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PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR
3rd December

UPDATED ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Nativities, plays and concerts are one of our most cherished school traditions. Sadly, last year these had to be cancelled or held remotely, but this year we are at a different stage of the pandemic. So many people are benefitting from the protections that the vaccines offer, we are hopeful that these can still go ahead this year, with specific protective measures put in place.

However, our planned, traditional PTA Christmas Fair, usually held with a large gathering, is a far more interactive event, with lots of mixing and mingling of many people, with lots of opportunities for contact transmission and frequently touched surfaces.

Therefore, with current COVID case rates rising and the introduction of the new Omicron variant, we have reluctantly made the decision to revert to our contingency plan for this year's PTA Christmas Fair, with the aim of keeping everyone in our school community as safe as possible in the run up to the Christmas period.

Arrangements will now be as follows:

- The PTA Christmas Fair will be run as a 'Children Only' event, with a limited number of PTA stall members helping.
- PTA Stall Members, who are helping, must agree to take a Lateral Flow Test 12 hours prior to the event and will wear a face mask during the Fair (unless exempt).
- The Christmas Fair will take place during School hours: 2pm – 3.10pm. Avalon staff will supervise and support the children during the fair.
- Dismissal from the Christmas Fair will be at **3.20pm** (Infants collection from main entrance glass doors/ Juniors' collection from Junior building wooden door at front of school) After School Club will run as normal, for those parents who may need this service.
- Children will need their 'pocket money' to visit some stalls; we suggest between £5 and £10, however, we kindly ask that this be made of coins to help us with giving change on the day. Please ensure that children bring their money in a clearly named envelope, money wallet or purse.
- Children may wear their Christmas Jumper, with their normal school uniform on Friday 3rd December to add some festive cheer to the day.





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- The PTA Christmas Raffle will still go ahead, and parents will be notified of the winners via email. Donations of alcohol for the Bottle Tombola, will now be included as raffle prizes, instead of being part of the Tombola.

We hope that by taking the decision to implement the above measures, we can keep everyone safe and able to enjoy as many of our other Christmas festivities and traditions, as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Callaway
Headteacher

