



SCHOOL NEWS

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THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair last week - almost 600 people came through the door! Our one way system worked really well to create a much calmer atmosphere and many of you commented on how much better it was this year; thank you for cooperating with this. I'm pleased to let you know, that almost £2,800 was raised and this will be put towards our very exciting Nursery Outdoor Development Project which we are hoping will be installed in January.

My thanks to the PTA who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, getting everything ready and ensuring the Fair ran seamlessly. I would also like to thank all the helpers - parents, staff, family members, ex-pupils and friends. We could not have run all the stalls without you. And finally, I would like to thank all our families for all the incredible donations made over the last few months which enabled us to offer so many prizes and as well as the tombolas.

Watch this space next week for an exciting new family PTA event taking place in January.

Christmas Dinner Day

Next Friday we will be serving our Christmas Dinner to all the children who normally take a hot dinner and those who have placed an order. Everybody, however, will enjoy the Christmas music and festive atmosphere. Christmas jumpers, festive wear or non-uniform can be worn for the day.



School Photographs



LAST DAY to send in your order envelope for school photographs is Monday 9am (next week). If you miss the deadline, you will be able to order directly from Academy, with a postage cost of £6.



LAST DATE FOR DONATIONS:

Thursday 14th December
In school entrance



Freddy Fit



Every Christmas we enjoy a visit from Freddy Fit who provides a festive workout for all the classes. We used to have a grant for this experience but unfortunately this is not an option for this year. Therefore, we are asking for a £2 voluntary contribution towards this really fun and much anticipated event. A letter is being sent home for you to complete a slip and cash payment. Payment for siblings can be placed in the same envelope.

Some parents have asked us if it is possible to make an additional payment for trips and events to help cover cost for children from families who might find this difficult. We would like to trial this for this event. Therefore, if you would like to make an additional contribution - even £1 - it would make such a difference to some of our families.



We have been successful in securing an opportunity to be included in the Tesco 'Stronger Starts' grant scheme. This means that from January, we will be one of three projects customers can choose to vote for with a token given every time a purchase is made. Voting will be open until the end of March and will be available in a range of Tesco stores covering Cheadle Hulme, Heald Green, Stockport and Wilmslow. I will give more details of these locations in January. For now, if you receive any store tokens when shopping, please keep them ready to put in our token container! If we receive the most token votes, we could receive £1500 towards our Early Years Outdoor Project.

Y5 at Smithy Croft



Year 5 performed brilliantly for the residents of Smithy Croft this week. They sang beautifully and represented our school so well with their excellent behaviour.



I am really pleased that we have once again been accredited by the ELSA Network for supporting the well-being, social and emotional needs of the children in our school

Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

