

BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term Newsletter 25th November 2016

Welcome to this week's Bernards Heath Infants PTA newsletter. We hope that you will enjoy finding out about the exciting things that the PTA are organising around school. Have a good week!

Please make all cheques written for PTA events payable to: 'BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL PTA'. Thank you.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 3rd December 10am-2pm

There is now only 1 week to go until the Christmas Fair! We have a fantastic line-up of events and we are so excited that so many of you have signed up on PTA Social to help us on the day. Thank you so much! We hope you have enjoyed reading about everything on offer in the fantastic flyer designed by Verity Burgess.

We do still need a few more helpers, especially to help and take money on the balloon modelling stall, puzzle room and second hand stall. If you, your partner or another family member can help, please sign up to help at:

<https://app.ptasocial.com/register/bernardsheathinfant>

We also need more people to help us set up the afternoon before the fair (Friday 2nd December). Set up will be straight after school. Children are welcome to come along and help too. It is always lots of fun.

There are a few more Santa's Grotto slots left, so if you would like one, please email Paul Durant at: pdurant@bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk. Tickets (£3 each) need to be paid for in the office. Thank you.

What will the money raised be spent on?

Just as a reminder: the money that is raised by the PTA this year will be used to pay for lots of different things, including equipment for classrooms and the playground, Christmas parties, Easter eggs, specialist music and sports tuition, subsidy of trips and in many more ways as well. We are also helping towards a long-term project to replace the server and computers in the school. These items will benefit every child in the school and with budgets squeezed ever tighter, there would just would not be the money to do all these things without your support of the PTA events. Thanks so much everyone!

The Giving Machine

Have you signed up for the Giving Machine yet?

We would just like to remind you about TheGivingMachine website. So far purchases made through the website have raised £270 for the school. By using sign-up code 57631 supporters will automatically become a Bernards Heath Infant School giver when they register on TheGivingMachine. <http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>.

Dates to remember:

Date	Time	Event
Friday 2 nd December	8:50am and 3:15pm	DONATIONS FOR HAMPERS AND FAIR TO BE DELIVERED TO OFFICE. SET UP OF FAIR IN AFTERNOON.
Saturday 3 rd December	10am-2pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR

Things to look out for at the fair

Award winning photographer and Bernards Heath mum, **Sian Shipley**, will be offering Christmas themed portraits for a donation of £5 or more. Check out her work at: <http://sianshipleyphotography.co.uk/>

Jen Roffe and **Kim Colley** are both Bernards Heath mums and very talented artists. They have both donated some of their work to be auctioned off at the fair. This will be displayed on the craft stall. Also, look out for more crafts made by local mums on the stall.

We also still have a few Christmas cakes left, made and donated by the Mellors family, with donations to go to the school. If you would like one, please email us asap. They are selling fast!

Donations Schedule:

Thank you so much to everyone that donated jam jars this morning. We will still be taking donations until next Friday.

Friday 2nd December: Cake stall and international food stall, and Non-uniform day donations - all children can wear non-uniform to school in exchange for an item for the raffle. Please can we request the following items from the following classes:

Alban and Heartwood: bottles for the bottle tombola (this can be wine, toiletries, oil, or anything that comes in a bottle)

Heath, Verulam, Clarence, Mitchell, Spencer, Churchill, Morpurgo and Ryder: items for hampers such as wine, chocolate, biscuits, cake, savoury items

Please bring these items to the office on the morning of Friday 2nd December. A BIG thank you from the PTA in advance!

Boden

We have now received our commission from the Boden evening and from all the clothes that people have purchased using our unique discount code. In total, the Boden event and code have raised an amazing £836.70. That is a fantastic amount! Thank you to everyone that helped to support this event and to Nisha and the team for organising it.

PTA Committee:

Co-chairs: Rachel Fraser and Anne Lupin

Secretary: Angela Anderson

Treasurers: Nicola Walmsley, Annelaure Curry and Helen Peterkin

Please get in touch with any ideas or feedback, we would love to hear from you:

bernardsheathinfant.pta@hotmail.com

If you can volunteer to help at any of the events arranged by the PTA, please sign up at:

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