



PTA November Blast – Upcoming Festivities!

Your top three things to do...

1. **Get your sponsorship money in!** – [Deadline 26 November](#)
2. **Volunteer for a Christmas Event** – [See volunteering roles](#)
3. **Get your goodies for Christmas** – [Raffle tickets, cookbook, cards and bazaar](#)

This term can seem like a crazy race to Christmas as lots of activities actually start in November. For those of you who are more active in the PTA you will know it continues to be a challenging time from the point of view of managing new regulations, risk assessments and what we can and can't do. Everything, even things we previously have run, have to be checked.

We try our best not to overwhelm you, but at the same time, send you things in enough time so you know what is going on. This is a constant battle, but be assured, behind every event/piece of comms is a PTA Member doing their very best to provide fun opportunities for our children as well as raise money for the school.

ACTIVITIES COMING UP:

Date	Activity	What do you need to do	Can I volunteer ?
Tues 16 Nov -Weds 24 Nov	Order Bazaar Presents for kids to wrap	This year the bazaar is still running, but again COVID friendly. This means all presents MUST be bought in advance online . These will then be delivered to your child to wrap and surprise you with! We are looking for volunteers to help with the wrapping and also to buy the presents. (See volunteering roles at the end.) Wednesday is the deadline to order your bazaar presents online which will then be delivered and wrapped by your children before Christmas.	<u>Yes</u>
Tues 16 Nov – Fri 3 Dec	Order Cookbooks to ensure Christmas delivery	The cookbooks will be delivered before Christmas! With over 50 pages of exciting recipes these will make fantastic Christmas presents whilst at the same time supporting our kitchen build! Order yours here . The first one is £10, each additional one is £8 per book. (Discount appears when you checkout).	No
Thurs 25 Nov	Christmas Card ordering opens	Look out for the order form 'My Child's Art' in your bag around the 25 November for the Christmas design that your little artists have created. You can order all kinds of things with your design direct to your house. Every purchase gives the PTA commission.	No
Fri 26 Nov	Wear the Rainbow WWYLD (Wear What You Like Day)	Bringing a little rainbow fun to the WWYLD in aid of our Christmas Hampers. Come in dressed in your class colour and bring a donation in the same colour for the hampers. There will be a car in the school car park collecting.	No
Fri 26 Nov	Sponsored Walk donations due in	Get your pirate walk donations in! Upload your donations easily via PTAEVENTS or pop it all into an envelope and into the PTA postbox.	No



Sat 27 Nov	Kids Market	We might be able to have a stall at the Edenbridge Christmas Extravaganza in Edenbridge in Doggett's Barn . We would need to work out what to sell and it would need to be manned but it would be great to get involved. Email heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk if you have any ideas and would like to help	<u>Yes</u>
W/c 29 Nov	Raffle Tickets to be sent out	Reps will be handing out raffle tickets. Get these in by 9am on the last day of term!	No
Mon 6 Dec- Fri 17 Dec	Wrapping Bazaar Presents	Volunteer to help with wrapping the presents with the kids (dates to be confirmed shortly).	<u>Yes</u>
Thurs 16 Dec	Love our Library Prize Draw	Donate/purchase a book for the library by Thursday 17 December to be entered into the prize draw to win a month family pass/ or a round of golf for four at the lovely Chartham Park so get involved! Donations can be brought to school and left with the office any Wednesday AM. When you donate/if you have already donated please ask your Class Rep to let the Trustees know to ensure you are entered into the draw.	<u>Yes</u>
Fri 17 Dec	Hever School Christmas Cracker!	Join in the fun with a celebratory 'End to Term with Father Christmas and his Elves!'	<u>Yes</u>
Fri 17 Dec	Rainbow Raffle Prize Draw	The Rainbow Raffle will be held on the last day of term as parents leave so hampers can be collected before Christmas. Make sure you buy your raffle tickets before then to have a chance of winning.	<u>Yes</u>

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES TO...WELL, VOLUNTEER FOR!

Opportunity	Timescale	What you will be doing	Current volunteers
Making Christmas Hampers	Nov	Putting together the Rainbow Raffle Christmas Hampers ready for sale	Naomi Wood, 1 or 2 more needed. Email heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk to volunteer
Buying Bazaar presents	End of Nov	Buying the gifts for children to wrap at the bazaar and sorting into bags per child.	Emma Reynolds and Anna Clements, 1 or 2 more needed Email: heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk to volunteer
Kids Market	27 Nov	Running stall with other volunteers and children, organising things to sell.	None currently. 2/3 needed. Email: heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk to volunteer
Wrapping Bazaar Presents	First two weeks of Dec	Going into school and helping the kids wrap their presents and write their tags.	Karen E. 2/3 needed per class. Class reps will be asking for volunteers when we have confirmed dates for each class



Hever School Christmas Cracker	Last day – Friday 17 December	Need Elves, Santa and people to clear up/set up. Costumes will be provided	None currently. 6-8 needed. Email: heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk to volunteer
Carols	TBC	Helping organise refreshments at the school carols if we are able to attend.	None currently.
Grants Group	All the time	The Grants group is a great way to get involved. We are currently focusing on grants for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Library - Shepherd Hut - Spanish lessons If there is something you are passionate about creating at the school almost anything goes!	Email heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk to volunteer or speak to our fabulous lead Sarah Fisk.
Library Group	All the time	A group of parents are helping improve the library every week.	Email heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk to get involved-

ACTIVITY UPDATES:

Sponsored Walk

Well done to everyone on the sponsored walk, the children had a fab time and thanks to our fantastic Pirate Richard who only made a few kids walk the plank! Sponsorship money can be paid in online [here](#) or popped into the PTA post box by **Friday 26 November**. When paying online you can change the figure to whatever sponsorship you achieved. Whichever you do **please put your forms in the postbox as well** as we can claim Gift Aid on the donations. Prizes will be presented in December.

Christmas Fair

Thanks so much to Alex Enston and Laura Hands and for all the Hever Christmas Fair donations and volunteers – especially to those who spent the whole day there as well as baking, it looks like the fair will have raised around £5k-half of which comes directly to the school to support the kitchen, amongst other projects the governors are working on behind the scenes.

Shepherd Hut Update

We are on around £12k – with two other grants still on the table. Due to changing circumstances we are looking at the school kitchen builders to quote to build this so make sure we are making them welcome haha! We have just secured free paint and free flooring which will be an amazing cost saver. If anyone else has any contacts we can use get in touch.

Cookbooks

Massive shout out to the incredible cookbook team creating Hever's first ever COOKBOOK! Led by Zoe Spencer, Claire Portman, Alex Enston and Karen Kellaway, this fabulous book is now available to purchase on [PTAEVENTS](#). A great Christmas present – get your orders in now! It is in its final proofing stages and booked to print ready for Christmas.

Acorn Cake Sale

Thanks to the Acorn reps Mei and Megan for leading the first Acorn Cake Sale and thanks to all our fabulous bakers and buyers! Raising over £150 it was an amazing effort. All classes will be encouraged to run a sale so speak to your rep if you have any ideas!

Roll on Christmas!

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