



'Virtual' Christmas Fair

Dear Parents/Carers,

In these strange times we have to be creative with our thinking to make sure that as much of the Eastlea Christmas goes ahead as is safe to do so! **Our annual Christmas Fair is a major fundraiser for the school and without it we won't be able to provide the many exciting experiences that we like to plan for the children.** So, although we cannot have the Fair in the usual format and will all miss the 'buzz' of a packed hall full of festive treats and games, we do still want it to go ahead.

Our **'Virtual' Christmas Fair** will take place on **Friday 4th December** and this is how we plan to make it work:

- Our popular **Christmas Raffle** is going ahead as normal and each child has 2 books of tickets to sell for £1 per book (see attached). Please see Miss Beeston at the front of school if you need any more tickets. Money and ticket stubs need to be returned to school by Friday 4th December and please don't forget to write your name/contact number/class name on the stubs. The raffle will be drawn by a small group of 'socially distanced' staff on the afternoon of Friday 4th December and winners will be notified in the usual way. Where possible, prizes will be sent home with pupils, or if some items need collecting then again this will be done safely from the main entrance of the school.

To help us organise the raffle and make sure there are plenty of prizes, **Friday 27th November will be a non-uniform day.** As a 'fine' for coming in non-uniform we ask that every pupil brings in an item which will be a **RAFFLE PRIZE**. This could be a box of sweets, some toiletries, a game, a 'bottle', a toy or... well anything really that you can purchase safely from a supermarket (or other shop which is open at the current time!)

- All the staff and children are also hard at work thinking about plans for **class based fundraisers** for the Virtual Fair and depending on the decisions they make this may involve making Christmas **craft bags**, baking **edible treats** or designing festive **competitions** which can be entered 'virtually'! Money to purchase these items or take part in the 'class based events' will need to be brought into school on **Friday 4th December** too! *[if each child brings about £3 this should be enough!]*

The fair will certainly be a different experience this year, but we hope that despite this, we can rely on parent/carers/wider family to continue to help us make our December fundraiser a huge success - we really need your support!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston (Head Teacher) and Mrs L Raimes (Friends of Eastlea)

