



Christmas Countdown 2018

The Maple Infants' Christmas Fair

Saturday 8th December

2018, 11am-2pm



The clocks have changed, the nights are closing in, and preparations are well under way for the Christmas Fair. Dig out your Christmas Jumpers and join us for a fun-filled fund raising event for all the family! Santa will be in his Grotto and there will be lots of other stalls: Crafts, Glitter, Games, Tombola, Cakes, Food, Drinks, Raffle, and more. Please read on for further information about what to expect at this year's fair, and to find out how you can get involved.

***NEW for 2018* - Chocolate Tombola**

This year the Tombola stall will comprise both a Bottle Tombola (with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks prizes) and a Chocolate Tombola. The Chocolate Tombola will replace the usual sweet stall at the Fair. Come and try your luck on one, or both, of the boards!

***NEW for 2018* - Children's Christmas Raffle**

Our very successful Christmas Fair Raffle is continuing as in past years but for 2018 we are introducing a new element for our younger members; the Children's Raffle. Come along with your kids to the Raffle Stall in the Hall to see the prizes on offer, and to buy tickets (which will only be available on the day). Anyone can enter but the prizes will cater specifically for children, with the 'grown-up' prizes staying in the regular Raffle. We hope the children will enjoy a prize draw designed specifically for them!

***NEW for 2018* - Professional Photography Stall at the Fair**

For the first time this year we have a professional photographer, Darren Salanson (check out his pictures here: www.darrensalanson.com) who will be taking individual and family shots complete with Christmassy props. For only £5 Darren will take around 10 shots and then send you the best 3 via email after the Fair. It's amazing value for professional pictures and just in time to include pictures in your Christmas Cards.

Christmas Trees

Surrey Trees will be selling Christmas Trees in the car park on Maple Road the first 3 weekends in December (including the day of the Fair). Exact times still to be confirmed but make a note that you'll be able to get a tree from school this year.

Matthew James Sponsorship

Thank you to everyone who signed up for a Matthew James board, they'll be going up from next week.

Tokens at the Fair

We introduced the use of Tokens at the Summer Fair in July and following on from that success will again be using a token system alongside cash at the Christmas Fair. Tokens are worth £1 each and are interchangeable with cash. You'll be able to swap cash for tokens at the Entry table.



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What can I do to help?



Fair Stalls and Prize Hampers

Each class runs a stall at the fair and creates a hamper as a prize for the raffle. Stalls have been allocated and your Class Rep(s) will be in touch to let you know how you can help support them by volunteering on the day, helping with the preparations, and donating to your class hamper.

Christmas Fair Raffle - Can you help us get more prizes?

We are very grateful for the prizes that have already been collected, but we want more! If you have a prize to donate, or know someone who does, please email contact@friendsofmaple.org or message Suzy Brinded via Classlist. Check out www.friendsofmaple.org for the most up to date list of donors!

Buy Raffle Tickets!

Raffle tickets will be being distributed in book bags ahead of the Fair – please support the Raffle by buying tickets, or by selling them (to anyone aged 16yrs and over). Remember to return the stubs!

Mufti Day Donations

There will be three mufti days this year to support the Christmas Fair. The children get to wear their own clothes and in exchange we ask for donations for various elements of the Fair...

Gifts for the Parents' Room: Friday 23rd November

If you have any unused gifts that 'aren't quite you' but are perfectly nice (e.g. toiletries, candles, notepads, scarves...) please donate them to the Parents' Gift Room. At the fair children will be able to choose a present for their parent(s) and take it home, wrapped and ready to go under the tree.

Prizes for the Children's Christmas Raffle: Friday 30th November

Any extra or spare unused toys or presents that you have in the cupboard that might be suitable for the Children's raffle would be much appreciated – if your child would like it, it's probably a winner!

Bottle Tombola Donations (drinks only please): Friday 7th December

Please support the Tombola by supplying us with bottles of things to drink – anything from Champagne to Cordial gratefully received.

Bake for the Cake Stall

Cedar Class is running the Cake Stall on the day but anyone can bake cakes to donate. Please ensure anything you make is nut free, and provide a list of ingredients. Cakes can be delivered on Friday 7th December to the kitchen if they do not need refrigerating overnight, or bring them straight to the cake stall on the day of the Fair.

It is thanks to the combined efforts of parents and carers like you that Christmas is such a special time at Maple Infants' School. Thank you for your support. Any assistance you can give will be gratefully received.

Thank you!

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