

# NPSA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along to the NPSA meeting last week. It was brilliant to see so many new people, and to have so many exciting fundraising plans to discuss. Our next meeting will take place after half term and will be via Zoom, so we hope to see even more new faces then. The Bag2School collection raised £79 - thank you to everyone who donated. The next one will take place in January - we'll confirm the date towards the end of the year, so you have something to aim for in the post-Christmas clear out!



## Cake sale THIS FRIDAY

Our first cake sale in a loooooong time will take place on Friday 8th October, after school in the Upper School hall. There will be a **one-way system in operation** to avoid too much chaos, so please enter the hall at the back (i.e. go through the black metal gate by the bike sheds that leads to the Upper School playgrounds and enter the hall from there). On entry to the hall, you will need to **pay £1 (exact money only, please, no change available)** for a paper bag, you can then walk along the tables and select 3 items from the plates to put in your bag, leaving via the double doors to the Upper School foyer.

Can you help?

## Pumpkin Carving Competition

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Would anyone like to volunteer to organise a Pumpkin Carving Competition for the last weekend of half term? This event was enormously popular last year and it would be lovely to see it happen again, but we need a team of people to organise it. Those who were involved last year can explain how things were done, so you wouldn't need to start from scratch, but you would need to be willing to get stuck in quickly as there isn't long to pull it all together. If you're interested, please email [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com) ASAP!

## Winter Fair

As those who attended the NPSA meeting will know, this year, instead of a Christmas Fair in December, we have decided to opt for an earlier event - a Winter Fair - **on 27th November**. We feel this will be a great way to kick off the festive season: just ahead of advent (for those who celebrate Christmas) but before the full-on chaos of the run up to the holiday hits us! We also plan to tie this in with the launch of **Winter Windowland**, to make it a really exciting fundraising weekend, full of fun for everyone. Watch this space!

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# Fireworks Night

Can you help?

The NPSA firework display will take place on **Thursday 4th November**. Details about how to buy tickets will be available nearer the time.

The team organising this is in need of **volunteers to help in the run-up to the event and on the night**. Please could you help by:

- preparing or selling hot dogs and doughnuts
- working on the bar
- ensuring parents and children remain behind the safety ropes (you get a hi-vis jacket for this one!)
- helping with set up on the day of the event

Volunteers taking on specific roles are entitled to one free ticket, *if they volunteer before ticket sales are open*. If you can help, please email Kathy and Lucinda on [kathy\\_burdett@hotmail.com](mailto:kathy_burdett@hotmail.com) and [cindarumbold@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cindarumbold@yahoo.co.uk). The food and bar will stop selling prior to the display, so volunteers can enjoy the fireworks.

**Please note: the display itself is set up and run by a professional fireworks company who we have worked with for some years. Volunteers will not need to do anything with the fireworks.**

## Amazon Smile & The Giving Machine

The NPSA is a registered charity and therefore can be nominated for charity donations at Amazon Smile and the Giving Machine. You can turn Smile on in your Amazon app, or start your shopping at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) rather than the usual site. Register the NPSA as your chosen charity and every time you spend, Amazon will donate to the NPSA at no extra cost to you! You can also nominate the NPSA at the Giving Machine which gives you access to a huge number of online retailers, all of whom will make a donation at no extra cost to you. **Please sign up as both make a real difference!** You can find more details [here](#).

## Match Funding

Many employers offer match funding schemes for charity fundraising done by their employees.

In the past, a number of parents have been able to support the NPSA brilliantly this way, so we would encourage you all to chat to HR to see if schemes are available for you.

If you are able to take part in such a scheme and would like to nominate the NPSA as your chosen charity, please email [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com) and we'll help you through the process.

Thank you



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