



# The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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## Welcome to the final newsletter of this half-term!

Already the holidays have (almost) arrived and today sees the last FDPS event of this half-term, with huge thanks to Tess Hall and her team who, this afternoon, will run the much loved and seriously spooky

## Juniors' Hallowe'en Party!

## Get ready for some "Spooky-Goings-On" in the old school-house!



As usual we have a large group of children booked to enjoy the variety of entertainment, fun and games being provided at this perennially popular event, this year organised by Tess and her team – and including the fabulous magician **"Nutty Noah"!**

**PS:** Thanks to Mr Connolly, will be on hand once more to take some wonderful pictures of this fabulous party, and we look forward to sharing them with you when we return in November!

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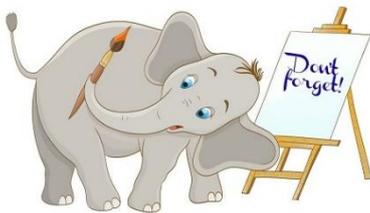
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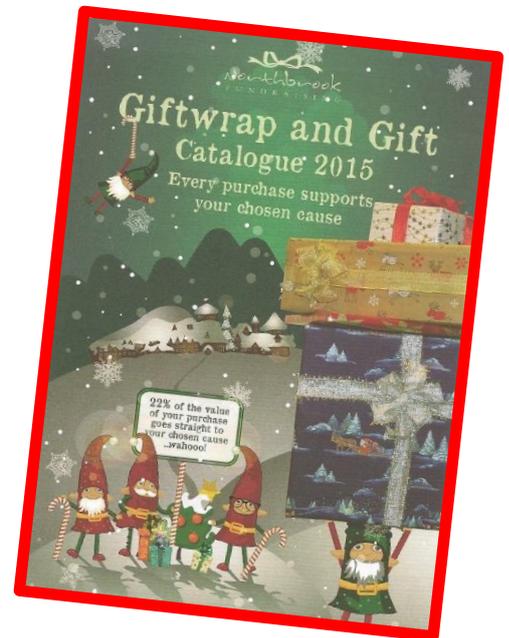
## Christmas is coming...

### NORTHBROOK CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP –

*a final friendly reminder!*



Your orders are needed back, complete with your payment, no later than tomorrow Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October! Don't miss out!



If you have any questions please ask FDPS Committee Member Emma Yellop via our email [friendsditcham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsditcham@gmail.com)

## Planning some online Christmas shopping this half-term?

**Don't forget to raise funds for FDPS while you shop, by registering with Easyfundraising and nominating FDPS as your chosen charity!**



If you're new to the school you may not know about Easyfundraising... a fabulous way to raise additional funds for the FDPS whilst you shop, without costing you a penny extra!

For full details check out our feature explaining "How Easyfundraising Works" on our website, click [here](#).

**On the subject of Christmas**... when we return it will be only a few short weeks until one of the most enjoyable events in the Friends' calendar!

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December is the FDPS Christmas Fayre!**  
**Fun for ALL the family!**

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## Christmas Fayre preparations...

If you're new to the school, or would just like a little reminder of [last year's event](#), then why not visit the FDPS website and get inspired!

After the holiday the FDPS Committee and Year Group Buddies will be working hard to confirm all the arrangements for this year's Fayre, and letting you know how you can help contribute to the event's success!

*For example, you could:*

**Help organise or run a Year Group stall**...each Year Group are invited to run a fun (and hopefully fundraising) stall or activity... are you involved with your year group's plans? Talk to your buddy to find out how you can help ahead of the Fayre, or on the day itself.

**Why not offer some help in Santa's Christmas Café?** Maybe you're a dab hand in the kitchen – why not bake some edible treats for us to sell?

**Donate! Perhaps a prize to the Grand Raffle** or join in the **Mufti-Day fun on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – when children can enjoy a Christmas Sweater non-uniform day in return for one or more of the following items...

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Full details of this year's Mufti Day in support of the FDPS Christmas Fayre will be given in the first newsletter of November!





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## And finally... a reminder about Corporate Matched Giving

**Matched giving / funding** is a simple way of maximising your fundraising efforts for the School. It is an arrangement between a company and its employee. Many companies will pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised for, or donated to, the charity of their choice (such as FDPS!)



Some will match £ for £, *others may match with time*, others a combination of both. It could be they will offer a service such as the opportunity to print posters, programmes, newsletters etc.

## Here are 3 questions for you.

**Question 1: Does your employer operate a Corporate Matched Giving policy?**

**Question 2: If you don't know, would you be prepared to ask them? Your HR or Personnel Manager is usually a good person to ask.**

**Question 3: Would you like to read a little more about this, and check whether your employer has previously participated in a Matched Fundraising policy?**

**IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" THEN PLEASE READ OUR WEBSITE POST – CLICK [HERE](#)**



**Thank you for all your support; it just remains for us to wish you all**

*A very Happy Half-term holiday!*

Denise Allen, on behalf of Vicki Harvey (Chair),  
Lucy Reidy (Vice-Chair) and the FDPS  
Committee

**See you in November!**

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