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Christmas Events & Activities

Friends of Busbridge Junior School



Now we're well into November we can share our plans for the BJS annual **Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday 4 December, 12-3 PM**. We hope this proves to be a fun event and the perfect place to do some Christmas shopping. This year, we will be holding the fair outside in the playground, Christmas Market style.

We are very grateful for the massive team effort involved in running the fair, which is traditionally one of our largest fund-raising events of the year. The children love the Christmas Fayre and since we weren't able to hold it last year, we are hoping to make this year's extra-special.

There will be Christmas crafts, games and activities, tombolas, hot food, mulled wine, cake, and of course, our legendary Christmas Raffle. Capture your Christmas memories with festive family photos, buy a handmade Christmas wreath and stock up on Busbridge Gin and other beautiful handmade Christmas gifts.

In addition, we will be running a separate Christmas Secret Shopping event for the children during the school day on **Friday 10 December**. This will be similar to the shopping day that we held last year.

As you know, we couldn't do this without your support. The school has kindly offered to support a number of **mufti days** in exchange for various donations over the next few weeks. We appreciate that this is a big ask but we really do need the donations to make these events a success. And never fear, the Classlist reminders will help keep you on track!

Second-hand Toys & Books Donations

We will be running a sale of second hand toys and books at the Christmas Fayre. This is the perfect opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas! Please ensure donations are in good, usable condition and suitable for ages 5+. There will be a box in Reception for donations from **Monday 15 November**.

Friday 19 November: Christmas Secret Shopping Donations

On the mufti day, please can children bring in the following donations. Further to our Classlist post, we would really appreciate it if you could donate 5 small gifts as we need 1500 presents for the event to work!

Year 3 **Gifts for boys and girls** suitable for 8-12 year olds, e.g. toiletries, toys, puzzles, books, stationery. *If you have a son, please buy boys' gifts. If you have a daughter, please buy girls' gifts.*

Year 4 **Gifts for men**, e.g. socks, gloves, toiletries, mugs, gardening or sports items, books, stationery. And/or gifts for pets.

Year 5 **Sweets, chocolates** (no nuts please), biscuits, fancy jams, hot chocolate. And/or gifts for pets.

Year 6 **Gifts for ladies**, e.g. toiletries, jewellery, candles, nail varnish, mugs, gardening bits, socks, books, stationery. And/or gifts for pets.

Friday 26 November: Luxury Hamper Donations

We make up at least 12 amazing hampers for raffle prizes at the Christmas Fayre. We ask that all children bring in **one luxury non-perishable item** to be included in a hamper (including alcohol, biscuits, crackers, tea/coffee, chutney/jams, chocolates, shortbread, Christmas puddings, mince pies, panettone, stollen, Christmas crackers, napkins, etc).

Thursday 2 December: Bottle & Jar Donations

There will be a bottle tombola at the fair and we would appreciate your donations of **bottles** (e.g. alcohol, cordial, soft drinks, bubble bath, perfume) or **jars** (jam, chutney, etc). If the item is homemade, please list the ingredients and date made. Please ensure that all items are unopened and in date.

Friday 3 December: Sweet & Cake Donations

There will be a sweet lucky dip and also a cake sale at the fair and we would welcome your donations for these stalls as follows:

Years 3 & 4 Cakes and Christmas bakes

Years 5 & 6 Sweets for lucky dip (none that contain nuts please).

Christmas Raffle

Very soon you will find in your child's book bag two books of raffle tickets. It would be fantastic if you could try to sell these tickets to friends and family (extra are available - please contact us). Please return all payment, ticket stubs and unsold tickets to school office by **Thursday 2 December**. If anyone has a raffle prize they would like to donate, please get in touch. The raffle will take place during the Christmas Fayre.

Year 3 Pedlars

The Year 3 children have the opportunity to become a pedlar at the Christmas Fayre. Dressed up and with a tray selling irresistible goodies, they walk around selling their wares. More info to follow for Year 3s.

Gift Stalls

We have some fantastic external gift stalls this year, including:

- ~ Festive Family Photos by Mandy Spencer Photography
- ~ Usborne books ~ Luna's Cookies ~ Brittany Hazeldine (portrait artist) ~ Tempest and Queen Jewellery
- ~ Skirts with Lights ~ Crochet and knitted products ~ Handmade jewellery ~ Hamptons

Wreaths

Please come along and help us make the wreaths to be sold at the Christmas Fayre. It's great fun and we promise that no artistic talent is required! We need lots of greenery for the wreaths along with some helping hands on **Friday 3 December** (time TBC). Please email if you are able to provide some greenery or are able to come and join us: bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre and thank you in advance for your support
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