

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this December edition of our Friends of Poverest Newsletter. We hope you have all enjoyed the busy autumn term and we would like to wish everyone a great holiday.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped to support our events over this term and especially those who gave donations or came along to help and support at the various different events we have run.

Magic Show Disco

We tried a little something different in doing a Magic Show Disco in October and we have had some wonderful feedback, thank you. We are so pleased that the children enjoyed it. Thank you to all who attended.



Grandparents' Tea Party

All Grandparents seemed to have a lovely time at their tea party. The children of Poverest put on a wonderful show and we are so proud of them all.

Christmas Crafts

This year for our Christmas Crafts, the children put together a 3D reindeer hanging ornament and decorated them beautifully and Year 6 decorated mini Christmas trees, which all looked fantastic. These will be coming home with your child at the end of term.

Stocking Filler Shopping Afternoon

Again, we tried a little something different this year. Instead of making this an evening event we decided to do a shopping afternoon to hopefully prevent parents/carers having to come back to school in the evening for the event and to also provide affordable gifts under £15. We have had a very positive response about this event and hope you all managed to find some bargains.

Christmas Fair:

It seems like the children thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Fair. Our aim was to provide as many games and activities for the children to enjoy and a couple for the adults too! We raised approximately £3,933.34 combined with the Stocking Filler Shopping Afternoon and the Christmas Gift Sale, which is an amazing amount! We are absolutely thrilled with all the support from parents/carers and would like to thank you all for your generous donations and help. We would especially like to thank all the staff at Poverest who helped run a stall and tidy away at the end. We couldn't have done it without your help!

The Crystal Palace Auction did amazingly, raising £200! Thank you to Sam Haylen for donating this wonderful experience.

The 2 cakes donated by Dem's Cakes and Mrs Snell were so lovely that we decided to do a cake raffle and raised £110.95.

We also had some parents generously donating raffle prizes from their workplace which were greatly appreciated. It is more challenging now to find organisations who are willing to donate raffle prizes as they support specific charities, however we do find these organisations more accommodating if a parent/carer or family member already works there.

We apologise for the confusion over the starting times for the Christmas Fair. We were unable to open the main fair until 3.30pm as the teachers were running the stalls and this is why we opened the canteen from 3pm where we offered free colouring and refreshments for purchase.



Christmas Gift Sale:

For this event, the FoP supply gifts for the children to purchase during school time for that special person in their life. The children love this opportunity to choose and pay for their gifts themselves and feel proud that they have done so.



COMING SOON!...2019 Events....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Friday 25th January 2019	FILM NIGHT	We are hosting a film night, showing either 'Mamma Mia' or 'Bad Moms'. Further details to follow on our return at the beginning of January so please keep an eye out for our Dojo! Tickets will be available to purchase online early in the New Year!
Friday 15th February 2019	Valentine's Disco	More details to follow soon!
Friday 29th March 2019	Mothers' Day £2 Gift Sale	This is an opportunity for your child to buy a gift (costing £2) for Mum, Nan, Auntie or another special person.

INFORMATION....

New FoP members:

We had a lovely Coffee Morning on 27th September, meeting some potentially new FoP members. If anyone would like to join the FoP we would love to hear from you!

Online Payments:

You would have noticed that recently we are taking more online payments for events and activities etc. With the school expanding and with more and more clubs being offered by the school, children are all finishing at different times so by using an online payment option, this we hope would relieve the pressure from parents / carers in trying to find an FoP member to purchase tickets etc. If you have any problems using this system please do email us at friendsofpoverest@gmail.com or if you see us in and around school please feel free to come up to us for help.

Communication of Events and Activities:

Our main form of communication with all parents/carers is through class Dojo. We do however appreciate that not all parents/carers have dojo so we do aim to notify you of events through flyers/leaflets in your child's book bag and posters around school. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to either email us at friendsofpoverest@gmail.com or to speak to an FoP member.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.



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