



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Christmas Lunch Orders - DON'T miss the deadline!!



Every year we take great pleasure in supporting the Mission Christmas charity and ask, if possible, for you to buy an extra gift and be a secret santa. The charity ensures the gifts get to disadvantaged children to ensure they have something under the tree on Christmas morning. If you would like to donate a gift, please bring to the drop off point in the school entrance until Thursday 14th December, ensuring the item is new and unwrapped. This is to ensure the gifts are given to the most fitting age groups. See below for ideas:

**0-3 YEARS**  
 Teddies, Musical Toys, My First Toys, Rattles, Books, Play Mats

**3-5 YEARS**  
 Cars, Dolls, Jigsaws, Dress Up Items, Playdoh, Colouring Books and Pencils

**9-12 YEARS**  
 Board Games, Make Up Sets, Nail Varnish

**12-18 YEARS**  
 Toiletries, Electrical Items (Straighteners, Mini-speakers), Aftershave and Perfumes, Jewellery, Puzzles, Make-up, Books, Lunch Boxes, Duvet Sets

**5-7 YEARS**  
 Lego, Art and Craft Sets, Skipping Ropes, Make Your Own Photo Frame, Snow Globe, Jewellery Set, Action Figures, Board Games

**7-9 YEARS**  
 Footballs, Board Games, Remote Control Toys, Stationery Sets

If you prefer, there is also an option to donate online and it will be sent straight to the Mission Christmas team to

organise a gift for you. Follow this link:

<https://cashforkids.org.uk/donate>

### Crazy Hair Next Week



Next Friday we are inviting children to come to school with crazy hair in exchange for a chocolate donation. This will

be used for our very popular chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair. Donations are of course voluntary.



Last chance to book your ticket for Santa's Grotto at the

Christmas Fair. The last date to apply for tickets is next Friday - though they may sell out before. If you have misplaced the letter it can be found on the PTA page of the school website or by clicking [HERE](#).

### Parent Council

We have only had 4 parents come forward for the Parent Council. We need 6 parents to make the group viable, so please let me know if you are still thinking about it.



## Christmas Lunch

We will be holding our school Christmas lunch on Friday 15th December. A letter has been sent home today. If your child does not usually have a school dinner, you must return the slip with your menu choice and money, by Friday 1st December at the latest! (Christmas Fair Day = Last day to order Christmas dinner!) Providing Christmas dinner is a huge undertaking and so we must have orders in advance. Orders after 1st December will NOT be accepted as food supplies have to be bought in advance by the kitchen. If your child currently has a school dinner, you don't need to do anything and your child will order in class as usual. Allergen information and the Christmas menu can be found on the '[School Lunches](#)' page on the school website.



Christmas dinner day will also be Christmas Jumper Day and whilst we will not be taking donations in school, you might want to donate to the Save the Children charity online.

## Language Challenge

Please find attached our 'Language Challenge' sheet for this half term. One of the challenges is to list 10 countries you would like to visit by the age of 25! Another is to cook a dish from another country. Bring your challenges (or photos) to school to share with your class.



## Athletics Champions!

Our Y4 children did an incredible job at the local inter-schools athletics competition this week and came first place! They were all delighted with their medals. Musa and Sumayyah won special awards for determination. Well done! 🏆

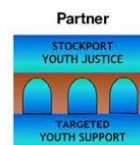


## Free Girls Football Club

Stockport County are running a free girls only football club at Marple Hall High School on Fridays, from 5-6pm. This is for girls in Y5 and 6. See flyer attached for more details.



**Community Trust**



## Remembrance



My thanks to Declan, our Head Boy, and Mr Cope and Mr Crompton for representing the school at the Heald Green Remembrance Service last Sunday.

Kind regards,

**Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff**

