

THE RICHARD PATE SCHOOL PTA CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Dear RPS Family

This is our first communication in a while as we are very conscious that this pandemic is challenging everyone in very different ways, so we hope it finds you well. Since our last newsletter, we have continued to offer our support to the amazing team at RPS as they continue to make their priority the safety and teaching of our children. We are working with school to offer the children an exciting and fun filled run up to Christmas and more will be revealed in due course. Normally, the PTA team would be spending a great deal of time in school at this time of year but it simply isn't possible. Sadly, the announcement of the new lockdown last Saturday meant that we had to take the difficult decision to cancel our plans for the Christmas cards. You are able to create and order your own cards online should you wish to do so via this link: <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/individual-project>
However, there are still things we are doing to celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

Usually, our entry fee to the annual Christmas Fair is food donations for Hamper Scamper. We are happy to share that we have again been in touch with them to offer our support this year and donations of food stuffs would be greatly appreciated. **Collection by Hamper Scamper is booked for 2nd December and so could all donations please come into school on Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December.** We will send reminders nearer the time but greatly appreciate your support with this wonderful local initiative.

During the half term break, the Prep Playground canopy was finally installed. This has been planned for so long and it's wonderful to finally see it up. The Prep staff are already making the most of this incredible new outside space and we wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for enabling it to happen through your constant support with our fundraising efforts. We all hope that we will be able to enjoy such events again soon.

As a PTA we love what we do for the school and our children and can't wait to get stuck in again. Christmas isn't cancelled, it will just be different, and we have every intention of embracing that as much as we safely can for the children.

Finally, a huge thank you must go to all of the staff at RPS who are doing an amazing job during an incredibly challenging time.

Best wishes to you all and please stay safe

Lisa Hall and the PTA team



Can you help us spread the Spirit of Christmas to those in need by buying one or more of the items on this list?

We Urgently Need...

- Long-life Milk
- Coffee, Tea & Hot Chocolate
- Breakfast Cereal
- Cooking Sauces
- Tinned Curry & Meals
- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Baked Beans/Soup
- Rice/Pasta
- Tinned Vegetables/Fruit
- Squash
- Crisps

'Nice to haves'

- Stuffing & Gravy
- Boxes of Chocolates/Biscuits
- Cranberry Sauce
- Yorkshire Pudding Mix
- Christmas Cake
- Shower Gel/Shampoo

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