



Newsletter Friday 24th November

Santa's Grotto



On Friday 1st December Father Christmas will be visiting the school during school hours. If your child would like to visit Father Christmas then tickets are priced at £2.50 and are available to buy now at <https://friends-of-oughttrington-community-primary-school.sumupstore.com/>

This is a ticket only event, tickets sales will close 12 noon Wednesday 29th November. Tickets will not be available to buy after this time.

Please enter your **CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS ONLY** (not parent name) when purchasing tickets. **Without your child's name and class we will be unable to allocate them a ticket.**

Children will visit Father Christmas in class groups escorted by a member of staff, and they will receive a small gift at the end of their visit.

Lymm Dickensian Parade Saturday 9th December 2023

Lymm Dickensian Parade will take place on **Saturday 9th December**.

The parade starts at 1.30pm and we will be **meeting outside Brookside Surgery from 1pm**. The parade ends at The Golden Fleece Pub and we need an army of elves!

We would love to see as many families as possible joining Oughtrington for this fun community event. This year's theme is Christmas so get as creative and colourful as possible - Elves, presents, sweets, trees, stars, crackers, reindeerthe list goes on.

There is no need to buy anything new - dig out an old Christmas jumper, tinsel, make and paint your own hat from newspaper, cut a star from old cardboard (if you need any help with what to wear on the day please contact Mrs Proud).

Could you get your class together and get a theme going on? We are desperate to have a brilliant turn out this year so please, please help us by coming along and taking part. It is a fantastic and fun event!

We need a few adults to help on the day, if you are able to help please contact Mrs Proud in the office oughtrington.admin@thebeamtrust.co.uk / 01925 75 2086.

Elf Run 18th December 2023



We are excited to announce that we are hoping to make a meaningful difference in our community by supporting St. Rocco's Hospice through our upcoming Elf Run. Our Elf Run will take place on Monday 18th December, which coincides with our Elf Day, where we hope to see school filled with children and staff dressed as elves.

St. Rocco's Hospice is an invaluable institution that offers specialist palliative care, free of charge, to individuals living with life-limiting illnesses in the Warrington area, while also providing vital support to their loved ones.

This incredible organisation operates as a Hospice without walls, extending their care within the Hospice building as well as throughout the community. Their services include Hospice at Home, an in-patient unit, and the Vitality Centre. Additionally, they offer complementary therapies like reflexology and reiki. St. Rocco's is not just about physical care; they have a dedicated family support team committed to assisting

those affected by terminal illnesses. Recently, they've expanded their services with the opening of a second Bereavement Café at Bank Park, Central Warrington, and Alexandra Park, Stockton Heath. These cafes are open to everyone in our community who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The Hospice staff and volunteers are on hand to provide a safe space for conversations and offer the right tools to help individuals navigate their emotions. All these services focus on enabling people to make the most of their lives, and it's thanks to the generosity of the local community that they can continue this vital work.

Fundraising activities in schools and nurseries like ours play a pivotal role in helping St. Rocco's increase their funding to continue providing care to those who need it most. We have set up a JustGiving page for this event, making it easy for supporters to donate online. If you would like to make a donation to this fantastic cause ahead of our Elf Run, please use the following link:

Last year, the St. Rocco's Elf Runs throughout Warrington raised an incredible sum of over £21,897, all of which directly contributed to patient care at St. Rocco's Hospice. This year, they are aiming to exceed that achievement, and with our support, we believe it is possible. Your generosity and commitment to our community are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to making this Elf Run an even bigger success this year. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful cause.

Oughtrington PTA Christmas Fair

The Oughtrington PTA Christmas Fair will be taking place Friday 1st December at 3.15pm in the main hall. Why not visit Elfridges and pick up a pocket money gift, items starting from £1.00? We will have lots of other stalls such as hot dogs, cakes, drinks including mulled wine and Baileys hot chocolate, a tombola and many more....

Many thanks to those that have sent in tombola donations today. If you do have any last minute donations to send in please make sure these are handed in by Monday! We will also be accepting cake donations on Friday for the cake stall. Thank you!

Also if you are able to help at the event please complete this form to confirm your availability. Without sufficient parental support, events like this are not possible. We would be extremely grateful for your time and invaluable help. <https://forms.gle/9GEkJKLFL7qpvyh57>

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to this fun festive event!

Oughtrington Luncheon Club Bric-A-Brac Sale

Mrs Leonard would like to thank everyone that has already donated some fantastic items for the Luncheon Club bric-a-brac/unwanted gifts sale which will be held at the Christmas Fair Friday 1st December.

Any further donations, along with any donations of Christmas crackers for their Christmas lunch can be brought to the school office before end of school Thursday.

Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile cause.

Parking



A reminder to please be considerate when parking on Howard Avenue during drop off and pick up. For the safety of children and parents making their way to school, please take care to park in a safe place, not blocking any driveways.

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support and effort in ensuring your children attend school regularly and arrive punctually.

Citizenship Award

A reminder to send in your nominations for our Citizenship Award! This is an award for children who have supported our local community this half term. This could be donating to the foodbank, helping out a community group, supporting a charity or helping a relative or neighbour. Please send any nominations to your child's class teacher. Children will then receive a certificate in the final Praise Assembly of this half term and a mention in the newsletter. Please ensure all nominations are sent by Friday 8th December.

Our Citizenship Award also links very nicely with the Blue Peter silver badge. This is a badge awarded to those who show individual acts of kindness. To earn the new silver badge, you must show kindness by doing something for your community, or another person. You may do some super fundraising, volunteer, or speak up against injustice. More information and how to apply can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-silver-badge>

If your child is lucky enough to be awarded a Blue Peter silver badge, we would love to see these in Praise Assembly. Please encourage them to bring them in!

St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

We are taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival again this year. Please visit St Mary's Church next weekend to get yourselves in the Christmas spirit!



45 decorated trees!

Coming soon!
Community
Christmas Tree Festival
St Mary's Church, Lymm

Friday 01 December 2023 10am - 4.30pm
Saturday 02 December 2023 10am - 5pm
Sunday 03 December 2023 11am - 4pm
Christmas Tree Festival Family Service 10.00am

A sparkling start to your festive preparations!
It's free of charge — drop in, no booking needed.
Entertainment from local singing groups, craft and produce stalls, refreshments and even a children's church mouse treasure hunt!

 More details:
www.stmaryslymm.org

Lymm Youth and Community Centre



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TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER
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More info. from Linda: 07895 502385


