



Christmas Cracker – Friday 6th December

What should my child wear?

It is a normal school uniform day BUT with a festive jumper on top. Your child can bring their festive jumper to school in a bag and put it on when the Christmas Cracker starts.

What happens at the Christmas Cracker?

From 3pm the fun begins with dedicated classrooms for festive biscuit decorating or free festive games. Meanwhile, in the hall, are more free games as well as paid for stalls and games, such as lucky dip, hook-a-duck, and no school event would be complete without a teddy tombola! A shop will be set up in the Rainbow Room and one class will be brought through to shop at a time.

We have listened to feedback from last year and so the children will move round the event as Upper and Lower school groups. We will not be offering a gift-wrapping service this year but will endeavour to package any fragile gifts. The number of gifts children can buy will be limited (so that we have enough for everyone to shop). **Please could children bring a shopping/carrier bag with them to transport their shopping home.**

How will allergies be catered for?

We're aware there are some children with serious allergies in the school and want to ensure this is an inclusive event. Therefore, we will be taking precautions to ensure the biscuit decoration is contained to the designated classrooms. Also, our traditional sweet stall will operate a delivery service so the children can shop for their sweets (with lots of gluten free goodies available) and then they are sealed in a named bag and delivered to the children as they are collected at the end of the event. (So less sugar-high children when you collect, you're welcome 😊)

What if it is too busy for my child?

During the event, one of the classrooms will be a dedicated peaceful colouring room for children to spend time in and the library will be staffed as a relaxed space.

How does my child pay for the stalls?

Stalls will mostly cost 50p but some gifts on the shopping stall could cost up to £2 maximum. There are lots of free games where children can win prizes. Every child will have a free festive biscuit and will be able to pick a free wrapped gift from the lucky dip.

We will have a card point for children to buy tokens to pay at stalls with (our card readers are minimum £1.00) We will 'buy back' any unspent cash tokens. Please can children ensure they know their PIN's just in case and bring their card/cash in a named and secure wallet or ziplock bag.

When does the Christmas Cracker end and what are the collection arrangements?

The Cracker is a free event to attend and is not compulsory. However, if your child is staying, then they will need to stay for the duration and be **collected by an adult from their classroom doors at 4.30pm – this includes year 5 and 6. Given the lack of daylight, it is essential that each child be collected and will not be able to walk home alone.**

How can I volunteer to help out?

We're still in need of more helping hands, so please sign up if you can help run a stall.

If you have any questions ahead of the event, or any feedback after, please don't hesitate to get in touch at ojisassociation@yahoo.co.uk

Merry Christmas from the OJSA Team