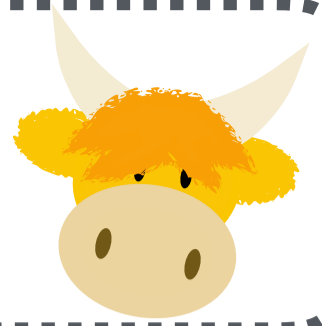




The Minch Bulletin



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MINCHINHAMPTON SCHOOL PTA

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Thanking You!

A big thank you to everyone who came along on Firework night and who ate, drank and "ooed" and "ahhed" in all the right places. It was a lovely evening and we wouldn't have enjoyed it half as much without the input of some very lovely people. To our burger flippers, beer pourers, event preppers, marquee builders, ticket sellers, safety watchers and fire builders, thank you - we couldn't have done it without you.

And a huge thank you to Suzie Drewett and Jon McGinty for organising an extravaganza that raised a staggering £6,688.87 for our school and for our children.

Santa's Little Helpers

Did you know it's only 41 sleeps until the big day? Yup, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. And, as the little ones get more and more excited about the big guy in the red suit, Team Elf are merrily working away to give them a Christmas Fair to remember.

Now seeing how it's the season of goodwill to all men (and women) please don't be a Grinch and instead consider offering a helping hand; they're looking for lots of extra elves to pitch in. (Striped tights and jangly shoes are optional but by all means, you do you.)

To deliver a day of festive fun the team requires volunteers for Fri pm/Sat am set up, Sunday clear up and one hour-long stall shifts. They also need the usual secret present, bottle and teddy donations on non-uniform day, help selling raffle tickets to friends, family and neighbours and baked goodies for the day itself. Christmas 2016 also sees the arrival of "Snazzy Santa Socks". This year's fresh (we hope) take on the Jazzy Jam Jars. Fill clean socks/stockings with sweets and small toys and decorate as seasonally as your heart desires. No stinkers and no nuts please.

Come the 3rd of December there will be all the usual favourites: Santa in his Grotto, the secret present room, bottle and teddy tombolas as well as some new Christmassy fun and games, so come along and join in the festivities.

More information will appear in the forthcoming weeks on Facebook. Tickets to Santa's Grotto will be available to buy from reception from the 21st November onwards and raffle tickets will be making their way home in book bags shortly. Any further questions please contact Head Elf Linda Fortnam.

Easy Does It

Talking about Christmas, did you know that as you do your online present and party food shopping you could be collecting free money donations for school? And all it takes is around 5 minutes of your time to set up.

Simply sign up and shop from over 3,000 shops including Amazon, John Lewis, thetrainline and Sainsbury's. There are no catches or hidden charges and the PTA will be really grateful for your donations. Just follow the directions for using www.easyfundraising.org in the **Easy_Money** box opposite.

A New Chair

Last but not least, a big welcome and thank you to Andrew Nicholls our new PTA Chair. If you'd like to contact Andrew you can do so at minchpta@hotmail.co.uk

Wishing a very Happy Monday to everyone - The PTA

In_The_Diary

21st Nov: Santa's Grotto Tickets on Sale

25th Nov: Non-Uniform Day/Donations

30th Nov: Last Day for Snazzy Socks

3rd Dec: Christmas Fair

15th Dec: Breakfast With Santa

10th Feb: Valentine's Disco

Round_Up

Fair: 3rd December

Time: 2-4.30pm

Grotto Tickets: Available from reception.

Cash only.

Volunteer: Email lindahill72@btinternet.com

Lead: Linda Fortnam

Shout_Out

Christmas Fair

- Bottles, Teddies & Secret Present donations
- Snazzy Santa Socks
- Cakes for Refreshment Stall
- Volunteer to set-up/clear-up or 1hr shifts

Easy Fundraising

- Sign up to use for Christmas purchases

Easy_Money

1. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk search Minch PTA and join for free.
2. Go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want or download the donation reminder toolbar and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to the school with no cost to you.

Amoosing?

Q: What kind of car does an American cow drive?

A: A Cattleac.



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