



Manor House School Christmas Fayre

19 November 11.00am – 3.00pm

We are looking forward to our renowned Christmas Fayre, our biggest fund raising event of the year. Money from previous Fayres has provided play equipment for the Nursery, Prep-Prep and Juniors. It has funded a Senior quiet area and contributed to the tree sculpture and surrounding landscaping and benches. Additionally, we annually support the Grange in Bookham, and contribute towards workshops in Theme Week. This year we will also be supporting the work of Leatherhead Start – a homeless shelter. We have raised money for a large dual purpose sandpit, put money towards the sound system and funded additional Honours Boards. Last year, we contributed towards the setting up of the Forest School and the new Reading Hut.

We are making reasonable progress with collecting items for our internal stalls; many thanks to those of you who have already donated items, however, we still need more. Please continue to sort out and bring in your contributions, placing them to the left of the staircase in the main entrance hall. Any of the following are required:

- Toys
- Books and DVDs
- Toiletries
- Unwanted gifts for the Secrets stall
- Children's gift items for the gift tombola
- Bric-a-Brac
- Luxury foods – tubs of sweets, chocolates, biscuits, olive oil, Christmas foods, jams and pickles are particularly suitable. (These will be packaged into mini hampers to make very acceptable Christmas gifts.)
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One of the long standing Manor House traditions is the **Manor House Stall** which is run by Year 10, and the current year group is keen to carry this on. This year they have chosen to focus on candles, jars of fairy lights and chestnuts in bags ready for roasting. They want to embrace the idea of the warmth and cosiness of a homely Christmas. Traditionally all the girls in the school create items for this stall so Year 10 would welcome empty kilner type jars, candles, decorated bags filled with chestnuts and small sets of battery operated fairy lights for this stall. All donations for this stall should be taken to the School Office, clearly labelled with the girl's name. Each item will gain a House Point for the donor's House.

This information sheet is in a plain bag. Each girl is invited to decorate the bag and fill it with wrapped sweets. This is for our **Sweetie Bag Stall** organised by the Pre-Prep Department. There will be prizes for the best decorated bags. All bags should be brought in and given to form teachers. The form that brings in the most bags will also win a prize. The bags will be judged on Thursday 17 November. Every year we have some amazingly inventive responses to this task. However we do

ask that size is kept to manageable proportions! Following some confusion last year, we can no longer reserve sweetie bags, so if you want to buy a particular bag please get to the Fayre early!

One of our most profitable stalls is the **Bottle Tombola**. Every year it boasts an impressive selection of soft and alcoholic drinks. On Thursday **10 November** we are holding a mufti day. In exchange for wearing home clothes, each girl brings in a bottle of drink. Nursery and Pre-Prep girls should take bottles to their classrooms, while Juniors and Seniors should bring their's to the main entrance hall at the start of the school day.

On **Friday 11 November** every girl will be issued with raffle tickets, two programmes and a paper plate. We ask that the paper plate is returned the following **Friday 18 November** with a cake or cakes on it to be sold in our coffee shop and on our cake stall. It would be helpful if cakes could have their ingredients listed on the packaging to avoid any issue with allergies. Year 11 girls are asked to bring in mince pies. Year 6 and 9 girls may prefer to bring in contributions for the luxury/ Christmas foods stall, which their year groups are organising.

If you are able to offer an item or service for our raffle, please contact Mary Fowell as soon as possible.

Friends Representatives will be contacting their year groups requesting help with our internal stalls and services. The next Christmas Fayre committee meeting is at 7.00pm in Wheeler on Tuesday 1 November.

To summarise:

Thursday 10 November	Bottle Tombola – Mufti Day + bottle
Friday 11 November	Raffle Tickets Issued
Thursday 17 November	Sweeting Bags – Judging
Friday 18 November	Cake Plates

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this, and for your support.

Best wishes

Teresa Williams
Christmas Fayre Committee