



# WYCHWOOD

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## Friends of Wychwood: What do we do?

Friends of Wychwood is a group of parents and volunteers who raise funds to help pay for the 'nice to haves' at the school. For example, in the last year we have paid for the new stage curtains, the new picnic benches which will soon be in situ, the Ice Cream van on Sports Day and we also contributed to the cost of the Leaver's Ball in the summer. Looking forward, we will be contributing to the cost of the new lighting desk in the hall, the acquisition of new science equipment for the science department and have committed to making an annual contribution towards the purchase of the equipment needed for the new gym in the basement. We have also agreed to a request to purchase specific equipment for the school's WEco club.

We have only been able to do all of this, of course, thanks to all the fundraising that goes on throughout the year, as well as at a handful of key fundraising events. Second Hand Uniform sales keep the bank account ticking over throughout the year but one of the big events is always the Christmas Fair, which is taking place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 3.30 - 6pm.

- Please can we have your raffle prizes in the coloured buckets by close of play on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**.
- Please can you have bought/sold your raffle tickets and returned the stubs to the box in the school hallway.
- Please can you donate a bottle or 2, of anything within reason, for the bottle stall. It doesn't have to be alcohol.
- Please can you make sure that you have your order in by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** for your Gingerbread House Kit, ready for the competition.
- Please can you donate some sweet treats for the Christmas café which will be open at the Fair. Homemade or shop bought is fine. Vegan and vegetarian options are most welcome.

*THESE NEED TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL AND LEFT ON A TABLE IN THE SCHOOL HALL, ON THE MORNING OF THE FAIR.*

We have a variety of external stallholders attending the fair, ranging from The Body Shop to jewellery makers, card and print makers, organic liqueurs and other craft based producers. Pupils will also be running their own stalls of course so please do bring along some cash for those. There will be the Christmas café, and carols around the piano.

100% of the entry fee to the fair will be given to a charity or charities of the pupils' choice.



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Volunteers are also needed on the day. If anyone can help out with setting up, organising the raffle, helping out at the café or help packing up at the end, we'd love to hear from you. Please let your Form Rep know via your Whats App group or email our Chair [aj.bongo@openworld.com](mailto:aj.bongo@openworld.com)

We look forward to seeing you there.

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