



FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE | Registered Charity No. 1064755  
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2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels rather early to be getting festive, but our Christmas Fair preparations are well underway! As well as hopefully spreading a little Christmas cheer, all money raised by our fair goes directly back to the school, so there is an added incentive to join us on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**.

To make the fair a success, we would like to ask for your help: this year we are asking for **donations** of chocolates, bottles, and second-hand festive clothing, and we need a healthy supply of **volunteers** to allow all of our festive plans to go ahead.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

If you are able to help in any way with our festive events, please let us know your availability by filling out our **Christmas sign-up sheet** at [volunteersignup.org/MPTHW](https://volunteersignup.org/MPTHW) by **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**.

For Christmas Fair stalls, if you will have your child with you, then please sign up for a slot that allows accompanying children; if you are able to volunteer without needing your children with you then please sign up for a 'no children' slot (stalls that sell alcohol have to be adults only). We would greatly appreciate any time that you could spare, as an event as big as the Fair simply cannot run without a team of volunteers! We will need extra hands for the following:

- advance preparation tasks to take home, e.g. charging USB lanterns;
- setting up for a couple of hours on the evening before, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November;
- setting up during the day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December;
- manning stalls for a shift during the fair (most can run while accompanied by children);
- clearing up after the Fair finishes at 6:00 pm.



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We will similarly be looking for volunteers who can help at our **Pantomime** the following week, Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Volunteers for the pantomime will have **free admittance** to the performance for which they are volunteering, but children and other family members attending the show will still need to purchase tickets. Ways to help include:

- setting up the hall from 1:00 pm;
- selling drinks, refreshments and merchandise before each performance;
- clearing the hall at the end of the day.

Finally, the amount of money we raise from events like the Christmas Fair can be greatly increased by **Matched Funding** (where a company matches the amount of money their employee helps raise for a charity) – some employers will match £1000! Friends of Ewell Grove is a registered charity so, if you are volunteering with us in any way, please check with your employer if matched funding is something that they could offer and let us know.

#### **NON-UNIFORM DAY: WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Children may wear their own clothes\* to school, and in return we would appreciate it if you could donate the items below (please hand to FOEG volunteers in the playground at morning drop-off):

- Reception / Y1 / Y2 A bottle for the bottle tombola (e.g. wine/beer/bubble bath)
- Nursery / Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6 A chocolate gift item for the chocolate tombola stall

**Please ensure that donations are new, unused and have a 'use by' date after 26<sup>th</sup> December.**

*\* Please make sure that all clothes are suitable for a whole day at school. Football strips are not permitted, and school shoes / trainers must be worn. Thank you!*

#### **FESTIVE CLOTHING DONATIONS**

Rather than buying the children a new Christmas jumper to be outgrown every year, why not try a more sustainable alternative? From **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, we will gratefully receive donations of festive clothing (Christmas jumpers, tops, hats, etc.) that is in good, saleable condition to sell on our 'Second Hand Sparkle' stall at the Fair. A collection box for clothing donations will be left outside the School Office all week.

Thank you all for reading. We really appreciate the fabulous effort our parents and the staff are putting in to making sure this event can go ahead. We hope to see you all for fun on 1<sup>st</sup> December!

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