



19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## **PFA CHRISTMAS MARKET – FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021, 3.30-6.00pm**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will now be aware, the PFA Christmas Fair will look very different this year due to the current COVID situation. This year, we have decided to hold a Christmas market style event outdoors, rather than the traditional indoor event that has been held in previous years to ensure all those attending feel safe.

### **WHEN**

Shobnall Primary & Nursery School's Christmas Market will be taking place on **Friday 3 December 2021** from **3.30 to 6.00pm**. 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!

### **ITINERARY, STALLS AND GAMES**

We have a plethora of stalls and games for you to come and enjoy! As well as some of the traditional ones, we also have some new additions, which we hope will prove very popular with our community! These include:

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

Local poet, Ben Boden, will be selling copies of his brand new book, which he will be happy to personally sign for you – ideal for Christmas gifts! Heidi's Beauty Lounge will also be there with a range of products to buy as well as a handmade gift stall!

We are also selling off our old Oxford Reading Tree books, as we have recently purchased a new scheme in school. Miss Barnard and some year 6 pupils are organising this.

The school choir are performing at the Market this year. Mr Mansfield will be conducting a number of Christmas classics around the Christmas tree (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. 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 29 November to Friday 3 December inclusive on the key stage 1 playground before and after school. Time slots will be allocated so as to avoid unnecessary queuing and congestion, and will also enable families to distance effectively.

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 passes to the Sweat Bank Gym, PB Karate, Martial Arts Burton, Hoar Cross Hall, and a photo shoot from Lucinda Smith Photography 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 the week beginning 29 November.
- On the day itself, the children (and staff) are allowed to come to school in a Christmas jumper! 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!

## **COVID PROCEDURES**

We ask that all visitors enter the school grounds via the car park gate located just off Reservoir Road. Please could we ask that you are patient because 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. 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.

On entry, you will be asked to hand sanitise and you will be given a map of the school so that you can direct yourselves around our one-way system and find where the relevant stalls are located. Look out for the arrows but school staff will be on hand to point you in the right direction if necessary. Please feel free to go round more than once! The exit will be via the gate on the key stage 1 playground.

Please could we ask you to:

- Wear a face covering.
- Use the hand sanitisation points located around the school and before handling any items on stalls.
- Be aware of others as you move around the school to maintain suitable distancing.

In addition, we would also encourage you to:

- Complete a LFD test prior to attending on the day of the event.
- Not attend if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms or currently has tested positive for COVID.

If you would like any further clarity on specifics, please contact our Chair, 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