



The Headteacher's 2021 Christmas Fair
"Big Ask" Email

Dear all,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break. This time of year brings us together to plan the Christmas Fair, which is fast approaching on **Saturday 4th December 2021**.

The return of the Christmas Fair is very exciting and we look forward to bringing the community together to enjoy the festive occasion and also to raise much-needed funds. There will be some changes to the usual format of the fair as we ensure we comply with the most up to date guidance on Covid-19 safety and make sure we operate responsibly for our school and wider community. More information regarding this will follow.

In the hope of keeping things as simple as possible, here is **ONE BIG EMAIL**, for you to use as a reference point, in addition to the information that your hard-working class reps will also provide.

We realise this is already a busy time of year with time and financial pressures, so we are incredibly grateful for any help you can give. We also say welcome to those of you who are new to the school and will likely be enjoying the fair for the first time. The joint school and church Christmas Fair is one of the biggest KESA fundraisers of the year.

- **What:** Kidmore End Christmas Fair, run jointly by our Primary School and St. John The Baptist and Christ the King Churches
- **When:** Saturday 4th December from 12 – 3pm
- **Where:** Kidmore End Primary School

- **Information for all**

Fair Programmes

These act as your entrance 'ticket' to the fair and will be available to purchase in advance from **Friday 19th November** from Sharon Telling, Kathryn Bell and Lucy Shah for £2.50 per person (children under 12 are free). Entrance on the day will also be £2.50 per person (children under 12 are free).

Santa's Grotto

Santa will be returning to Kidmore End's Santa's Grotto. Please keep an eye out for an email with full details including information on how to pre-book.

Elfridges

The 'Elfridges' Christmas Shop will be coming to Kidmore End! This will be a chance for your child(ren) to purchase a special Christmas present(s) for a loved one as a surprise. Look out for more information coming next week on how children can participate.

- **How you can help in advance**

There are a number of ways in which you can get involved, please see the items below. We appreciate any support you can give.

All School

Dress as You Please Day

As in previous years, the school will hold a Dress As You Please Day on **Tuesday 16th November**. In return, can we please kindly ask you to bring a new toy into school that morning, to donate to the New Toy Tombola. Boxes will be put in each classroom for your child to place their donation into.

Raffle Tickets

We will be sending raffle tickets home with your eldest child on **Friday 19th November**. There are some amazing prizes on offer this year. We would really appreciate your help in selling as many of these as possible and returning the ticket stubs and money into the KESA raffle box in the school reception area by **Tuesday 30th November**.

Pre-Loved Toys and/or Soft Teddies

The ever-popular Pre-Loved Toys and Adopt-A-Teddy stalls will be returning again this year. This provides a great opportunity for a pre-Christmas clear out! Can we please kindly invite you to leave any donations of unwanted, pre-loved toys and soft toys/teddies in good and clean condition, in the labelled boxes that will be in reception from **Monday 8th**

November to Monday 22nd November. This will give us enough time to have the toys fully washed and sanitised before the fair.

Class rotas

As each year group has been allocated a different stall to manage and operate on the day, please keep an eye out for emails from your class reps. We simply can't run a successful fair without your help, so please support them and their efforts as much as possible and let them know if you can give 30 minutes of your time (or more!) on the day. We are extremely grateful for any time you can give.

Key Stage 1

Chocolate Tombola

In addition to the above, can we please ask KS1 parents to kindly donate a chocolate item that can be included in the Chocolate Tombola. Boxes will be left in reception to collect these between **Monday 8th and Friday 26th of November.**

Key Stage 2

Bottle Tombola

We would be grateful for donations of a bottle for the Bottle Tombola. Again, boxes will be left in reception to collect these between **Monday 8th and Friday 26th November.**

We realise this is a lot of information and it is not designed to overwhelm you but just to provide a good reference point in the lead up to the fair. We will be back in touch closer to the time with a few reminders and further information.

We appreciate just how busy and expensive this time of year is and are extremely grateful for your support, in whatever form it comes. You will be helping to make the Christmas Fair a wonderful festive event, whilst raising money to enhance the children's learning experience in school.

Best wishes,



Mr Griffin

Headteacher

Kidmore End CE Primary School