

Archibald PTFA Newsletter

November 2022



Archibald Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) Fundraising Committee have been planning Christmas activities!

If you would like to help the PTFA out in any way; fundraising ideas, putting together packs, helping with events, getting raffle prizes ... then we would love to hear from you. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you wish and choose which aspects to be involved in.

Just send an e-mail to archibaldchair@yahoo.co.uk

All the money we raise is used to enhance the school. Amongst other things, we subsidise school trips, contribute towards funds for classroom supplies and support the school council.

Christmas Fayre

This year the Christmas Fayre is focusing on fun and games for all the children at Archibald! We are conscious that family life can be super busy during December and a lot of children attend clubs and activities in the evening, so **we have decided to hold the fayre during the school day on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 December**. This is how the Christmas Fayre was run last year; it worked well, and the children had a great time. Our intention is that nobody will miss out on the experience.

Thursday 8 December: Years 2, 3 and 4

Friday 9 December: Reception and Year 1



One of the stalls will be a chocolate tombola (It's VERY popular!) but we need your help to make it possible. Mrs Turner has agreed that **on Friday 25 November children can come to school in non-school uniform, in exchange for a voluntary chocolate donation!** Just something small that costs no more than £1. All chocolate donations will be used to stock the tombola so that all children will have the chance to win something when they visit the fayre.

On the day that your child will be attending the fayre, we would be grateful if you could send them to school with a loose change donation; perhaps for the amount you would give them to spend if they were attending a school fayre with you. Donations will be exchanged for tokens to spend on activities at the fayre. Please note, no money will be used in the fayre and all children will receive the same number of tokens, regardless of how much money you donate. The donation is voluntary - all children will be able to attend the fayre.

Everyone will visit the fayre with their class and will have the opportunity to choose which games and stalls they want to visit. There won't be any stalls selling items to bring home. The fayre is for the children to attend without parents/carers and children will be supported to participate. Years 1-4 will be supervised by teaching staff. Reception children will buddy-up with children from years 3 and 4, who will guide them around the activities and help them with anything that involves writing. Games will be run by parents and friends of the school, volunteering their time.

We are all really looking forward to the Christmas Fayre and would like to thank you all in advance for helping us make it happen.

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Bespoke Decoration for our school!

Local company, For the Love of the North have kindly offered to help us with our fundraising by producing a bespoke Christmas Tree decoration.

They make beautiful wooden decorations of local landmarks and we are looking forward to seeing their design idea for our school.

Festive Fun Packs

In December, we will be selling Festive Fun Packs to help keep your little ones occupied over the holidays.

They will be full of things to make and do with a festive or Christmas theme (non religious) and are suitable for all children from Nursery to Year 4.

There will be crafts to decorate their bedroom with or send to a friend or relative, as well as activity sheets, a scavenger hunt and other fun activities.



Bespoke Decorations, Festive Fun Packs and Christmas Raffle Tickets will be sold via our website from Thursday 1 December until Friday 9 December.
We will be in touch with more information soon.

Christmas Raffle

We are busy gathering prizes for the Christmas Raffle and it looks like it's going to be a good one!

So far we have had generous donations from Archibald Staff, Yum Lush, The New New Bengal Indian Restaurant, Captain Teds, and we have an Apple TV 4K streaming box and a Samsung Galaxy Tab A that were kindly donated by a parent.

Raffle tickets will go on sale via our website at the start of December. We will draw the raffle on Friday 16 December.



The winner of the Halloween Trail was Hal McGregor from Year 1!

Your £20 book token is ready to collect from the school office.

Well done to everyone who successfully worked out the book title 'Room on the Broom'.



Thank you for taking part in our Halloween activities last term. **The party and trail raised £740!**

A special thank you to Philippa Coates for organising the Halloween Party and to Katy Whitehouse and Clare Weightman for producing the trail. You all did a fantastic job!



Class 9 organised a great bake sale on Friday 21 October.

Thanks to everyone who baked and bought cakes we managed to raise **£207.25!**

Class 8 will be hosting the next bake sale on Friday 18 November at 3.15pm.



Dates for your diary ...

Friday 18 November: Class 8 Bake Sale

Friday 25 November: Non-Uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations!

Thursday 1 December: Christmas Raffle tickets and Festive Fun Packs go on sale

w/c 5 December: Christmas Card orders will be sent home

Thursday 8 and Friday 9 December: Christmas Fayres

Friday 16 December: Christmas Raffle will be drawn at 12 noon

14-16 December: Festive Fun Packs will be sent home

Party Supplies Hire Service

Don't forget that you can hire party supplies from us.

We have 50 IKEA plates, 40 cups, 2 large jugs, 6 serving platters and a long cotton tablecloth (approx. 4m long)

All we ask for in return is a small donation to the PTFA, perhaps the amount you would have spent on these items.

Please contact Hannah; h.r.marshall@hotmail.co.uk for more info.

Matched giving: Do you work for a company that offers this?

It would be great if you could ask your HR department if this is something they do as not all companies shout about it! Sometimes it means that if you help at an event, all the money you take (or all of the money the whole event makes) will be matched by your company. If you would like to help at an event, and this is something that your company offers, please contact archibaldchair@yahoo.co.uk



An easy way to raise funds

Easyfundraising is an online platform (website and app) that allows you to raise money for a cause of your choice, just by doing your online shopping!

Once you've registered, you can set up a donation reminder. This means that whenever you access a shopping website from your phone (a similar reminder can be set up for computers) **a reminder will pop up if a donation is available.**



Most of the big stores like John Lewis, Marks & Spencer etc will donate up to 3% of what you spend. The small amounts all add up. In just three weeks, someone has raised £12.80.

It's surprising which on-line shops give donations. One of our volunteers got £2.17 from buying a new tap, and regularly gets £1.50 for each weekly on-line Sainsbury's delivery.

Just download the app or go to the website and set up a profile and you could help the school raise extra funds from your Christmas shopping! www.easyfundraising.org.uk