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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff & Governors



Christmas Update!



Here's an update from Santa's little helpers on what's happening this month...

Christmas Raffle: We'll be sending home raffle tickets THIS WEEK!

Look out for them in your student's bags/diaries... Please sell as many as you can to family, friends and colleagues (more are available from the school office (Wigston site) if you need them) and return your money, stubs and any unsold tickets to class by Thursday 23 November latest.

We have some fantastic prizes including:

- £50 cash
 - Signed Leicester Tigers shirt
 - 4 x Leicester Tigers match tickets (date of your choice)
 - Christmas drinks hamper
 - Beauty vouchers
 - Family Karate lesson voucher
- And many, many more!

And we always need more prize donations – could you or your work help??

- Are you or do you know a beautician, photographer, hair stylist, restaurant/cafe owner or similar who could offer a voucher?
- Do you work for a company who supply foods, drinks, homewares or similar?
- Do you have contacts at LCFC or Leicester Tigers??
- Does your company run ticketed activities – theatre, cinema, swimming, gigs, crazy golf, soft play, theme park, gym – anything our families might enjoy!
- Do you have unwanted gifts (adult or children's) cluttering up the house??

If you, your work, or your friends could donate a raffle prize, please ask them! Bring your donations into school anytime between now and 23rd November. We can turn donations of pretty much anything (new please) into cash to support school 😊

If you need a letter quoting our charity number just email Kate at kate.elsie.molly@gmail.com and she'll send one right back.

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 25th November 2023, 12noon-3pm

This year will be even more festive than ever, and the grotto will be back – but only if you've been good! Plus festive refreshments, shopping stalls, raffles, tombolas, snow machine and more. Entry is free and everyone welcome!

We'll remind you again nearer the time, but if you can please start collecting the following donations for us that would be amazing:

- Teddies and soft toys
- Pre-loved and new toys and games
- Bottles for the tombola (anything new in a bottle, from shampoo to champagne!)
- Chocolates and sweets for the tombola

Bring your donations into school anytime between now and 23 November - please leave with reception on the Wigston site FAO Friends of Birkett House. Thank you!

We'll also have a few spaces for craft/gift stalls at the fayre. Tables are £10 each - contact Kate at kate.elsie.molly@gmail.com with details of what you'd be selling to apply for a table.

And if you can help on the day on a stall for a couple of hours, please email Kate now with the times between 11am-4pm that you could do.

BRAND NEW! Birkett House Christmas Cards

Our fab new Christmas cards will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre and afterwards until the end of term. We'll send further details on how to order after the fayre. Massive thanks to one of our friends, children's book illustrator Clare Fennell, who has provided these two lovely designs for us to use exclusively for our cards...

Cards will be £3 for a pack of 6 (3 of each design) or 50p for single cards.



Thank you for all your ongoing support - we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre on 25th November - **ho ho hope** you can come 😊

Very best wishes,

Friends of Birkett House Team

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