



Dear Parents,

Class Reps

We now have our new Class Reps signed up for 2017/2018. Thank you to those who have stepped up, or are continuing in this role to show us how it's done!

Ideally each year group has 2-3 Class Reps to help organise school events. Class Reps remind parents about key messages, compile email/phone lists/ WhatsApp groups and find volunteers so that everyone has a chance to take part in school events and projects.

If you want to be a Class Rep, it's not too late – get in touch! There is no formal process and parents tend to swap around as the class moves up the school.

School Disco – 9 November 2017 (6.30 to 8.30pm)

One of the best events of the school calendar! Look out for posters!

- We have a top DJ (no hokey cokey at EP's disco!)
- LED light up items for sale – arrive early to get them.
- Pizza & cold snacks (sweet and savoury).
- Parent bar.
- Entry: £1 per adult, 50p per child (feel free to donate more if you want).

Christmas Fair – 1 December 2017 (3 to 5pm)

Thank you to those who have already volunteered already.

Everyone else - look out for the small tasks still on offer for this wonderful family event and use the board to sign up.

Many of you know the drill - but here goes:

- Christmas Fair is 3.30 to 5pm on Friday 1 December 2017 (child-free browsing from 3pm!).
- Legendary EP staples: **Santa's Grotto**, Photo Booth, Chocolate Tombola, stalls (to buy handmade Christmas items made by our talented parents, as well as 'almost new' toys and books). You can also decorate your own **Christmas wreath!**
- The **Christmas Café** selling mulled wine, hot chocolate and lots more. Enjoy a savoury snack to eat or take home for dinner.
- If you are particularly lucky, you may win a cash prize in the **raffle** or secure an incredible **Christmas Hamper in the auction**.
- Free entry, everyone welcome, be ready for crowds and festive noise and best to avoid buggies after 3.30pm, if possible.
- Pick up your **Eleanor Palmer Christmas Tree** – order forms out soon!

As ever, to make this an affordable and inclusive event, we rely very much on donations. Over the next few weeks look out for:

- Collection boxes at school gates for **'as new' books and toys**.
- Donate some chocolate for the **tombola** – can be big, small, adult or child friendly – the greater the variety the better!
- Class collection boxes for new/unused **luxury items** to put in your class **Christmas Hamper** e.g. champagne, candles, cosmetics. Anything that is special and a treat.
- Make some food for the **Christmas Café**. Handmade savoury items like samosas, pies and quiches will get snapped up.
- Buy a **raffle** ticket!

If you have **any other spare decorations, craft items or alcohol** you can put towards the event that is brilliant! Please get in touch ASAP. If you can also make something lovely to sell, let us know. Emails below or find us at the school gates.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Hannah and Lucia

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PS - Next PTA meeting re Christmas Fair - **16 November at 9am in the School staff room** (very few meetings each year- 45min at 9am) Come along, all welcome!