



## PGSA Fayre Focus 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

It's that time of the year when we all start preparing for the Christmas Fayre to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 3.30pm—5.30pm. The members of the PGSA have been meeting regularly to plan for this important date in our calendar. To all new parents and members of our school community I say: "Don't panic!" Many of the things that you will be asked to do may seem strange or unusual, but rest assured that they are all long-standing Holy Family traditions that have worked for years and years, e.g Jackie's Jollies. If you are unsure of any aspect of the Fayre, please ask. The PGSA was established in June 2017 to organise events for children and families, whilst at the same time raising funds. Money is always needed to fund the 10% deficit in the school budget (capital projects) that applies to all Voluntary Aided (V.A) schools.

**Children's Raffle** The Year 6 children will begin selling tickets after lunch each day next week.

**Raffle Tickets** The PGSA will be selling raffle tickets for a variety of prizes—there is already a magnificent Christmas hamper in the front office, courtesy of Mr & Mrs Overall. Tickets will be sold after school each day, beginning on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**Santa's Grotto** Fr Christmas has promised to visit our Fayre if we create a grotto for him as a place where he can meet children. A photographer will be on hand to record the magical moment when your child meets Santa. The PGSA has listened to concerns expressed about the quality of last year's photographs that were taken on an ipad. This year's pictures will be taken with an SLR camera.

**Jackie's Jollies** Tomorrow, your child will bring home a small plastic bag with a mini leaflet inside it. Please do your best to fill the bag with "sweets and treats" and return it to school. Sweets and chocolate should be wrapped and in date.

**Toys** The PGSA always welcomes donations of clean, unbroken toys in good working condition. They also appreciate donations of clean, boxed and complete games. Please do not donate broken toys or games. Mary Bevans will run a toy stall during the Fayre.

**Cakes** The children will have their traditional cake sale on the morning of Fayre day. We ask all children in **Years 1—4 to bring in a selection of small cakes or buns** (preferably homemade) that are sold by the Year 6 children in the school hall.

In recent years we have asked the parents of **Year 6 children to donate a bottle** for the Fayre instead of a cake. The PGSA would be grateful if children in **Year 5 could donate a large cake** that can be sold during the bazaar. Children in the **Nurseys are asked to donate mince pies** for the Christmas Fayre.

**Bottles** We always need a large number of bottles (full) of alcohol, lemonade, ketchup, etc for the bottle stall. Bottle donations can be left in school.

**Help needed** Events like the Fayre only happen because volunteers give freely of their time. If you can offer help, please leave your details with the school office or post a message on the Holy Family PGSA Facebook page. Volunteers are always needed to help build Santa's Grotto; to help set up stalls and to help with the massive clear-up at the end of the Fayre.



Thank you all in advance of this event. As a Voluntary Aided Catholic School, we rely on the PGSA for financial support for many of our projects. Please do your best to support and participate in the Christmas Fayre. I know that those of us who attend always have a wonderful time, whatever the weather outside. The children always appreciate the presence of a very special visitor in the grotto. Where else can you experience all the fun of the Fayre, a sense of community and some real Christmas spirit?

### Confirmed Stalls/Attractions

Santa's Grotto	Homemade Fudge Stall	Tea & Mince Pies
Toys & Books Stall	Jackie's Jollies	Play Your Cards Right
Glitter Tattoos	Guess the Number of Sweets	Raffles
Chocolate Fountain	Hot Dog Stall	Bottle Stall
	Children's Tombola	

If you can help with setting up the Fayre, please come into school at 2.00pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

