

13th November 2017

Dear parents/carers

7Your PTA Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 2nd December from 2pm - 5pm, it's our BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the year and we would love to have your support. There are lots of fun stalls, our brilliant raffle with amazing prizes, delicious mulled wine and cakes as well as our St. Joseph's signature mulled apple juice!

Magic Marie will be returning with an exciting magic show for the children featuring real bunnies as well as our traditional Christmas story reading to get us all in the Christmassy mood!!

Your help as ever is much appreciated and this year we've put together an on-line signup board for volunteer roles to help with set up, manning stalls and the clear up afterwards. The link to the sign-up will be texted to all parents so please look out for it, no matter how small the amount of time you can donate, every little helps!

As well as a little of your time, we would like you to help us out with some other donations and events (we will remind nearer the time by text):

- 1. Donations for the sweetie tombola please could we ask you to fill old jam jars with sweets and send in for our very popular sweetie tombola stall! Please could we have donations by Tuesday 14th November you can leave them with the school office.
- <u>2. Non-uniform Day Friday 24th November</u> in return for a donation of either a bottle of wine or a gift for the tombola store (such as fancy goods, toiletries, fragrances, unwanted new, boxed toys, unwanted gifts etc.)
- 3. Donations for pre-loved dressing up clothes We are also going to have a pre-loved dressing up clothes stall so please do start to have a turn out and bring in to the school on either Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th November.
- <u>4. Christmas Bake</u> Please, please could you send in cakes, mince pies etc. on **Friday 1**st **December** for the cake stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Other PTA Dates For Your Diary



PTA Breakfast with Santa Friday 15^{th} December at 8.15am (last day of term) £2.50 per child

Aside from all the Christmas Fayre activity, we are very lucky to have once again secured the main man's time this year and he has scheduled in an hours' visit on the last day of term where he will hand out gifts to all boys and girls attending. There will be details in a further letter but please do put the date in your diary now.

Finally, a reminder that you can support the PTA while you shop...

Easy Fundraising is an easy way to raise money at no cost to you. If you shop online with retailers like Amazon, Argos and John Lewis, sign up with www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephsptastonehouse for free and use the links to take you to the retailer - who you still shop with direct - and we get a percentage of whatever you spend at no cost to you!

Yellow Moon sells a wide range of kids' arts and craft supplies, including great Christmas craft ideas. Go to their website yellowmoon.org.uk and every purchase you make can give up to 20% cash back to the PTA - just give the source code SST4004 when checking out. Have yourself a crafty little Christmas!

Please DO take a minute and sign up - many PTA's make a great amount of money via this route and it's so easy.

Thank you as always for your anticipated support and involvement.

Best wishes

St. Joseph's PTA