



St Mary's Parents & Friends Association



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Putting the fun into fundraising

Hello,

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came to our firework event on Saturday evening – we hope you had a great night. After all the hard work of putting this first time event together, we felt it was a huge success and we received many positive comments. A BIG thank you also to everyone who helped on the stalls and tidying away at the end, we could not have done it without you. We will be having a feedback session at the next PFA meeting on 3rd December so please come along.

Winter Wonderland

With only 12 preparation days until our Winter Wonderland, it's time to get festive!

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our plea for donations, however, we are still requiring lots more to make Saturday 24th November the success our Christmas event always is. This is just a gentle reminder to please give what you can.

- ❖ Toiletries
- ❖ New unwanted gifts
- ❖ Chocolate items
- ❖ Tinsel and candles in red, green, gold and silver
- ❖ Christmas wrapping paper
- ❖ Bottles
- ❖ Prize gift ideas (new party bag toys)
- ❖ Boxes/bags of sweets
- ❖ **NEW** toys/teddies

- ❖ Homemade cakes/biscuits (Friday 23rd in the trolley or early Saturday 24th in the Parish hall)

- ❖ **Plus your hamper items**

Goodie Bags

We will be sending out the goodie bags this week. Have fun filling them with anything festive, edible or otherwise. We love seeing how inventive you all are. If you want extra bags then these can be obtained from the Matisse room most mornings.

How you can help

We will be in the Matisse room Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week and next so if you can spare time to help sort donations or go on a shopping run for us, it would be much appreciated. Time is running out! Also, if you pass the church on your way to school and you have a spare hand, please collect any donations left in the church porch and deposit them in the trolley in the playground.

We sent out our helpers request forms last week. If you are able to help, please can you return your form to Sharon Juggins by Wednesday 14th November.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help. We will put a note in your child's book bag to advise you of your stall.

Grand Draw Tickets

Hopefully you all received your Grand draw tickets last week. If you haven't already returned them, can you please do so by Wednesday 14th November, via the school office. If you are attending mass this weekend at 6.30pm on Saturday, or Sunday at 8am, 9.30am or 11.30am and could spare 20 minutes after mass selling Grand draw tickets, please could you call Elaine on 07960 018 387. Thank you

Textile Re-cycling

Don't forget to drop off your unwanted textiles and shoes at the Parish Hall after mass this weekend in the Van Meenan room or first thing Monday morning 19th November. Our collection is booked for 9.30am so please do not drop bags off after this time. Thank you.

Best Regards

Your PFA Team