



Wootton Bassett Infants' School PTA Newsletter

November 2022

Upcoming Events

- Non-school uniform day in return for donations of chocolate or sweets for Christmas lights stall - **25th November**
- Christmas Movie Night - **1st December, 3.30 - 5pm**
- Christmas Light Switch on - **2nd December, 6 - 8.30pm**
- Christmas Carols - **12th December**



Coming up in the new year...

Our rearranged school disco! More details to follow.



Christmas is coming!

As Christmas approaches, we have lots of fun events to look forward to in the coming weeks. As ever, we are eternally grateful to all the parents/carers who have expressed an interest in helping us to put on these events and of course to everyone who donates towards them or attends. It is only with your help that we are able to raise much needed money for resources and experiences that enhance our children's learning. So far this year we are using the money raised to contribute £300 per year group towards the cost of coaches for school trips, funding the whole school panto, purchasing resources and welly racks for outdoor learning and purchasing bookbags for all our new Reception children. We hope you enjoy everything that is coming up!

Christmas raffle



You should have received two books of raffle tickets in your child's bookbag. There are lots of amazing prizes this year which we hope will be helpful to the lucky winners over the Christmas period. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for a full list of prizes over the next few weeks. Please return all ticket stubs, money and unused tickets to the school office by the 12th of December. The draw will take place after the children's carol concert on the 12th December.

Christmas movie night



On Thursday 1st December we will be holding a Christmas movie night. Children are invited to watch a festive film together with friends in the school hall with popcorn and drinks. If your child would like to attend, please send £2 in a named envelope to the school office, no later than Monday 28th November to secure their place.

Staff will escort children to the school hall so children attending should be picked up at 5pm on that day from their usual playground.

Wanted...

We are looking for donations of small toys to use as prizes for a lucky dip at the Christmas lights stall. If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out, we would be so very grateful for any small toys in good condition that we could re-purpose for our lucky dip. Examples would be things such as bubbles, bouncy balls, party bag toys, McDonalds toys...anything really! There will be a collection box located at the bottom (Y1/Y2) gate at pick up/drop off each day next week. Final donations will be needed by Friday 25th November to give us time to get wrapping.



Christmas lights event

Come and see us at the Wootton Bassett Christmas lights event. This year we will have some fun games for the children to enjoy.

Following the success of last year, we will again be holding a non-school uniform day on 25th November in return for donations of chocolate or sweets which we will use as prizes for our stall. Last year we were amazed by your generosity, and it really did help to make the stall a massive success.



Christmas Carols

The PTA will again be running a refreshments stall at the children's carol concert on the 12th December. We will be serving mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and sweet treats to enjoy during the concert. We'll also be selling raffle tickets with the draw taking place after the concert.





Help needed!

We have really enjoyed meeting some of you at our meetings and have been so grateful for all the offers of help. There is no pressure to come to meetings or to volunteer at every event but any time you can spare really does make a difference and hopefully you'll have some fun too!

We are looking for volunteers who can spare an hour to help run the stall at the Christmas lights event or serve refreshments before the Christmas carols at school.

We have been looking at different ways to make it easier for you to see what help is needed and sign up as and when you feel able to. To help with this we will be trialling a website called 'Volunteer Signup'. The site enables us to create an online sign-up sheet, a link to which will be posted on our Facebook page. Clicking on the link takes you to a page listing the jobs we need help with, the time involved and how many volunteers we need. If you see something you would like to help with, you simply click on the job and enter your details. Job done!

We've never used it for organising events before so hopefully you find it user friendly! If you have any problems or struggle to access the link, drop us an email (wbis.pta@gmail.com) or catch one of us in the playground, we'll be happy to help!

And finally...



The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas!

