

FLSA Newsletter

Friends of
Leigh
School
Association



Welcome!

Welcome back, and welcome to new parents who have joined our school community in September. Friends of Leigh School, FLSA, is our PTA. Usually we hold fundraising events throughout the year, but this year is obviously different as we navigate through the pandemic.

Christmas is not cancelled, however! We have agreed a few activities for the run up to the holidays, to make the final week as Christmassy as possible for the children. More on that below.

Firstly, a quick update. From fundraisers held last year we have over £3500 saved, ready to cover outgoings needed for school in future, including Commando Joe. Our Treasurer, Jon Dufton, will be arranging our year end accounts at the end of this year.

Our monthly draw continues, and if you would like to join please email: flsa@allsaints-leigh.staffs.sch.uk Each month half the proceeds go to the winner and half to the FLSA. Winners are announced via our Facebook page, search 'Friends of Leigh School Association'.

Xmas4schools

Please aim to return orders by Friday 6th November, and by Wednesday 11th November at the latest. Transfer is best this year, but we can take cash, and possibly card payment if you let school know.



Craft day

We will be planning ideas and sending in materials for teachers to hold a Christmas craft day on Wednesday 16th December. The children will have fun making festive things such as reindeer food to bring home with them. All materials sent into school will be quarantined first.

Reindeer Grand National & Xmas Games

We are organising a games day, to include a Reindeer Grand National for the children to do their bubbles on Monday 14th December. They will be able to buy tickets to be in with a chance of winning prizes. More info on tickets to come. To make the prizes we are asking for donations in return for non-uniform day on Thursday 26th November please. Anything you can spare, for children or adults, would be much appreciated.



Christmas presents

We will be arranging a Santa's Secret Shop (where children can choose presents for parents, grandparents etc) like previous years. The only difference this year is that we won't be able to wrap presents in school with the children. They will be able to choose gifts from a selection and wrapped ones will be put in quarantine in school ready to be collected. We will share an order form with you in due course, each gift will be sold at cost price for £2.50. Santa's shop will open on Tuesday 15th December.

Children will also receive a present, donated by the FLSA, with a special recording from Santa himself on Friday 18th December!

We appreciate things have been hard this year and would like to buy gifts locally, to support parents and staff who make things. Please speak to a member of the committee (Hannah Edwards, Jon Dufton, Laura Rowe, Jayne Gray), email flsa@allsaints-leigh.staffs.sch.uk or send us a Facebook message by Wednesday 4th November to register your interest. Please provide us with prices and descriptions/pictures of what you have on offer for £2.50 and less. We will then make a fair choice based on proposals at the next FLSA meeting, which is open to anybody, on Tuesday 10th November. This will give time for gifts to be made and wrapped ready for the children to make their choices.

Film night



Tickets will soon be available to purchase for this year's Christmas film night. We will be showing Arthur Christmas on Thursday 10th December. Due to the restrictions we will be keeping things simpler than in previous years. The children will still receive a snack and a drink with their ticket.

50% of the ticket takings will go towards funding Commando Joe, please let us know if you have any concerns about this.

Dates for your diary:

- Return Xmas4schools order – Friday 6th November
- FLSA meeting – Tuesday 10th November
- Non-uniform day - Thursday 26th Nov
- Film night - Thursday 10th Dec
- Reindeer Grand National – Monday 14th Dec
- Santa's Secret Shop – Tuesday 15th Dec
- Craft day – Wednesday 16th Dec
- Children's gifts with message from Santa – Friday 18th Dec

Thank you for your support

FLSA committee members

It's that time again where we ask if anybody is interested in standing for the 3 main committee positions – Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, to please get in touch. If any new candidates come forward, we will hold elections at the next meeting. Please let school know, or email the FLSA before 10th November.

If you'd like to get more involved in the FLSA but are unable to commit to a role that's fine too – you can become a member of the committee or a helper.

Anybody new standing in the 3 positions will do so from 1 January 2021.