

16th November 2023

PFA CHRISTMAS MARKET – FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023, 3.30-5.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

After the success of last year's event, the PFA have decided to continue with a Christmas market style event for our annual Christmas Fair.

WHEN

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School's Christmas Market will be taking place on **Friday 1 December 2023** from **3.30 to 5.30pm**. The PFA are charging a small entry fee for adults of £2 (children are free). Included in this price is a festive 'treasure hunt' and, on completion, will earn you a prize! As per last year, please could we ask that all visitors enter the school grounds via the car park gate located just off Reservoir Road. From there, head towards the canopy outside the Year 2 Classroom, where members of the PFA will be waiting to admit all visitors. You may have to queue for a short while as we may need to restrict numbers entering momentarily, whilst visitors navigate their way around the Market, and we thank you in advance for your patience with this. So that visitors are off the road itself, please use the pavement and the grass verge on Highcroft Drive. Families are welcome at any point from 3.30pm onwards. If coming straight after school, we ask that parents collect children from the usual place and then make their way round to the entrance.

ITINERARY, STALLS AND GAMES

We have a wide range of stalls and games for you to come and enjoy! These include:

- Chocolate Tombola
- Bottle Tombola
- Sweet Treats
- Hot Chocolate, Tea, Coffee & Mince Pies
- Bric-a-Brac
- Year 6 Games
- Cakes
- Street Food
- Raffle

The school choir are performing at the Market again this year. Mr Mansfield will be conducting a number of Christmas classics in the school hall (all of which you are welcome to sing-a-long with!) This will certainly get us all in the festive mood! The choir would love you to come and will be singing from around 4.15pm.

Santa will also be making an appearance! Tickets are available, priced at £2.50. Included with the price this year is a selection box and you are more than welcome to take your own photos of your child/ren with Santa. Tickets will be available from Monday 20 November to Friday 1 December inclusive in front of the entrance to the key stage 2 playground before and after school. Time slots will be allocated so as to avoid unnecessary queuing and congestion.

In addition to this, raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the event. We have already received some fabulous donations for prizes but would very much welcome your support with more. So far, we have

two premier family day tickets to Uttoxeter Racecourse, Meadowside soft play vouchers and Cineworld tickets to name only a few! The list continues to grow so at £2 an envelope, it is definitely worth a go!

HELP PLEASE!

The PFA would also like to ask for your help with donating some items for the Market:

- The PFA will be running a 'street food' stall at the Christmas Market. If you are able to donate any cakes or Asian food, the PFA would be very grateful if this could be labelled with ingredients to support those with allergies. Also, if possible, please could you indicate if it is suitable for vegetarians or not? They ask that these are donated on the morning of the Market, so that all food products are as fresh as possible and will ensure that any containers are returned to you the following week via your child. Also, you are more than welcome to bring your own containers along to the event should you wish to have a 'takeaway' option!
- If you have any unwanted items for the bric-a-brac stall (i.e. toys, books, games etc.) that are in good condition, the PFA are happy to start accepting these donations in school from now.
- On the day itself, the children (and staff) can come to school in non-uniform! Christmas jumpers are permitted! The charge for this is for pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to bring in a chocolate item (value of at least 50p) and pupils in Key Stage 2 to bring a bottle! As Year 5 will still be away on their residential, they are permitted to bring in their bottle on the Wednesday morning before they go to Whitemoor Lakes.
- The PFA are happy to accept any old Christmas decorations that you may not have use for anymore to help decorate Santa's Grotto!
- If anyone would, or knows of anyone who would, like to hire a table at a charge of £10 for their own stall, please let the school office know and we can pass on details to the PFA.

If you would like any further clarity on specifics, please contact either of our Chairs, Jo Latham and Charlotte Hayes, who will provide further guidance if necessary.

We sincerely hope that you are able to come and support this event and look forward to seeing many of our families there!

Kind regards,



Mr D. Adams
Headteacher