

FODS

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

2018

Christmas comes that little bit earlier at school, so we thought we would give you an update on the FODS year and plenty of notice for all the fun things we have planned.

Elfridges Gift sale Thursday 29th November

On Thursday 29th November we have the Christmas gift sale. During the school day, the whole class come up to our Elfridges store, with their teacher, eager to find a gift they think their Mum/Dad/brother/sister/Grandma etc would love. The children seem to really enjoy this event, it's great fun watching the children choose a gift. From some Christmas socks to bath bombs or some perfume, they really have fun deciding. This is a non profit making event, all gifts are £1 each so please send in your money with your children on the Thursday, so they can buy a gift for each member of their immediate family. Also, back by popular demand—the pet gift stall, bring £1 for a gift for your pet. **New— we are offering a gift wrapping option this year, if you would like your child to bring home their gifts already wrapped, then we would ask for an extra £1 (in total, not per gift).** If you could remember to send in a bag for them to carry their gifts, that would be great.

Christmas Fayre

We have our Christmas fayre to look forward to on Friday 7th December and we have heard from the North Pole that Father Christmas will be visiting Debden School, he is looking forward to meeting lots of children in his grotto. **Once again, you will be able to pre-book a time slot for meeting Father Christmas,** so you won't have to wait outside too long.

We have lots of fun stalls planned, some old favourites, plus some new games that we hope the children will enjoy—will you find trash or treasure in the Christmas present stack.

We ask for your help in providing a fun filled fayre by bringing contributions—you may be familiar with filling up your jam jars already, or this may be your first Christmas at Debden, so here is an outline of the things we ask you to participate in—bring a bottle in exchange for wearing non-uniform (on Friday 7th Dec), this could be for example, a bottle of lemonade, shampoo or even a lovely bottle of champagne, whatever you like! We also ask you to bring a cake or small cakes for the cake stall. Another of the children's favourite stalls is the jam jar tombola, so we ask you to donate a jam jar filled with goodies of your choice (sweets, hairbands, lego etc).

We will be holding our popular bake off competition, this year we have an open theme of a 'Christmas bake off' - we would love for you to bring along your amazing mince pies, Christmas cup cakes, or other Christmas themed goodies, which will be judged **on the** day of the fayre.



Things to remember

Thursday 29th November 2018

Elfridges gift sale—please remember, £1 per gift, plus carrier bag, and £1 for wrapping!

Friday 7th December 2018

Christmas fayre 3pm—4.30pm.

Remember:

Sign-up to help on a stall,

Cake,

Bottle (non-uniform),

Jam Jar,

Christmas theme bake off,

Class hamper item,

Book Santa slot

Raffle tickets

Friday 14th December 2018

Christmas movie night.

**Merry
Christmas**



If you can offer any help on the day of the fayre, we would very much appreciate your time—these events cannot run without the help of volunteers.

Raffle tickets

We have some fantastic prizes on offer in our Christmas Raffle this year including voucher for Yuva, Debden Barns Party voucher, The plough in Debden voucher, even a sack of potatoes, to name a few. Each family will receive 2 books of tickets to sell to Grandparents, friends and neighbours. Tickets are £1 each. The draw takes place at the Christmas Fayre. Please return ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets to the School Office. Additional books of tickets are available at the Office.

Hampers—we would like to include some lovely class hampers in our raffle again, we are always so fortunate to have some lovely things donated by parents and would ask that you please donate an item relating to the colour for your child's class as follows :

Ducklings—**Green** (for example After Eight chocolate's), Minnows—**Purple**, Frogs—**Red**, Kingfishers—**Gold**. It can be anything you think that would be nice to receive in the hamper, for example home made jams, chocolates, hand cream, or bubble bath. Please bring your items into the office anytime before the 7th December. Thank you.

Christmas movie night



On Friday 14th December, we will be holding a Christmas movie night, showing The Star. Movie night runs straight from the end of school, so why not take advantage of the extra couple of hours and get in some Christmas shopping. Look out for our email with further details closer to the time.

We hope you can join us and support the FODS Christmas events, as we help raise money to benefit all of the children at Debden. As well as the recent addition of the fabulous traversing wall, this term we have also given each class a cash donation, to enable them to purchase extra things for the class, such as cooking ingredients. We have also helped to fund the recent Planetarium visit for Kingfishers and the upcoming Greek day for Frogs, we hope to fund similar amazing class activities for each class. Our fundraising efforts for the present school year, will focus on replacing the school laptops, and acquiring some fencing for the new all weather pitch.

Easy Fundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/debdenprimary>



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your Christmas shopping to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Debden Primary School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/debdenprimary/> and join for free.

New Year's Day @ The Fleur



Our friends at The Fleur de Lys in Widdington (who generously sponsored our sports kit last year) will be open on New Year's Day this year between 1pm and 3pm, take a stroll with the children for a New Year's drink.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy 2019. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre.

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