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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **PTA events**

Our PTA is really thriving, with excellent support from you, our parents. Turnout at our monthly meetings has never been so good – a huge thank you!

The following information gives an overview of PTA events leading up to Christmas.

**Raffle Prizes for the Christmas Fair:** If there are any parents willing and able to offer raffle prizes for our Christmas Fair, please can these be delivered to the school by December 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest.

Raffle Tickets can take the form of:

vouchers – perhaps for a meal at a local restaurant or café or a service (such as a beauty treatment)

an item – beauty products, quality food products, games, equipment, designer clothing

tickets – for a concert or theatre event

Basically, anything of quality that you think others would like. All donations very welcome!

**Elfridges:** This is a new scheme, and it gives your child the chance to choose and wrap a present for you, a present that will be a total surprise! Go onto the School Gateway and pay £5:00. This buys your child a ‘ticket’ that they exchange for a present of their choice for any family member. They will have help choosing the gift and then they will wrap it up and take it home as a lovely surprise!

**Elf Run:** This event will start on December 1<sup>st</sup> when all our pupils will collectively clock up enough miles to reach the North Pole. Please sponsor your child generously via the School Gateway.

**Christmas Fair:** Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 6pm to 7:15. There will be numerous stalls and games, snacks and drinks. It is great fun – with activities ranging from Pig Racing, guess the weight of the cake, a chocolate and bottle tombola, tea and cakes, snacks and sweets, crafts, Father Christmas (of course) and much much more!

There is no entry charge, and most games and activities cost 50p.

We do need your help though – we need parents to help set up the stalls, games and activities in the afternoon of Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. We need help running the games and activities on the night.

Please email the PTA to offer help: [pta@newislingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@newislingtonschool.co.uk)

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| 26 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | Chocolate collection for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair. Please can each pupil bring some chocolate in on this date – a box of chocolates, some chocolate biscuits, bars of chocolate; basically anything that you think others would like to receive!              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December                                     | Final date of raffle prize donations for our Fair  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December                                     | Information will be sent out about the Bag2School collection   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December                                     | Sponsored Elf Run to the North Pole to raise funds for our PTA. The children will take part in this event every day, collecting enough miles to reach the North Pole in time for Christmas! Sponsor via the School Gateway NOW!  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                                     | Final chance to buy your ticket for ‘Elfridges’ – buy your tickets via the School Gateway NOW!   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                                     | Bottle collection for the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair. Please can each pupil bring a bottle in on this date – all unopened! Bottles of wine, beer or other alcohol. Bottles of squash or fizzy drinks. Bottles of anything that you think others would like to receive! |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> December | Bag to School collection – please start saving unwanted/old clothing, shoes, bedding sheets and covers, towels, blankets. Your bags of clothing can be brought in from 7 <sup>th</sup> December  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | Cake donations for the Fair – please bring to the school Reception in the morning and these will be sold with a cup of tea during the Fair.  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | PTA Christmas fair – 6:00 to 7:15  |

