

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome, I thought it would be helpful to send a quick PTA update and let you know about a fantastic idea from one of the other parents.

The brilliant idea – Hope Centre donations

Following a brilliant suggestion from a parent we thought that instead of the children sending Christmas Cards to each other in school (as this is going to be a bit difficult this year) we could donate something to the Hope Centre. If this is something you would like to do please bring your donation into the school reception between Mon 30 Nov and Mon 7 December. The Hope Centre non-perishable food, baby clothes, nursery items, toiletries, Uniform and even Christmas Jumpers. They have a Facebook page that you can use to contact them, their latest post list the following items that they are often short of are UHT milk, sugar, jam, squash, tinned food and meat, instant custard, instant mash and pasta sauces.

PTA raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Christmas Raffle, we are busy creating some lovely hampers. We also have some prizes from National Trust and a signed Newcastle United football. The raffle will be online and tickets will be £1 each this time, it starts on Monday 30 November and run for two weeks so prizes can be picked up in the last week of school. We'll send the link to the raffle once it is open.

2021 Calendar

Thank you for all your orders of the 2021 Calendar, we're expecting them to arrive in school in the next week or two.

Christmas jumper and bauble day

This year is a little different as the teachers will be running this themselves this year (they're in for a lovely glittery time 😊) The kids will pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper and make a Christmas Bauble. All money from this day will go to Save the Children. Remember you can swap Christmas jumpers at the Hope centre.

After Christmas

After Christmas we have a few ideas for fundraising and fun events for the kids including a sponsored pancake flip, a coin line event, another raffles, dress up days and even an end of year tea party. We'll let you know closer to the time but if you have any ideas please let me know.

A thank you

Finally I wanted to say a massive thank you to you all for your support. We have raised over £2,500 at the obstacle course, fancy dress and from the 2021 Calendar so far. This money will help pay for the new handwashing facilities and for the webcams which allow the school to hold assemblies using MS Teams.

If you have any ideas for fundraising or questions about the PTA and its events you can contact us on our Facebook page (Northburn Primary PTA and Friends) or at Northburn_pta@aol.com. You can also talk to any of the committee members (Jane Green, Reena Hare, Mary Schulz, Lisa Burns, Lisa Southward or Sarah Stott).

The next meeting is on 1 December at 16:00, please get in touch if you would like to attend. We'll be discussing future events, considering the PTA's role and looking at meeting timings as well.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Jane Green

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