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BSA Christmas Letter from the Chair

Dear parents/carers and families,

As the carol goes, "Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat..."

Preparations for Christmas are well underway at the school for Christmas activities, and now we need to get organised for our upcoming fundraisers too!

Christmas Jumpers:

Each year we ask parents to check their cupboards for any good quality Christmas jumpers their children have outgrown and donate them to our Christmas rail, in time for all the Christmas festivities.

The donations box with a Christmas label will be in the school foyer from **Monday 17th November 2025** for all your generous donations. The rail will be set up in the foyer as well as during the Christmas Fayre.

BSA Raffle:

Our Christmas Raffle is always popular, and we need your help to sell tickets. On the last day of last term, each child was given a red book of raffle tickets (BSA Christmas Draw) to sell at £1 per ticket. Please can each child return the stubs and money of tickets sold as soon as possible; these can be given to Mrs Pelosi in the school office.

We have also made a link on pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation so you can buy tickets online; we will then allocate raffle tickets numbers to you and put them into the draw.

If more are needed, please get them from the school office, Brighstone Village Shop, Three Bishops Pub, and Calon Cafe & Bistro. Let's get selling/buying!

We also need your help gathering prizes for our raffle; kindly do donate or ask around for any donations. Anything such as vouchers and tickets to star attractions would be much appreciated.

To make up hampers for more prizes, we also have the **BSA Non-uniform Day on Friday 5th December 2025**. Children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a contribution to make up Christmas hampers. These can be chocolates, craft items/kits, bath products, eye masks, pamper products, hand creams, gardening equipment or sets, perfumes, alcohol, non-alcoholic drinks, mulled wine, mince pies/Christmas cake, fluffy socks, Christmas novelty headgear, hats, gloves, sweets, marshmallows,

biscuits, wine crackers, savoury biscuits, jams/chutneys, dried fruit/ children's toys/books, Christmas stationery etc

The Christmas Raffle Draw will take place on **Monday 15th December 2025**.

BSA Christmas Fayre:

This is on **Saturday 6th December 2025** and runs alongside the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival in Brighstone Village, from 13:00 - 16:00.

Refreshments:

We run stalls selling tea, coffee, mulled wine and other refreshments including homemade biscuits, hot sausage rolls, Baileys and hot choc and squash.

We are asking for home-made biscuits for this for us to sell. Please let us know if you need a recipe.

Wreath making: We have two volunteers to run this stall. Please can you support us by bringing lots of different foliage from you gardens if you can.

Other stalls: To make this event as successful as last year, we have again invited different stall holders to sell various items which we are finalising.

We need volunteers to help set up the hall beforehand (from 11am), and clear up after. If you can assist, please let Richard, Sarah, Jenny or Jo know.

BSA Secret Present room:

This provides an opportunity for each child to independently choose a gift for parents/carers and other family members to give to them on Christmas Day. The cost is £3.50 per present.

A link to order gifts will be on pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation, to enable correct number/types of gifts can be offered.

Orders need to be in by Friday 5th December 2025 and the Secret room is on **Wednesday 17th December 2025**. Help with this is needed, so if you can spare a couple of hours assisting children choosing and wrapping, please let us know.

Please help us make this pre-Christmas period happy and enjoyable for everyone, by helping us where you can with items or your time.

Many thanks,

Richard