



# Children's Christmas Bazaar 2017

**Tuesday 12th December (9:30am, at school)**

Ask any child at Hughenden Primary School 'What goes on at Christmas time in school?' and they will undoubtedly tell you about the Christmas Bazaar, it really is a Hughenden School Tradition! We deck the school hall out as a magical Christmas Market offering the children a unique shopping experience. The children are invited during the school day to visit the bazaar. Each child is given time to independently browse and select gifts for the special people on their shopping list, they then wrap and label their purchases ready to take home before heading back to class. 'Santa's helpers' are on hand to assist the younger children at every step. It really is a special day and something you should try to see for yourself at least once, by volunteering to be one of Santa's helpers on the day, we need many!

Here is how it works:

## **STEP 1**

For this event to work we need parents, prior to the event, to **donate 6 gifts per child at school**. Each gift should be worth between £1 and £1.50. The **gifts should be new or as good as new**. Please make gifts appropriate for children to 'buy' for their loved ones and nothing dangerous (e.g. no razors, lighters etc.).

Each Year Group is designated a specific family group of people for whom they should donate gifts for e.g. mums (last year chocolates and sweets were a real hit!). This ensures that we have a range of gifts on offer for the children to purchase.

- If your child is in Foundation class or year 3, please donate 3 gifts suitable for Nan's and 3 gifts suitable for Grandads
- If your child is in Year 1 please donate 6 gifts suitable for Mum's and Auntie's
- If your child is in Year 2 please donate 6 gifts suitable for Dad's and Uncle's
- If your child is in Year 4 please donate 6 gifts suitable for siblings aged 1-10 years old
- If your child is in years 5 or 6 please donate six gifts suitable for siblings aged 10-15 years old

If you are buying for a sibling group, please range gifts over designated age range (i.e. please don't buy 6 gifts all suitable for, say, a 5-year-old).

Please bring your gifts to the school office there will be a container marked 'Christmas Bazaar Donations' (and mark your name on the class list to show that you have donated) by **8th December**. **Gifts should be unwrapped**.

Also, if you have any spare Christmas wrapping paper and/or sticky tape you can spare it would be much appreciated as we need lots!

In past years, unfortunately some people did not donate gifts so there were not enough for all the children to choose from. As you can imagine it was very disappointing for those children who were last to visit the bazaar so let's make sure that this doesn't happen this year.

The children really love this event, but it only works if ALL parents donate gifts. It would be devastating if we were ever in a situation whereby a child leaves disappointed or misses out! But unfortunately, this can happen If we do not have donations from all parents as we may have to restrict inclusion to only those children whose parents have donated.

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## **STEP 2**

Decide if you can help in any way. We will need more than 20 helpers on the day to be available from 9.00am until the event finishes at lunchtime. Even if you can only help wrap presents for an hour that help is invaluable. We also need helpers to help set up the Hall the night before the event for approximately 2 hours. If you can help, please complete and return the form below or email us [friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com)

## **STEP 3**

**On the day of the bazaar**, please send each of your children to school with:

- a) 5 X 20p coins to buy 5 gifts (20p each - what a bargain!)
- b) A shopping list of the 5 people who they wish to buy Christmas gifts for
- c) A carrier bag with their name clearly labelled

## **STEP 4**

When your child brings home their wrapped gifts, place under the tree until Christmas Day and enjoy!

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Lunches on 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Please note that due to the Christmas Bazaar, Dolce will be providing packed lunches instead of hot lunches. Children will eat in their classrooms. We want to ensure all the children have plenty of time to make their purchases and we thank you for your support with this.

Kind Regards

Friends of Hughenden Primary School

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☐ I would be happy to help set up the Christmas Bazaar on the evening of Monday 11th December

☐ I would be happy to help at the Christmas Bazaar on the morning of Tuesday 12th December

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and year: \_\_\_\_\_

