

The Moss Lane Christmas Mini-Market



Friday 6th December 2019



Welcome to the Moss Lane Christmas Mini-Market!



What is the Mini-Market?

The Mini-Market is a truly magical afternoon in the Moss Lane School calendar. It's a day for your children to choose and buy their own Christmas presents for the important people in their lives. There is also a 'sweetie-bag' stall, so that the children can treat themselves to an early Christmas present too.

On the day of the Mini-Market (Friday 6th December), all your children need to do is bring **up to £4 of small change in a named purse along with a named carrier bag** to school with them. They may also like to bring a short **shopping list** containing the names of the people they would like to buy for. Our Shopping Elves (parent helpers) will be on hand to help your child choose gifts and spend their money wisely. The Mini-Market will open at 1.30pm when the children will visit class by class with their teachers and have 20 minutes to shop for their gifts. It will then open to all parents and children after school at 3:15pm, so that families can come and do some shopping too.

What can you do?

In order to ensure that this event is as successful as previous years we need your help! We rely on your kind donations and support and the more donations we have, the more successful the Mini-Market will be.

- **Small festive gifts.**

We ask each family to donate up to **10 small gifts** for the children to buy. To ensure there are enough gifts to go round we are asking each year group to focus on a different category. Please find below ideas to give you inspiration:

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| Bears: | <u>Mums and Grannies etc:</u> <i>Small beauty products, simple jewellery, fancy pen, garden seeds in a pot, candles, small hand cream for example</i> |
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Year 1: Dads and Grandpas etc: *small joke book, sports socks, small office supplies, chocolates, toffees, crossword/sudoku, small torch*

Year 2: Children: *Party bag style gifts, hair accessories, marbles, pens and notebooks, action figures*

The gifts you donate can be wrapped in transparent cellophane so that they look festive but the children can see what they are buying. We aiming to be as green as possible, therefore we will be selling **environmentally friendly, biodegradable cellophane** from the school playground in the weeks leading up to the market, priced at £1 per metre. Please also consider the environment when wrapping (and unwrapping!) your gifts.

Gifts will be sold at pocket money prices (50p-£1) so we kindly ask that gifts are made to look good value for 50p.

FOR SAFETY: Please do not include any nut products. Also please do not donate any hazardous items e.g. screwdrivers, razors, party poppers.

- **Sweetie-bags** – We will be sending home a small paper bag in your child's book bag. We would like families to fill these bags with sweets which we will then sell at the mini-market. Children can wear Mufti on **Thursday 28th November** in return for bringing in their sweetie bag.

Volunteer to help

We will need volunteers to help with selling cellophane, collecting sweetie bags, setting up/clearing up, manning stalls and helping children shop at this fun event. If you would like to help out please email **Nicola Riley** (mum to Olly in Pandas) stating your availability on nicolariley7@gmail.com. Please also speak to Nicola if you would like more information or gift ideas.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 28th November- MUFTI Day

Your child can wear their own clothes to school in return for bringing their filled sweetie bag for the '**Sweetie-Bag**' stall.

(Donations will be collected in the morning at drop off, either on the playground or in The Den)

Monday 2nd December – Thursday 5th December

Please bring in your donations of **small cellophane wrapped gifts** for the Mini-Market. There will be designated bags for you to drop your gifts in, in The Den.

Friday 6th December

Approx. 1.30pm – Mini-Market opens and children visit class by class. They will be accompanied by their teacher, Shopping Elves and volunteers.

3.15pm – Mini-Market opens to all parents and children.

Look out for the display board in the playground for more information over the coming weeks. Please ask a member of the PTA if you have any questions.

