



## Santa Claus Comes To Town (Not Quite!) A Christmas Story

The following story is **PART 1** of a Christmas tale from one of our children in Year 4, Joe Hart. As it came to Mr Markham this week, it made him laugh and so we thought we'd share the enjoyment with everyone. 😊



*It was the night before Christmas. Some children sprinkled sparkly reindeer food in the garden. Inside, they had left milk, cookies and carrots. Excitedly the children tracked Santa on their computer and spotted his sleigh over the island of Madagascar. When their mum and dad told them to go to their bed they went upstairs, unaware something was about to go wrong for Santa. The children's parents noticed that the sleigh had stopped for a very long time at Antananarivo, the capital city of Madagascar, and before long they would think that there was a serious problem.*

*The tracking device showed that Santa had stopped in Madagascar but he hadn't just stopped, he had crashed! He had been injured, and it wasn't a medical emergency it was a seasonal emergency! Rudolf came to the rescue and carried Santa on his back to hospital; he even changed his bright red nose to a flashing blue one while Santa's personal doctor treated him. The pressure was on Mrs Clause to deliver the final presents just before dawn.*

Part 2 will follow next week! Just like Joe, a famous local author who was born in Portsmouth often published his stories in sections serialised in national newspapers. He also wrote a very famous Christmas tale. Can you guess who this author was? The answer will be on our Twitter feed this weekend.

### Christmas Tree – Thanks to Wylds Farm Liss

We would like to say a huge thank you to the lovely people at Wylds Farm in Liss who have donated a huge Christmas Tree for our hall this week. This will lend a lovely feeling of Christmas to the school just in time for our CHRISTMAS FAYRE next week on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Fayre (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3.30- 6.00pm) Our Big Fundraiser for Improving Our School

Thank you for all of the fantastic donations towards our Fayre today. We really couldn't run our Fayre without all of your help. All classes will be running stalls with lots of competitions and games, as well as features like:

- Secrets Room – where children can buy & wrap presents for their family members
- Raffle Draw (5.00pm) – lots of prizes to win and it's not too late to buy your tickets to be in it to win it!
- Class games and competitions with lots of prizes
- Orchestra (3.40pm) and Choir (4pm) performances
- Food and drink – come and have a festive feast with us!

**HELPERS NEEDED FOR OUR FAYRE  
NEXT THURSDAY!! See overleaf...**

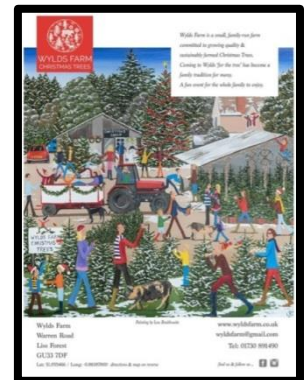
All money raised from this year's Fayre will help to pay for more outdoor equipment for the children; table tennis tables, hockey goals, a tyre play park and an extension to the outdoor gym (to name just a few things). The playground will be open for Parents to park in.

There are many more things you can do to help at the Fayre, so look at the following messages to see if you can contribute to these requests:



### Beech Class – 'Bears to be loved.'

This year Beech class are hosting a stall entitled, 'Bears to be loved' at the Christmas Fayre. So we are collecting any teddies or soft toys that are no longer loved or are looking for new homes. They could be teddies that have been outgrown or ones that you haven't had a chance to bond with. So, if you have any soft toys that are looking to be rehomed and given a second chance then please bring them into school office and label them for Beech Class. They must in good condition and clean. Many thanks.



**Unwanted Children's books**

Cedar class are collecting second hand children's books to sell on their stall. So any contributions of books would be very warmly received. Please drop them off at the office or bring them down to Mrs Meckiffe in Cedar class.



**Cakes needed**

We are looking for our wonderful parents to bake a cake and bring it in for Thursday morning – so we can sell them at the fayre. Please include a list of ingredients used. Thank you.

**Christmas Fayre Raffle Tickets - Reminder**

Our Christmas Fayre raffle tickets will be given out. Please put sold ticket stubs in an envelope with the money and return to the school office. We have lots of fantastic prizes...what would you like to win???



**Jam Jar Tombola**

This year Cherry class are collecting filled Jam Jars for their stall at the Christmas Fayre. This was a very popular stall last year. All we need is a clean Jam Jar with the lid, decorated for Christmas and filled with sweets and/or little toys. The Jam Jar Tombola is a great way to clear out any unwanted sweets (particularly after Halloween!) Mc Donald toys, party bag toys or for example, little cars or plastic animals. Don't forget, you can drop off your filled Jam Jars to the School Office as soon as they are ready.

**Costa Petersfield**

At big thank you to Costa who have kindly donated cups for our Hot Chocolate Stall at the Fayre next week.



**Parent Governor Appointment – Forthcoming Election**

Today is the deadline for any parents to put themselves forward for this important role at the school. If we reach the end of the day with more than one applicant for the role, we will publish a letter which summarises what each candidate feels they can bring to the job. There will then be an election next week, giving all parents a chance to vote who they think is the best candidate to become our next Parent Governor. The election will finish next Friday (15<sup>th</sup> Dec) and the count for votes will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**COMMUNITY MESSAGE**

*Tales of Winter Magic - Butser Ancient Farm* Friday 15 December



Join us in the great roundhouse at Butser Ancient Farm for a festive early evening of Winter Solstice storytelling with Red Phoenix. Enjoy a hot chocolate or drinks from the bar around the roaring fire while you soak up the atmosphere of the ancient building, the good company and the anticipation of the story. There will also be music to entertain the crowd, as well as a visit from the *Prize Old Mummies*. The event starts at 6.30pm. £15 adult / £8 child / Under fives free / £40 two adults & two children.

**DIARY – Autumn Term 2017**

December 2017		December 2017	
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Lunch (pre-ordered meals only)	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Christmas Concert St Peters church 2pm Year 3 Christmas Production (6.15-7.30) in the Hall
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of Herne <b>Christmas Fayre</b> 3.30 – 6.00pm	Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Christmas Concert St Peters church 2pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Christmas Production (1.45-2.45) in the Hall	Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Christmas Concert St Peters church 2pm
		Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Last day of term. 12.30pm FINISH.</b>

**HELPERS NEEDED - CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

We are in desperate need of more Parent Helpers for the Christmas Fayre (to help the food stalls, secrets room, raffle...etc). If you can spare any time (even if it is 30min) on the afternoon of the Fayre **on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, please fill in the slip below and drop it in to the office.

Name: ..... Time(s) Available to help:.....

Contact number:.....

Email:.....