine/spirits/juice/soft drinks/sauce/hand soap/bubble bath. Basically anything in a bottle. *Please ensure items are in date

Yr3/Yr4/Yr5/Yr6 - To be advised - once we have assessed what items we have received from the previous donation day we will send a text out to these classes informing them of what we would like.

2/12/22 Xmas Market & Fair

This will take place in school and there will be several outside stalls, as well as, the raffle (tickets will be sent home beforehand & be available on the night), hot food & refreshments, children's games & activities, bottle tombola, children's tombola, music from the choir and much more.

31/1/23 **Discos**

Reception/Yr1 & Yr2 3.45pm-4.45pm (straight after school & children can bring clothes to school to change into).

Yr3-Yr6 5.15pm-6-15pm

Refreshments of juice and a small snack (biscuits/crisps/fruit) will be included in the cost.

One of the ways we raise money is through the clothing bank that is located just inside the main gate. You can deposit clean wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags & belts, (please make sure items are bagged).

We also have Easyfundraising. This is like a cash back scheme where we receive a percentage from your online shopping at no cost to you. (We will ensure the link on the PTA page is up to date).

We are also looking into registering with Amazon Smile so if we can get this up and running we will send out notification by text.

Match funding - lots of companies offer this and it usually requires the employee to attend an event or help on a specific stall and then whatever profit is made their company matches it. We have included some of the companies that do this but if anyone would be willing to do this or check if their employer takes part we would be very grateful.



The PTA will have an A5 paper copy of the current dates available at the office for anybody who would like one. Occasionally due to things beyond our control dates may need to be changed and if this is the case we will use the text system and dojo to let you know.

Finally if anybody is able to help out at any of these events (even if it is only for half an hour) we would be very grateful. Just leave your details at the school office.

Apologies for the length of this newsletter but we thought you would appreciate as much information as possible, especially dates.

Many thanks

Whitfield St James' CE (VC) Primary School PTA