



26th September 2016

Parent Questionnaire

Please complete these by **Friday 7th October**. We need your input to inform us of your interest regarding future events and fundraising ideas. More family orientated events? Meadowbrook shopping bags? A Bake off? We are waiting to hear from you.

Christmas!

Christmas is coming! It may feel a bit early to be talking about Christmas, but the FoMM team is gearing up for the festive season. Coming soon:

Christmas Panto Tickets

Please look out for Christmas panto ticket forms in the pockets this week. This event is not organised by FoMM or the school, but gives families an opportunity to buy tickets for Sleeping Beauty at South Hill Park on Thursday 15th December at a very attractive rate, thanks to Debbie Clarke, one of our mums. Ticket cost is £11.

Please put your form and payment in an envelope clearly marked with your name and the number of tickets that you require to your class rep by **Friday 7th October**. We regret that we cannot assign tickets without payment in full. Payment by cash, or cheque made payable to 'Friends of Meadowbrook Montessori' Proceeds towards IT funds.

Christmas Puddings

So many things to think about at Christmas, would you like one less thing on the list? We are having our very own branded Christmas Puddings made by The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company this year, which are quite exceptional! The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company is a Cumbrian-based cottage industry that makes a range of puddings, including a family Christmas pudding that is light and sweet, with lots of different nuts and fruits.

The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company supplies Christmas puddings to Fortnum & Mason, which bears testament to their quality. Sponges do not require chilling, and have an average six-month shelf life.

The company makes both a gluten-free and an alcohol-free Christmas pudding, as well as great alternatives to the traditional plum pudding, including ginger pudding and sticky toffee. We will be taking pre-orders for the whole range of puddings over the coming weeks (payment is required at the time of ordering), and a limited range will be available for purchase at the Christmas Fayre. Don't miss out! Look out for our pudding 'menu' and order forms in school pockets soon.

Christmas Card Project

This year, all children will have the opportunity to design their own Christmas card. A unique Christmas card that will bring a smile to the faces of family and friends. The cards will be professionally printed and supplied by Art Project for Schools. Ordering is simple and is done online at home. Proceeds will go to raise funds for the school. Further information to follow.

Christmas Fayre

Plans are taking shape for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November at Carnation Hall, Winkfield - please put the date in your diary. This will be a great opportunity to do some relaxed Christmas shopping, enjoy some mulled wine and a mince pie, and taste test the Ultimate Christmas Pudding. (If you haven't already ordered yours by then!).

If you know of anyone who would be interested in having a stall at the Fayre, or if you would like to be involved by running your own stall, manning a stall, or helping in any other way, please contact your class rep, who will be happy to hear from you. Baking volunteers will be needed and sign up sheets will be posted nearer the time.

Christmas Shopping via [Easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

If you do your Christmas shopping on-line, please take a minute to sign up at the [Easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) site to collect donations as you shop. Sign up takes just a few minutes, there is a handy App for mobile shopping, and the PC version has a helpful prompt that reminds you to donate, so you can donate on the go without even visiting the [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website. To date, 22 supporters have raised £156.70, just by shopping and at no cost to themselves. If you need any assistance with signing up, please ask your class rep or speak to Louise Trayhorn (pre-school parent).

Kind Regards
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