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### Greenway's Christmas Fair 2018

Saturday 8 December. 11am - 2pm

The Countdown to our fabulous Christmas Fair has begun. It's time to tell you what's planned for this year's festive extravaganza and what you need to do to prepare.

#### WHAT'S ON?



#### SANTA'S GROTTO

Santa will be making a special visit to Greenway and children can book to meet him in his North Pole Grotto. Slots will be going on sale from <u>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November</u> and can be pre-booked at the wooden gazebo in the main playground at 9am or 3pm or by using signmeup.com. <u>Booking closes 30<sup>th</sup> November</u>. Santa slots are 10 mins and run from 11am-12pm and again from 12.30-2pm. Prices are £3 per child and each child will receive a wrapped Christmas gift.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

#### THE ELVES WORKSHOP

The Elves have been very busy this year again making wonderful gifts for all the grown-ups! Children can come to the Elves workshop on the day to choose something special to give the ones they love.
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Parents must drop off and wait outside the workshop (in the library) while children choose & wrap their gifts. Prices are £2 per gift payable when booking your slot.
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#### NEW - SILENT AUCTION (shhhhhhh....!)

This year we will be holding a Silent Auction giving everyone the chance to win some extraordinary prizes at brilliant prices! We already have some amazing prizes and the teachers will be offering themselves up too! But we need your help... do you, your employer or family/friends have anything you could donate, be it large or small? This could be items such as tickets to events, (new) high end clothes you are never going to wear, big toys or games etc. Or services - babysitting, dog walking, professional services e.g. HR or legal advice. Perhaps you have a holiday home or could you offer to take an older child to your place of work? Please send details of donations to Michelle: mccarnegie@outlook.com or GSA@greenway.herts.sch.uk by Monday 26th November. Bidding will start online the week before the fair and continue in a frenzy on the day!



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HAMPER DONATIONS – We will be putting together Christmas Hampers as raffle prizes with the winners drawn on the day of the fair. Each year group has a different hamper theme and we ask everyone to bring in a donation in line with their class theme. Please bring your donation into school on <u>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</u>.

JAZZY JARS – A firm favourite with all the children! Please fill any see-through container of any size or shape with wrapped sweets (no nuts please) and encourage your child to decorate it. Plastic jars great too & spare jars will be available from the office. Please return to school on <u>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</u>.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA – Please bring a bottle to school on <u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</u> for the tombola stall. It can be absolutely anything so long as it's in a bottle and unopened.

TEDDIES, TOYS & BOOKS – Make space for Santa's next delivery by donating any unwanted toys, teddies, books, games and DVDs. We especially would like pre-loved teddies for our Teddy Tombola! These can all be left in the Gazebo (wooden hut) in the big playground on <u>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></u> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure items are clean, complete and in good working order.

RAFFLE TICKETS – Raffle tickets will be coming home in books bags the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> November. Look out for these and return stubs, money and any unsold tickets in an envelope to the GSA box in the School Office (to the left of the office window) by <u>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December</u>. If you would like any extra tickets please email <u>GSA@greenway.herts.sch.uk</u> or speak to your class rep.

GET BAKING – Our Christmas Cake Stall is always a popular stop on the day, but we need your input to make it work. Mince pies, fairy cakes, big cakes, bold cakes or biscuits, the more the merrier! Please bring them to the gazebo at 9am or 3pm on <u>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December</u> or along with you on the day.

WE NEED YOU! – Please remember to volunteer your time to help on the day. We depend on parents volunteering 30 mins to 1 hour of their time to help run this fabulous event. An online rota system will be available to sign up to for each room/event that will be running at the fair. The rota link will be sent out on <u>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November</u> and we need all the slots filled so that all we can run all the events. Please sign up and help make this fair a great success.

#### AND FINALLY ...

Does your company have a Match Funding Scheme?

Match Funding is a great way for a corporate or individual to donate to a charity or fundraiser. It is a scheme whereby you or your organisation pledge to match the monies raised by an item or stall. Last year our "Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake" stall made £40 which could be transformed into £80 with a match funding pledge. Knowing that whatever is raised on the day will be matched by a Match Funder, can be a big boost to the overall success of the event.

If you or your company would be interested in match funding one of our events or a stall at the upcoming Christmas Fair, please email <u>GSA@greenway.herts.sch.uk</u>

