

Christmas Events at Busbridge Junior School

We may not be able to run the Christmas Fayre this year, but fear not, Christmas is not cancelled...

It goes without saying that this has been a year like no other. Christmas is nearly upon us and while things will be different this year, we have some wonderful festive activities to share with the children and their families at Busbridge Junior School.

Traditionally, the Fireworks and Christmas Fayre are two of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Since both have been cancelled, we have been busy thinking about how we can bring some well-needed Christmas cheer to all while also raising some valuable funds for the school.

So, to kick off the Christmas countdown at BJS, we will be asking for you to support and participate in the following festive activities:

- ❖ Secret Shopping (for the children, during the school day)
- ❖ Luxury Hamper Raffle
- ❖ Online Bottle Tombola
- ❖ Festive Bake Off
- ❖ Tea Towels
- ❖ Christmas Wreath making workshop (socially distanced)* *if restrictions allow us to*

We really do need your help and will be asking for a number of contributions over the coming weeks. Children will be able to come to school in mufti in return for donating items for the next three weeks:

- ❖ **Friday 20th November** - items for the Secret Shopping event (see below)
- ❖ **Friday 27th November** - luxury food/drink item for the Hamper Raffle
- ❖ **Friday 4th December** - bottle/jar for the Online Tombola


There are more details about each activity below, and we will provide further information about each event/activity very soon.

Secret Shopping

We are asking each year group to donate specific items for this event (and we really cannot run it without your donations); ideally 3-5 small gifts per person. Please bring these in on **Friday 20th November**:

- ❖ Year 3 - gifts suitable for older boys (age 8+) and men (dads, grandads, uncles) - e.g. socks, key rings, toiletries, books
- ❖ Year 4 - gifts suitable for older girls (age 8+) and women (mums, grannies, aunts) - e.g. toiletries, nail polish, stationery, books, jewellery
- ❖ Year 5 - gifts suitable for babies and younger children (age 0-8)
- ❖ Year 6 - Christmas confectionery (sweets/chocolates/biscuits) and / or gifts for pets

The event will take place during the school day on Friday 4th December. Each class will be invited in to the hall in turn to do their Christmas shopping. Children should come to school armed with a shopping list of who they need to buy for, and a purse containing some money. All items will be priced at £1 and children will be able to buy up to 5 or 6 items. There will be gifts suitable for parents, grandparents, younger and older siblings, cousins, friends, pets, etc. Once they've done their shopping, the children will wrap the presents in their classroom ready to bring home and pop under the tree.



Luxury Hamper Raffle

We ask that each child brings in at least one luxury non-perishable item on **Friday 27th November** (e.g. alcohol, Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, stollen, panettone, biscuits, shortbread, crackers, chutney/jam, chocolates, tea/coffee, Christmas crackers, etc) which will be used to make the legendary Christmas Hampers and then raffled off.

If you have a raffle prize you are willing to donate, please do let us know.

We will be sending raffle tickets home with the children soon. Please do buy what you can and sell them to friends and family if possible. The raffle will take place on Monday 7th December.

Online Bottle Tombola

Please could all children bring in a bottle or jar (alcohol, cordial, bubble bath, jam/chutney, etc) on **Friday 4th December**. If the item is homemade, please label it, including when it was made and list the ingredients. Tickets for the tombola will be sold online and prizes will be allocated using a random number generator.



Festive Bake Off

Make a Christmas-themed bake at home, pay a small entry fee, send in a photo and the judges will choose a winner from each class. Unfortunately, the judges won't be able to eat your bake so this is a rare occasion when you really do get to have your cake and eat it.


Tea Towels

The children are drawing self-portraits. The drawings will be combined and printed onto a school tea towel. These will be priced at £5 each. More details on how to order your tea towels will be coming soon.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

We are hoping to hold a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop in December if the current restrictions are relaxed sufficiently to allow small groups to participate in such an activity. More information to be provided in due course.

We know how valuable you are in supporting these events and it is truly appreciated. Without your help the Christmas magic does not shine so bright. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.



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