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Dear Parents and Staff

October newsletter

Introduction

We are looking forward to some exciting events over the next couple of months. Please let us know if you can help us in any way and keep updated by joining our Facebook group: DownHall Primary School PTA.

Upcoming events

1st November: Halloween disco: 5pm – 7.30pm in the school hall

Back due to popular demand is the Down Hall School Halloween disco to be held on **TUESDAY 1st November**, Rainbow and KS1: 5-6pm, KS2: 6-7.30pm. *Pre-purchased tickets will be distributed via the class teacher on 1st November and tickets will be sold on the night.*

4th November: Cake sale in the school hall

Our cake sale has been rearranged due the closure of the school on 21st October. Please join us for a cake and a cuppa in the school hall. Please enter via the main foyer. We do rely on donations so let's get baking!!!! Please leave cakes in the office on Friday.

7th November: PTA coffee morning: 9am in the school hall – All welcome

Please come along so that we can update you on the ideas and changes discussed at the AGM and start to confirm plans for the Xmas Bazaar. We would also like to hear your suggestions for money raising ideas and how to spend the money the PTA raise so please come and have a chat, drink and maybe a piece of cake!!!!

~~17th November~~ 21st November: Xmas shopping night: 7.30pm in the school hall

Due to a clash with a Sweyne event, we have rearranged this event to Monday 21st November. We hope that you will be able to join us. Look out for a letter with full details coming out later this week.

2nd December: Xmas Bazaar

Again, please put this date in your diary, the donation request letter will be sent out later this week. However, in the meantime we would like to ask if anyone would be interested in sourcing, pricing and running a stall on the day of the bazaar. We have lost some stallholders with the last Year 6 leavers and we have additional work commitments this year. We will give plenty of support but hope that there will be some interested parties will to take on some of the stalls.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a parent Dave Wadsworth for his kind cash donation so that we can buy raffle prizes for the Bazaar. We are very grateful for the donation which gives us the opportunity to purchase some goodies for the raffle.



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2nd December: Down Hall Parents Christmas Party: 8pm in the school hall.

Our own Xmas party in the school hall with our own fabulous Jo Martin singing on the night and perhaps some karaoke for those brave enough. We will be selling tickets closer to the time but please put the date in your diary and consider making this night your choice for Down Hall parents Christmas parties!!!! A percentage of the proceeds from the evening will be donated to the chosen charity of the family of Jackie Southwood, a parent of a Year 4 child who sadly passed away recently. Also, Jo has kindly offered to donate her fee for the evening to the charity too. Please join us to raise as much as possible for the PTA and Cancer Research.

Update

3rd October: Rainbow parents coffee morning

Thank you to those who attended. We hope that you enjoyed the event and will join us at one of our future coffee mornings.

13th October: AGM

Thank you to those who came and shared your ideas for the forthcoming year. Minutes are available on request.

Where has your money been spent this month?

Young Shakespeare Company

Each year the PTA pay 50% of the cost of the visit to Year5/6 by the Young Shakespeare Company. This year £300 was donated to help support this enjoyable event.

Your PTA committee.