



# Shipmates Newsletter

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Welcome to our new Shipmates Newsletter.  
Full of information of upcoming events, contact details and important dates for your diary.

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## Information for Parents/Carers

Shipmates is a registered charity and is the Parents Association of Hilltop Infant School. Every parent and carer of a child at the school is a member of Shipmates. We are here to arrange events throughout the school year to raise funds to spend on the children.

Previous fundraising events include:

Pamper Evenings	Shopping Evenings
Quiz Nights	Summer Fete
Sponsored Walks	Christmas Fete
Colouring Competitions	and many more .....

How we spend the money:

Sending the whole school to the pantomime	
Christmas presents for all the children from Santa	
£200 cash to each year group	
£100 to School council	
Resources	and much more .....

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## 100 Club

Can you believe that 2 draws have already taken place ?

The winner of Septembers draw of a guaranteed £ 50 was: Susan Steel

The winner of Octobers draw of a guaranteed £ 50 was: Dave Spain.

Congratulations to you both

Novembers draw will take place on Friday 25th and the winner will be notified by phone.

Numbers are no longer available.

## Fancy Dress Family Party Night **SOLD OUT**

Friday 18 November 6.30pm - 8.30pm

What a fantastic response – the tickets for the above event are now all sold and allocated.

Ticket holders are in for a treat that night with the ever popular AJ entertaining everyone with games, competitions and lots of dancing.

There will be 2 prizes per year group for best fancy dress so get your costumes on and be ready to enjoy yourselves.

Raffle tickets will be on sale on the night as well as refreshments.

Look out for news of another Family Party Night in next months Newsletter.

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## Christmas Fete

Friday 2nd December 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Wow !!! Have we got an amazing Christmas Fete for you this year. We have been **totally overwhelmed** by the generosity of local businesses and their donations to our Grand Prize Draw Raffle as well as cash donations to purchase other items.

You would have received your raffle tickets in your child's book bag along with a letter detailing the amazing raffle prizes we have this year.

Tickets are £ 1 each, ask your family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours to buy tickets and be in with a chance to win BIG !

More tickets are available from the office should you sell out. Remember to bring your stubbs, cash and any unwanted tickets back to the office.

We also have some amazing activities planned for that night so make sure you come.

We need help with the Christmas Fete, see page 2 for how you can help.

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## Help and Support

As mentioned on Page 1, to hold a successful Christmas Fete we need lots of help & support. As a committee we can come up with and implement our ideas but there just are not enough of us to man the stalls, set up and clear away. If you are able to help in any way for as little as an hour from set up at 3.05pm or man a stall between 6.00pm – 8.00pm or help with clearing away after the event then we want to hear from you.

Email [shipmates@hilltopinfant.co.uk](mailto:shipmates@hilltopinfant.co.uk), call the school on 01268 762 531 or pop into the office.

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## Santas Grotto

Santa is visiting us on the evening of the Fete and is looking forward to meeting you all in our very special Grotto. His elves will be creating specially for the event. To ensure your child gets to see Santa and to ensure that he knows who is coming we will be pre-selling wristbands to see him. Entrance is £ 1.00 and includes a lovely gift. Wristbands will be on sale from the office, at the school disco and at intervals from now until the Fete by a Shipmates Rep before and after school.

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## Sell your Products

We are offering you the opportunity to have your own stall at the fete for a fee of £ 5.00. We already have bookings for Cupcakes, Toys, Handbags, Jewellery, Clothing, Body Shop products, Face Painting and Tattoos. Why not book a pitch and make yourself some pocket money for Christmas. If you are interested pop into the office and pick up a pitch application form.

The last day for pitch application is Friday 25th November.

## Donations

We also need donations for our stalls. We will be holding a Rainbola, same as a tombola but with a variety of items of different colours. We have allocated each class a colour and ideas of items. We do not expect you to spend a lot of money, if any, as many items can be found around the home and in your cupboards. Items can also include good quality used toys and games.

Class 1	Red	Ketchup, cherryade
Class 2	Blue	gloves, smurf toy
Class 3	Green	Jelly, pesto
Class 4	Orange	squash, sweets
Class 5	Black/White	candles, scarf
Class 6	Pink/Purple	hairband, stickers
Class 7	Brown	chocolate, coffee
Class 8	Yellow	custard, biscuits

We ask for donations to be brought into school between now and Wednesday 30th November at the latest.

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The next Shipmates meeting is on Wednesday 16th November at 7.15pm at school. Pop along and meet our amazing team and join in the fun. All new members are welcome and all new ideas are considered and discussed.