Dear Parents,

As you may be aware Fiona decided to step down as Head of the PTA at the end of last term and we would like to thank her for many successful years. Anna Salisbury and myself have stepped forward to fulfil the role. We both have children in Maples (Yr 1) so have a long-term interest in the school and the welfare of the children.

This year has been very different; impacting the day to day running of the school and the usual events that would have taken place. We very much look forward to being able to get back to some normality in the new year and welcome any parents who would like to help with the PTA in the near future. Please do not be shy in approaching us; either by stopping us at the school gates or contact us on our new email GreatwaldingfieldprimaryPTA@outlook.com.

Due to the current COVID situation sadly the Christmas fair is a definite no. However, we do not want to miss out on some festive cheer and have been working hard to try and put somethings in place and we very much hope you will support them.

Your child may have informed you that they were asked last week to draw a self-portrait and I can honestly say they did an excellent job; we have some very creative artists! These have been sent away to make a whole **School Tea Towel**. I still have mine from when I attended Great Waldingfield many years ago! We thought this would be a great Christmas present for those we have seen less of this year, or as a nice keepsake, especially as the school is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The proof will be sent home soon with an order form. The Tea Towels will be available for collection before the end of term. The cost will be £5 a tea towel.

We will be running a **Non-Uniform/ Christmas Clothing** day to tie in with the schools Christmas dinner, date to follow. We would be looking for a £1 donation on the day.

As a bit of fun for the children we will be running a **Christmas Quiz** for the different Key Stages, so Key Stage 1 (Reception, Yr1, Yr2) and Key Stage 2 (Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6). These will be available from Anna and myself at morning drop off on Monday 30th of November and Tuesday 1st of December outside the main school gates. Entrance fee will be 50p, correct change welcome and please maintain social distancing. There will be a small prize for every correct winning entry.

Lastly, we will be running a socially distanced **Christmas Raffle**; tickets will be sent home as normal. We have had a fantastic response so far from local businesses offering donations which is great in the current climate. We are asking for your help by way of **donations** from parents in the form of Christmas goodies i.e., sweets, biscuits, mince pies, Xmas puddings, chocolate, alcohol etc. There will be collection boxes at each of the school gates for any contributions from **Monday 23rd of November to Friday 27th of November**. Every little helps.

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I know that is a lot of information so there is a 'Dates for your diary' on the next page advising of what is happening and when.

Thank you all so much for your support.

Mrs Arwen Montgomery & Mrs Anna Salisbury

Heads of PTA



Dates for your Diary

 Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November 2020 Donation boxes will be at each school gate at drop off and collection times for Christmas raffle contributions. Christmas goodies i.e., sweets, biscuits, mince pies, Xmas puddings, chocolate, Alcohol etc.





- Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December Collect school Quiz collection from main gate. They will be 50p each; a small prize for every winning entry.
 - Tuesday 8th DecemberChristmas Raffle tickets need to be returned.
 - Wednesday 9th December Quizzes need to be returned.
- Friday 11th December. Winners of Christmas Quiz and Christmas Raffle Drawn. Winners will be contacted to organise collection/delivery the following week.
- Non-Uniform/ Christmas clothing to take place on the same day as Christmas dinner, to be confirmed.
 A suggested donation of £1.



Thank you from your Heads of PTA



Mrs Anna Salisbury





Mrs Arwen Montgomery





