



The Christmas Fair, in detail!

Secret shopping morning- held during the school morning of the 6th.

Each year the Marwick Hall is turned into a festive wonderland where the children shop 'in secret' for their loved ones. Former parents and villagers assist to guide the children around the stalls. All "MAKES" are sold for £1.

On the day each child will need to bring:

- A named shopping bag
- A list of up to 6 people they wish to shop for. Including a description, ie John, Brother, aged 8yrs, sister, Suzie, 2yrs
- A purse with 6 £1 coins to buy their MAKES.



The Christmas fair- all parents, carers and siblings welcome.

The fair starts at 2.30pm just for Hedgehogs and their parents. They are collected early from class and given half an hour before the rest of the school joins in. From 3pm all children join in the festive fun, from biscuit decorating, game playing and more fun shopping! The raffle prizes will be called at 4pm.

What we need your help with...

Stalls- volunteers to run the stalls. Each class will be allocated a few stalls to oversee and run. There are usually ½ hr slots on each stall, class reps will be in touch shortly to arrange rotas. If anyone is happy to cover the stall for the whole time, please let us know.

Raffle- donations of prizes and purchase of raffle tickets. We have some fantastic raffle prizes but would greatly appreciate any prize donations! They can be in the form of vouchers, days out, merchandise or services.

Tombola- donation of chocolate and bottle. We have two mufti days (children to wear anything other than school uniform).

Thursday 24th October, we kindly ask for a bottle, this can be alcoholic or soft drinks.

Thursday 14th November is Chocolate. Anything from a chocolate orange to a gift box!

Coin tree- donation of a coin in an envelope. Within the Christmas pack there is a small coloured envelope. Simply place a single coin inside, either 20p, 50p or £1. These will be hung on the Christmas tree at the fair. For 50p the children pick an envelope... what coin will they win? There is a £5 note hidden, who will find it??

Christmas hamper-donations of treats and tipples. Gourmet foods, chocolates, jams, chutneys, booze, all festive treats you'd love to indulge in. Collection will be the week commencing 18th November, boxes will be by the school gates.

Bakes stall- donations on the morning of the fair to the Marwick Hall. Please ask any keen bakers if they fancy throwing together some delicious bakes. All donations appreciated, sweet or savoury. We ask if they can be portion-sized for ease, i.e. cupcakes, traybakes precut, biscuits, etc. **NO NUTS AND NO ALCOHOL** PLEASE.

Teddy stall- a teddy amnesty will be happening between the 5th and 8th November for good condition stuffed toys. Please have a look through and donate any excess ones you think would love to find a new home at the fair. We kindly ask for these to be in very good condition and have had a wash.

Makes- donations of small gifts for the secret shopping morning. The makes are donated by us, the parents /carers, displayed in cellophane gift bags, provided by the PSA. Even though described as MAKES, they can be shop-bought. Please see "Christmas MAKES and Secret shopping morning" email for more information.

We realise this is a lot of information, especially for our new parents, but there will be reminders on the class WhatsApp groups.

The PSA thank you in advance for your support, all money raised goes straight back into the school for new resources, equipment and enriching experiences for our children, making Puttenham the wonderful school that it is.

Any questions, please do ask your class reps.

Warmest regards

The Christmas Fair Team





The 'MAKES' and secret shopping morning

On Friday 6th December the children will be taken over to the school hall, a class at a time, for "the secret shopping morning". It's a chance for the children to choose gifts for the people they care for. They bring a shopping bag, a list of 6 people they would like to buy gifts for, and a purse with their own money. It is extremely exciting for them all.

The MAKES are donated by us, the parents /carers. They were originally named MAKES, as they were homemade gifts once upon a time, but we fully understand that life is very busy, so shop-bought items are just as special.

This year we ask you to provide...

HEDGEHOG CLASS: 8 Adult Male Presents

Examples: car care kits, shower gel, tools, books, seed packets, chocolates, socks, golf/tennis balls, pens, chocolate etc.

RABBIT CLASS: 8 Adult Female Presents

Examples: soaps, bath bombs, shower gel, candles, books, seed packets, chocolates, mugs, bookmarks, notebooks, diaries, nail varnish, face masks, socks etc.

FOX CLASS: 4 Boys and 4 Girls Presents, total of 8

Examples: toys, crafts, stationary, games, balls, books, slime, stickers, colouring activities, jewellery, gem dig kits, hair accessories etc. We need gifts for children of all ages please, from babies to teenagers. Feel free to gift a present with a bow if the item will not fit in the cellophane (book, games)

Please ensure all items are NEW and UNUSED. **NO ALCOHOL** and **NO NUTS** as children return to their classroom with their shopping.

Within the Christmas pack, you will find 8 cellophane bags to display your MAKES, the bags help the children with viewing the gifts and choosing which to buy. Please feel free to accessorise the bags and if you wish to create something homemade, please do!

All 'MAKES' are sold at £1 for the children to buy, no matter what the gift is. Each class has a category of who to provide for to ensure there is the correct number of gifts. On the day each child can buy 6 gifts to begin with. The excess will be available in the afternoon for anyone else to purchase. If it is difficult to provide the MAKES, please let Wendy Hazzard (school office) know as the PSA Bursary Fund is available to ensure that no child is excluded due to financial pressures.



Please bring your MAKES into school week commencing **Monday 25th November**. There will be boxes outside your classroom doors. These boxes will be monitored by your class reps and emptied regularly.

On the day of the fair, each child will need to bring:

- A named shopping bag
- A list of up to 6 people they wish to shop for. Including a description, i.e. John, brother, 8yrs old, Sister, Suzie 2yrs old.
- A purse with 6 £1 coins to buy their MAKES.

Makes examples as a guide:





The Christmas Fair simplified...

WHAT & WHEN

October

Bottle tombola collection- Thursday 24th

Mufti day in return of a bottle, Alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

November

Teddy bear amnesty - w/c 5th-8th

Please drop off washed teds needing a new home in the donation bin.

Coin tree collection - Friday 8th

Return the coloured envelope with a single coin, 20p, 50p or £1 to the office

Chocolate Tombola collection - Thursday 14th

Mufti day in return of chocolate, anything from selection boxes to chocolate oranges.

Christmas Hamper donations – w/c 18 - 22nd

Festive treats and tipples, boxes by school gates

"MAKES" - w/c 25th-28th

Time to bring in your 8 donations for the secret shopping morning. Boxes will be outside your classroom door.

The Christmas Fair ~ December 6th

Bakes and cakes - dropped off by 8.40am to the Marwick Hall in the morning.

Secret shopping morning - children to bring a named bag, purse with 6 x £1 coins, a list stating who they are buying for e.g John, Brother, 7yrs old. Gaga, Grandmother etc.

The fair - 2.30-4pm

Hedgehog class can be collected from class at 2.30pm for early access. Rabbits and Fox classes join from 3pm. **The Raffle – 4pm.** Come along and get in the Christmas spirit!