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## CHRISTMAS FAIR



**Friday 5th December 2014**

**5-7pm All families and friends welcome!!**

### Mission Christmas with Key 103

After the huge success of last year's appeal, we have agreed to take part in this wonderful community event. It involves children bringing in a wrapped present for another child in our local community who is disadvantaged and often living in poverty. It is important for the children to understand that these appeals are not just international efforts but affect families on our doorstep too.

If you would like to participate, please add an extra toy into your Christmas shopping, wrap up and send to school on Monday 8th December. Father Christmas will be in school that day and the children will be able to give their present to him to pass onto other children. It is a wonderful charity - please support if you can.

### Christmas Fair

Many thanks for the offers of help so far for the fair. Apologies for the lack of date last week, but I would like to take this opportunity to again remind parents that all the key dates for school are on the website calendar and to make this your first point of reference. If there are any dates missing that you would like to be informed of, please let us know.

Please send in your slip with an offer of help for the fair - just half an hour of your time will make all the difference.

### Dress down next Friday

The dress down days have so far been very successful and many thanks for your generous donations. Next Friday we are coming into school in onesies and pyjamas in exchange for bringing a bottle. This could be alcohol for the adult tombola, any soft drinks or other bottles.

### Safety First!

It has come to our attention that some children are being left to play unsupervised in the Early Years playground before school. Accidents can happen at any time and until the children come into school, they remain under the care of the parents.





## Christmas Dinner

- \* A letter went out this week about Christmas dinner. All children are able to order a festive meal even if they don't normally have school dinners. All dinners must be pre-ordered however, by next Friday (28th November). Christmas dinner will take place on Thursday 18th December.

## Freddy Fit

- \* You may remember that I mentioned a special PTA event taking place on Monday 24th November. This was with Freddy Fit who works with the children having a fantastic, energetic time with fitness activities. Unfortunately, Freddy has had to postpone our date due to medical circumstances. However, I think this has worked in our favour as we are now able to hold 2 days together - one for EYFS and KS1 and the second for KS2. This will allow the groups to have at least an hour each and to maximise on the fun. The event will now take place in February, after half term.

## Christmas Performances

We will be putting on performances for Nursery and Reception children, Y1 and Y2 classes and for selected children in Years 3, 4 and 5. We are finding it more and more difficult to accommodate all the parents in our ever growing school as well as meet fire regulations for numbers allowed in the audience, for the size of hall we have. Therefore we will be limiting tickets to 2 per family. Everybody will be able to have 2 tickets.

On the letter you receive there will be an option to apply for a further 2 tickets. These will be picked randomly from a hat once the cut off date has passed. You will receive a letter from your teachers with further details - please read it carefully as it will have key dates and times on it, including when you need to have sent in the slip for your first 2 tickets.

It has been decided that for this year the carol concert at the church in Heald Green will involve 10 children from each class in Years 3, 4 and 5. Again this is down to large numbers and the lack of capacity in the church and the fact that Year 6 children participate in a full end of year production in the summer. I would like this to be a discussion point for the Parent Council to consider any different approaches we may want to take next year.

Kind regards,

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and the Etchells staff

