

## PTA Newsletter – November 2023

**Thank you to the following companies, many who have children at the school for sponsoring our lovely calendar: -**

HA Marks - The Crow family (Year 4 and Year 6)  
Levick Stanley - Adam Evans (Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5)  
Tom Hixson - Sally Lettington (Year 2)  
The Swan - The Dowling family (Year Reception, Year 4 and Year 6)  
Moon - Sylwia Akpolat (Year 5)  
Edmundson Electricals - Paul Conneely (Year 4)  
Ewings - (Grandson in Year 4)  
LMG - McGinley family  
ES Systems - John McDonagh (Year 4)  
Superkids  
Lodestar Cleaning  
Nourish

**Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our school, we are very grateful!**

Also, a thank you to Rosanna Sookram (Year 6 parent) for helping to advertise our Christmas Fair through her Estate Agency, Novus.

**Another thank you to our Reps who have helped coordinate their stalls at the fair. We really do appreciate your time and effort....With all of your support our Christmas Fair is always a great success, full of fun for the children, whilst also raising funds towards educational equipment and tools for our school! Thank you!**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE YEAR - UPDATES**

#### **Teachers Bottle Stall Collection**

##### **Own Clothes Day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

The teachers host the Teachers Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair! It has always been a very popular and busy stall!

In exchange for children wearing their **own clothes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**, we are kindly requesting a bottle (either a soft drink or alcohol) or a £1 donation at the collection outside the school gate or through ParentPay.

#### **Elfridges - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

##### **Closing date for payment - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**You can NOW pay for your child to participate in Elfridges through ParentPay.**

The cost is **£2.50 per present** with a maximum of two presents per child.

If you have more than one child at the school and you wish for them all to take part in Elfridges, please make sure you pay for this event on each of their ParentPay accounts.

The closing date to pay for your child to participate at this event is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. The children love this event and take time and care to pick the perfect present for a much loved grown up!

### Christmas Raffle

If you wish to purchase more Raffle tickets, they are available in the school office or please ask a member of the PTA. Alternatively you can purchase them during the Christmas Fair at the PTA stall.

The Christmas Raffle prizes are as follows: -

**1<sup>st</sup> £250.00 Cash Prize**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Michelin-Starred 'Gauthier Soho' Grand Diner Tasting Menu for 2**

Lots of other fantastic prizes to be won including:

**7x Luxury hampers**

If you do not want to enter into the prize draw of this year's Christmas raffle, we will be grateful if you can please return your raffle ticket books to the office.

### Christmas Fair Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

The day is nearly here for our very festive Christmas Fair!

As you can see, the PTA and Reps are very busy behind the scenes preparing for this spectacular event.

**The Reps have been sending out their requests and updates, so please look out for their messages and support your class Reps in any way you can!**

### Christmas Tree Factory

Callum (Year 2 parent) runs his own fresh Christmas tree business, The Christmas Tree Factory!

He will donate £5 for every Christmas tree he sells to a St Mary's parent!!

Collections will be from The George pub in Beckenham or delivery can arranged if local!

**Order forms and payment will be available at the Christmas Fair or alternatively you can email the PTA on [stmarysbeckenhampta@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysbeckenhampta@gmail.com) to make your order.**

### Christmas Photo Shoot

We have arranged for local photographer Brian Morris to come and do photo sessions for families in the library during the Christmas Fair! We invite families to book with him on the link provided on Classlist and your WhatsApp groups.

It is a 15 minute session costing £20 with all images available on his website.

It is extremely popular and many slots have been booked already.

## Christmas Wreath Workshop

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Nadia (Year 2 parent and owner of Blossom and Threads) has organised an evening Christmas wreath workshop.

The event will be held in the school hall at 7.30pm.

The cost is £45 per person which includes a fresh pine wreath and decorations of dried flowers/fruit, berries, feathers and more! **Payment is available on ParentPay.**

## Christmas Pantomime

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

You shall go to the ball this Christmas!

Cinderella will be the pantomime show at the Churchill Theatre this Christmas!

Tickets have now sold out! We hope you have a wonderful evening with your families and friends!

## OTHER NEWS

### PTA Lottery

Many numbers have been purchased for the PTA Lottery!!

The first draw will be held at the end of term just before the Christmas holiday.

**The PTA Lottery is raising essential funds to support the KS1 phonics programme, classroom libraries and our very lovely school crossing patrol officer (lollipopper), Mrs Durling!**

The more people that join...the higher the prizes!

**Joining fee is £25 per number.**

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### **-Sponsorship**

Would you like to help support our school by sponsorship?

You can donate a prize towards one of our raffles from you or your business! You can also sponsor our school calendar and advertise your business. If you are interested in sponsoring our school, please contact the PTA via email: [stmarysbeckenhampta@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysbeckenhampta@gmail.com)

- **Matched Funding** through your employer - An easy win, just ask your employer if they participate in this scheme and you can go from there.

- **Easy Fundraising**: Who doesn't shop online these days!

How does it work, it's very simple, shop as normal with over 7,000 retailers, just start your shopping journey first at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), or get our App or browser extension Donation Reminder which reminds you when a donation is available.

Once you make a purchase, our retailer partners will make a small donation to your chosen cause to say 'thank you'. Get started now!

## **LOST PROPERTY**

As we know our children aren't great with minding their stuff at school, so it is so important to label their clothes. Well, if you purchase your children's ***name labels from Stickins*** at [www.stickins.co.uk](http://www.stickins.co.uk) and quote our reference number 35724, under the 'school Fundraising number' field, our PTA will receive a 30% commission.

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