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## PTA Thank You



We would like to thank all the families in school for your very generous donations over the last few weeks. We wouldn't be able to run as many fun stalls for the fair without all the chocolate, bottles, jars of sweets and pound coins for the raffle.

We hope you will be able to come to the fair this evening, from 5pm - 7pm. You will find the Makers Market in the hall and stalls dotted around the classrooms. Santa will be towards the bottom of the corridor in his grotto. There are still some tickets available which can be purchased on the door. The choir will be singing at 6.20pm (slightly earlier than previously advertised) and the raffle will be drawn at 6.45pm in the hall. First prize £75, second prize £50 and third £25. It's got to be worth a go!!

## Use of Playground Before and After School

It has come to our attention that an increasing number of children are playing on the ball court, trail and Early Years play area before and after school. This is not permitted. Children must not play in these areas outside the school day as they are unsupervised. We make decisions on a daily basis about the safety of these areas according to weather conditions. Sliding on ice in any area of the school playground is not allowed as it can be extremely dangerous on the hard surfaces. Children found playing in these areas before or after school will miss their next playtime.

## Bauble Making

Year 5 have been busy this week bauble making at The Kingsway School. They had a very creative workshop and I am told their conduct and attitudes were a credit to Etchells. Well done Year 5.



## Coffee & Mince Pies

The PTA will very kindly be serving hot drinks and mince pies before and after the Christmas performances. For the morning show, parents can come into the hall after drop off for refreshments beforehand. For afternoon shows, parents will be able to stay behind afterwards and have a drink before pick up. Raffle tickets will also be sold and festive prizes can be won. A small donation for refreshments would be gratefully received.



## Key 103 Mission Christmas

We are very happy to be a drop off point for the Key 103 Mission Christmas appeal this year. If you would like to be a part of this fantastic charity event which distributes Christmas presents to the most needy children in Greater Manchester, please bring an **unwrapped** present to school and place in the donation box which can be found in the school entrance. Any present ideas are great but there is particular demand for gifts suitable for babies and teenagers. The presents will be collected on Thursday 14th December so if you wish to donate, ensure you have dropped off before this date.



## Parent Council

Many thanks to the 7 parents who have put themselves forward for the Parent Council. We will now be able to go ahead with meetings for this year. The reps will be in touch with their classes shortly to gather any questions you would like put forward. We have vacancies in the following classes, so if you would like to represent your class and put forward their views, please drop me an email.

Vacancies:

Nursery,

1H, 1P,

3C, 3TL, 4M,

5W, 5R, 6M

## Christmas Show Photographs

A reminder to all parents coming to the EYFS and KS1 shows that we do allow photographs to be taken but ask for them not to be placed on social media. For some children in our school, having their images on sites such as Facebook, could potentially put them at risk. Please respect this and don't do it.

This year, Kelliejo will be taking some photos of the children in their costumes which will be available for parents to buy for £1. Photos can be ordered with the PTA before and after the performances. Orders will only be taken with payment.

## End of Term

Some parents have asked for clarification around end of term dates and times. School closes for Christmas on Tuesday 19th December at 3.15pm.



Due to popular demand last year, we have decided to hold an official Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. We will be making the day Thursday 14th December to coincide with our Christmas dinner. An optional donation can be brought to school to be given directly to the Save the Children Fund. Don't have a Christmas jumper? It's fine, wear some bright colours or some tinsel instead!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the fair this evening,

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows  
and the Etchells staff

