
MORDIFORD PTFA

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Afternoon meeting, 15 November 2017

We discussed:

- **BONFIRE NIGHT:** Brilliant team effort (£2,720, over £300 more than 2016's total), and looked at the excellent professional photographs of the night taken by Chanelle Knapp. Selected pics on Facebook, or get in touch if you'd like to view the whole album.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Ideas for different ways to communicate. SignUpGenius online sign-in sheet was generally thought useful for our last event, and we're thinking about whether the free Classlist app (www.classlist.com) might be good for Mordiford - it can ticket events, take the place of WhatsApp groups and be updated by parents securely. Please take a look at the website, let us know if you're interested, and we'll discuss it again.
- **FESTIVE WWYL DAY, FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER:** Christmas jumpers, elf costumes, Christmas PJs or reindeer onesies, Santa hats ... whatever the children would like to wear on a wintry theme. **Donations please of wrapping paper** (for grown-ups and children), **ribbons and bows**, and **good quality small gifts suitable for adults** e.g. toiletry sets, socks, mugs, chocolates, wine, novelty items or anything you have at home that's unwanted but might find a good home elsewhere. Beware — your children will be choosing for themselves in the Elves' Workshop, so make sure it's not something you would be really disappointed to unwrap!
- **CHRISTMAS FAIR, FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER, 3pm:** A relaxed family event after school, hosted by Year 2 but all volunteers warmly welcomed! There will be **Santa's Grotto** (timed slots with a complimentary craft activity, a chance to meet Santa and a small gift, and possible photography), the

Elves' Secret Wrapping Workshop (children only, no adults allowed - choose a present for a loved one from a selection of gifts and get it wrapped to go under the tree); **refreshments** (hot chocolate, mulled wine, tea, coffee, juice, cakes and mince pies); **handmade crafts** (made by the children in their classes at school, and some e.g. wreaths by adults for sale); **£2 Bookshop**; and possible other options including festive tattoos and facepainting.

- **"FREE" FUNDRAISING:** There are a couple of really simple, free ways to make money for the PTFA when shopping. We are signed up to two websites which will donate a percentage to us on any shopping you would be doing anyway - free to you, cash to us. Between them they cover most retailers, including Amazon. Both have apps to help you remember to use them when you search online. Please look at **The Giving Machine** (<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/mordiford-primary-school>) and **Easyfundraising** (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mordifordceprimaryschoolptfa/>) We are also signed up with **Stikins name labels** to receive commission on every order. Order online at www.stikins.co.uk and when you check out, quote our fundraising number 13740.

Thanks to all who came along, it was really great to get lots of views and feedback (special thanks to Sian for sorting the secondhand uniform!)

Next meeting:
Monday 15 January, 7.30pm
(upstairs at Bunch of Carrots, Hampton Bishop)