



# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Christmas Fair Updates and Reminders

- \* Taking place NEXT Friday, 2nd December, 5pm - 7pm.
- \* Pay on the door, £1 per family. You will receive a programme with a raffle ticket attached. Please keep as we will draw a special 'Golden Ticket' prize.
- \* Santa's Grotto tickets have now sold out.
- \* Please bring CASH ONLY. It won't be possible to make card payments. Please bring change if you can.
- \* We really appreciate your donations so far - the stalls just couldn't take place without them! On the day of the fair, (next Friday) please bring in an unopened bottle for the very popular bottle tombola. Wear your Christmas clothes/ accessories.
- \* If you are able to help, but haven't signed up yet, please email the PTA directly on: [pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:pta@etchells.stockport.sch.uk)
- \* The raffle will be drawn in the hall at 6.30pm. If you have to go earlier than this, we will save unclaimed prizes and post the raffle ticket numbers on Facebook and Dojo.



## Athletics

This week, our Year 4 children took part in an athletics competition held in the sports hall at Aquinas College. They did really well, coming 3rd place out of 7 schools. I am told they were very well behaved and great 'sports' throughout the event. Special awards were given to Percy and Abigail for determination. My thanks to Mrs Macfarlane and Mrs Lund for organising.



## School Photos

A reminder that the children will be having their photographs taken next week, on Wednesday 30th November. We will do both family groups and individuals in order for you to choose which to purchase should you wish. If your child has PE that day, please ensure they wear their school sweatshirt and polo shirt.





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 from Monday 5th 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:

<p><b>0-3 YEARS</b></p> <p>Teddies, Musical Toys, My First Toys, Rattles, Books, Play Mats</p>	<p><b>5-7 YEARS</b></p> <p>Lego, Art and Craft Sets, Skipping Ropes, Make Your Own Photo Frame, Snow Globe, Jewellery Set, Action Figures, Board Games</p>
<p><b>3-5 YEARS</b></p> <p>Cars, Dolls, Jigsaws, Dress Up Items, Playdoh, Colouring Books and Pencils</p>	<p><b>7-9 YEARS</b></p> <p>Footballs, Board Games, Remote Control Toys, Stationery Sets</p>
<p><b>9-12 YEARS</b></p> <p>Board Games, Make Up Sets, Nail Varnish</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>12-18 YEARS</b></p> <p>Toiletries, Electrical items (Straighteners, Mini-speakers), Aftershave and Perfumes, Jewellery, Puzzles, Make-up, Books, Lunch Boxes, Duvet Sets</p>	



## Christmas Dinner

After cautiously returning to providing a school Christmas dinner last year, we are pleased this year to offer it to all pupils on Friday 16th December. A letter has been sent and emailed home with further information for your child's year group. If your child does not usually have a school dinner, you must return the slip with your menu choice and money, by Friday next week 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. Last minute orders 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.

**Winter Support Vouchers**  
 Help for families with school-age children

All families who claim Free School Meals or are in receipt of Local Council Tax Support and/or Housing Benefit from Stockport Council, should be receiving a one-off Winter Support Voucher for £60, via email. This is to help with the cost of energy and other essentials. Please check your email (and junk box). If you haven't signed up for Free School meals and are eligible, please do so here: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals> More information is attached.

See you at the fair next week!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

