

A care from the Chair, December 2023

Generosity comes in many forms. Some can be identified more easily such as in the form of financial or physical gifts. Some recent ones include:

- Financial gifts allowing us to purchase snowman cups with chocolate lollies for every child
- Financial gifts allowing teachers to take children on additional learning trips
- Physical donations for our recent Christmas Fayre, such as the turkey for the festive rolls, baked goods and treats, and gift hampers for raffle prizes
- Donations of hotdogs, buns, and glow sticks for our upcoming winter disco.

But generosity also comes in ways that are not as easily perceived. These other forms are not only essential but often are the most impactful. They include generosity of time, effort and talents. While I have been humbled and impressed by the significant £628 we raised from our Christmas Fayre this year, it would not have happened without the generous volunteer support from our parents, carers and teachers. I want to express heartfelt gratitude when acknowledging that the precious little free spaces of time of various working, busy (and tired but smiling) parents, carers and teachers have used to create games, make props, make cakes, run tea/coffee stalls, facepaint, set up for events, clean up after events, dress up in costumes to bring an edge of magic and wonder to our children, visiting shop owners for donations, making meaningful connections in the community to build bridges with the school, volunteering time to read to children, setting up storage shelves in the attic space, making (multiple) trips to purchase supplies for events, organising and sorting pre-loved uniforms, and I could go on and on! There is a scriptural passage in 2 Corinthians 9 which describes how God loves when we are cheerfully generous. As a PTA, this is where our light shines brightest.

Thank you all for shining your light for a brighter and successful winter term at Christchurch Primary.

Diolch yn fawr,
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