

THE FRIENDS OF BRANFILL FESTIVE FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER



Merry Christmas from The Friends of Branfil! It might seem a little early to be saying that but we need to get in the festive mood quick-smart!

As you've no doubt worked out, we aren't able to hold our annual Christmas Bazaar for friends and family this year, but that doesn't mean we haven't got lots in store for the children.

As ever, please check out our website at friends.branfil.com as it's full of information about our Christmas offering as well as being the place to book and pay...

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



The Children's Christmas Bazaar is held every year during the school day. This year it will be held on *Friday 3rd December* - we're calling it *Festive Friday!* Every year the children always have such a lovely time shopping for gifts for loved ones from our selection of quality presents. All gifts are priced at £1.75 each. We've changed things a bit this year, this is how it's going to work...

1 Pre-pay for gifts online

This year we will not be accepting any cash on the day of the Bazaar. Not only does this make sense from a Health & Safety perspective but it also makes it much simpler for the PTA not having to handle (and carry) all that loose change! You can pre-pay for gifts now online at friends.branfil.com.

2 The children are brought to the Bazaar...

...by their teacher a class at a time. When they arrive they'll give their name to one of our helpers who will then give them blank gift tags - as many as you pre-paid for online.

3 Shopping time

The children will choose from our wide selection of quality gifts. We have gifts suitable for adults and children alike. There will be adults on hand to help make selections - once they've chosen, their gift tag will be stickered to the item.

4 Write the tags

Tables will be provided for the children to sit and write a personal message on the gift tags. They will take their purchases back to their classroom with them. Their class teacher will instruct them to safely store the gifts in their book-bags to be taken home.

We need helpers

If you are available to help us on Friday 3rd December, please visit our website to register.

WEAR SOMETHING FESTIVE



To get into the festive spirit and help us raise much needed funds, we are asking everyone to "wear something festive" - from Christmas jumpers to tinsel hair-bands - anything Christmassy goes.

All children are welcome to participate. If possible, instead of the usual cash donation, we would love it if parents/carers would donate an item for our "Christmas Hampers". Our plan is to collate the donations into festive hampers which we will then raffle to parents/carers, friends and family the week before school breaks up for Christmas. This is a new concept for us and we would love your support. We hope the resulting hampers will help us to raise lots of money for our children. Obviously, we want to make the hampers as special as possible so we would really appreciate the best quality items you could contribute. Some suggested donations are:

- Bottles of wine, spirits or something sparkling
- Chocolates
- Candles
- Quality festive food items
- Quality toiletry products

For obvious reasons, it's best donations aren't sent into school with the children. There will be a table in the playground on the morning of the 3rd December. After this, please drop your contributions to the school office. Thank you very much for your support.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHTS

The children always love enjoying a festive movie with their class mates. Held straight after school on the following dates:

Reception	TBC	<i>The movies being shown will be confirmed online on Monday</i>
Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 7 th December	
Years 3 & 4	Thursday 9 th December	
Years 5 & 6	Tuesday 14 th December	

Tickets are £4 each and include popcorn, a small chocolate bar and a soft drink. Ticket availability is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Book online from MONDAY 29th at friends.branfil.com.

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Lucky NUMBERS

Our very own lottery-style game. Just pick your numbers, cross your fingers, hope to win and support the school! Back for Christmas 2022.

50% of prize fund goes to you and 50% to the PTA. The draw will take place on 17/12/21. Play online now for £3 a number at friends.branfil.com.