

PPA Newsletter – Autumn 2018

It has been another busy and exciting start to the school year. Already a lot has happened, and there is much more to come in the lead up to (whisper it) Christmas. So, here is a quick round up of events so far and important dates for the second half of the term!

Back in September, the PPA made a small presentation to the school of the items we were able to purchase after a super year of fundraising. You may already have heard about the outdoor table-tennis table, or may be the outdoor basketball hoop but there are also special toys for nursery and a new shed to store all the new equipment in so it can be used more easily and more frequently.

Thank you to everyone who baked, bought and ate cake at our cake sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. You did an amazing job! We raised £220.67

Look out for a booking form for our **Christmas Wreath Making master class**. Last year's event was superb – beautiful wreaths and table centres were produced by everyone under the careful gaze and expert tutelage of Chris Richbell. Taking place **week commencing 26 November** all materials are provided, plus mulled wine and mince pies to keep you going as you create your masterpiece to take home! At £20 per person spaces will be snapped up quickly so, when you see the booking form, please return it as soon as you are able.

Little Gifts is running again this year! This is our popular mini Christmas shopping event for the children. It gives them a chance to buy something for special people in their family all on their own (with a little help from the PPA) which makes them so proud. It will take place in the morning on **Wednesday 5th December**. Just before you will receive a reminder: all we ask is that you send your child into school on the 5th December with some pennies and the names of everyone your child should buy for and money for each gift. All gifts will be £2.50. If your child isn't in nursery that day, don't worry, you can bring them along to join in.

Our gorgeous **Christmas Hampers** are back again this year too! Beautifully wrapped and displayed during the Christmas Fayre on 24th November, you can buy raffle tickets for an adult's hamper or a children's hamper – as many tickets as you like! But as you know, they wouldn't happen without your help. **We are accepting donations of lovely, brand new items such as children's toys, books, craft kits, wine, candles, luxury beauty or men's grooming gift sets.** Tickets will be on sale at the school fayre and drawn in assembly on the 13th December! Please drop donations into the school office before 19th November

On the 26th September we held our Charity Assembly where a small number of the older children present details of a selection of charities and then everyone votes in a secret ballot on which one they would like to support through our fundraising activities this year. Well done to all the children who presented their charities, they did a wonderful job, and this year, the charity we are supporting is Lunchbox Bedford. This lovely charity provides meals for children experiencing food poverty during the school holidays.

And Looking ahead.....

Remember that we are signed up with **The Giving Machine**. Go to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk> and search for Polam School under 'Find a Cause' to sign up and help us raise funds for the school and our charity this year, LunchBox Bedford, while you do your Christmas shopping.

Thank you to everyone who has designed a **Christmas card!** If you have, you should have received a proof and order form this week. If you don't have a proof (and think you should), please contact us via the school office



The Christmas Fayre 2018
12-2.30pm
Saturday 24th November

Please make sure you have the Christmas Fayre date and time in your diary!
It's going to be a fun-packed festive affair with:

A special carol singing performance by the children at 1pm
Father Christmas
Lots of Games!
Festive food
(turkey rolls, mince pies, mulled wine, hot chocolate)
Face painting
Lots of lovely stalls to do some Christmas present shopping
Raffle

Y2 and KS2 will be helping on the games stalls

If you feel you can help out with any of the set up (Friday 23rd November after school, Saturday 24th November from 9.00am) or with any of the preparation (wrapping gifts) or helping out on a stall we would love to hear from you. Leave us a message via the School Office (thank you!)

We also need your donations! None of this would happen without your help, so thank you in advance.

We are looking for:
Wine
Soft teddies
Books
Puzzles
Board games
DVDs
(All in a good condition please)

Please drop your donations off to the School Office by Wednesday 21st November.

Thank you again for all your help.

