

## **Children's Christmas Bazaar**

**Tuesday 6th December 2016** (in the morning, at school)

Ask any child at Hughenden Primary School 'What goes on at Christmas time at school?' and they will undoubtedly tell you about the Christmas Bazaar. 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 (with 'Santa's helpers' helping the younger children). They are given time to browse and select gifts for the people on their list, before the helpers giftwrap the purchases and the children return to class. This is a wonderful event that gives the children the independence to choose and purchase Christmas gifts for their loved ones. It really is a special day and something you should try to see for yourself at least once, by volunteering to help on the day.

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 please (e.g. no razors, lighters etc.).

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

*If your child is in Reception please donate 6 gifts suitable for mums/aunties*

*If your child is in Year One please donate 6 gifts suitable for dads / uncles*

*If your child is in Year Two and Year Three please donate 3 gifts suitable for nans and 3 gifts suitable for grandads*

*If your child is in Year Four and Year Five please donate 6 gifts suitable for siblings aged 1-10 years*

*If your child is in Year Six please donate 6 gifts suitable for siblings aged 10-15 years*

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

**Please hand your gifts to the school office (and mark your name on the class list to show that you have donated) by 2<sup>nd</sup> December.** Gifts should be unwrapped.

Also, if you have any spare Christmas wrapping paper and/or sticky tape please could you donate some – as we will need lots!

**In past years, unfortunately some people did not donate gifts so there were not enough for all the children to choose from. It was pretty awful for the 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 as it gives them chance to buy their own presents for friends and family. But this event only works if ALL parents donate gifts.**

**If we do not have donations from all parents we may have to restrict inclusion to only those children whose parents have donated.**

### STEP 2

Decide if you can help in any way on the day. If you can, please complete and return the form below or email us on 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 list of 5 people for whom they wish to buy Christmas gifts
- 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!

*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 5<sup>th</sup> December

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

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