



Simon Balle Parent Staff Association

Dear Simon Balle Families,

We hope this message finds you well.

As we look forward to our much-loved [Frost Fair](#), we are reaching out with an important request. Each year, this special event brings families together for festive fun and raises vital funds to support our children's school experience. It is always incredibly well attended and enjoyed by all. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to make it happen.

Last year, despite our best efforts, some games and stalls had to be cancelled as we didn't have enough volunteers. This year, with less than two weeks to go, we only have enough volunteers to run a stripped-back version of the fair.

We truly wish to offer our children and families the magical event they look forward to, but the PSA can only do so with enough support on the day. If we don't fill the remaining slots, we will need to scale back further, and withdraw additional activities, something we very much hope to avoid.

If you can spare just one hour to help run an area, set up, or tidy away, it would make a huge difference. Consider pairing up with a friend and volunteer together or share the volunteer link with older students that may be able to help independently. Every helping hand counts.

Please sign up today and share with friends: volunteersignup.org/8HQY3

[Frost Fair flyer](#)

Winter Raffle - Tickets Going Home This Week!

We are delighted to share that our Winter Raffle is launching this week! 20 raffle tickets will be sent home with every student, and while there is absolutely no expectation to purchase any, we would be grateful if you could share them with family, friends and neighbours. This is one of our biggest fundraisers but we need your help raising awareness. Please return any spare, unsold tickets so that we may reissue them.

Tickets can be paid for online via the [PSA website](#) or by returning correct cash in the pre-printed envelopes provided, along with the completed counterfoils. Every ticket purchased helps raise funds that go directly back into supporting our school community and there are some fantastic prizes to be won! The full list can be seen on our [website](#).

Tuesday 2nd December - Larch Bring a Bottle Day

We are excited to share that Larch students may wear a seasonal accessory to school on Tuesday 2nd December for our Bring a Bottle Day! In return, families are invited to donate a sealed, in-date bottle (eg: wine, beer, prosecco or anything alcoholic, soft drinks, bubble baths, sauces etc) which will be used to support our Frost Fair on 6th December.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. The more we receive, the better our Frost Fair offering can be. It really helps us make the event a success!

[Bring a Bottle flyer](#)

Year 7 House Hamper Competition

Our Year 7 students have been invited to take part in the House Hamper Competition. Students may donate an item in their House colour to go towards their hamper. Hampers will then be decorated during form time, and there will be a prize for the winning house hamper! These beautiful hampers will be raffled at the Frost Fair to help raise funds.

[House Hamper flyer](#)

£10 Unlimited Inflatable Use Wristband

For 4 hours unlimited use of the Frost Fair inflatables, purchase a wristband for £10 via the [PSA website](#). Wristbands can then be collected from the admissions desk upon arrival.

We simply ask that when time is up, children exit the inflatables and rejoin the queue. This will allow as many children to enjoy the inflatables as possible.

Alternatively, you may pay per play on the day @ 3 tokens per 5 minutes.

[Inflatable Flyer](#)

Simon Balle Hertford Festive Gin by Spirit of Hertfordshire

Raise your festive spirit with the [Simon Balle Hertford Festive Gin by Spirit of Hertfordshire](#) - a beautifully crafted, limited-edition gin created especially to celebrate the season. This small-batch spirit is perfect for gifting or enjoying during the holidays, but please remember: **this is an adult-only product**.

Choose the **free “Collect from Spirit of Herts” option** at checkout to save on postage and conveniently pick up your order at the **Frost Fair** instead. Enjoy great quality gin and support a great community event!

[Simon Balle Gin flyer](#)

Soft Toy Donation Request

Our Teddy Tombola is always a big hit with the children. If you are having a pre-Christmas clearout to make way for new toys, please consider donating toys and soft toys that are in good, clean condition to us to support our tombola. Donations can be dropped to the Larch office after the Occasional Weekend.

[Toy donation flyer](#)

Elfridges - W/C 15th December

We know how much the children enjoy a visit to Elfridges, our secret shopping room where they can shop for a gift for their adult. Staff will bring the children to our volunteer run pop up gift shop during the last week of term, before we break for Christmas. We hope you enjoy their gifts as much as they enjoyed choosing them for you. Slots can be [booked via the PSA](#) website and we are pleased to offer a Pay It Forward ticket to share festive cheer.

Sales will close on 8th December, or when spaces have sold out. Please be super organised and book early to avoid disappointment.

[Elfridges flyer](#)

Larch Christmas Cards - order by Friday 21st

The children in Larch have been busy creating their Christmas card designs, and IQ Cards have carefully scanned each piece of artwork to produce personalised order forms. Families are invited to place their orders directly with IQ Cards, but please note that the deadline for ordering is **Friday 21st November**. Once ready, all orders will be delivered to school and sent home via book bags.

Choir and Dance Performances at the Frost Fair

Please complete [this form](#) to advise us if your child is able to take part in the Frost Fair performances. House Points will be awarded.

- Dance. 2pm
- Choir. 2.30pm
- Dance. 3.30pm
- Choir. 4pm

General Volunteer Plea

Throughout the year, we look for a number of volunteers to support us with events such as the Autumn and January UV Discos, bars at music events and carol concerts, Joules sale, preloved uniform sales at information evenings and more. Please consider joining our [Volunteer Register](#) if you are interested in being contacted with volunteer opportunities from time to time. Or sign up directly to an event via our [volunteer sign up sheet](#).

Thank you so much for your continued support, especially to those who signed up for a Kings board. You directly helped to raise £500 in sponsorship! The class/form with the most sign ups will be announced during the Frost Fair and will win £50 for spend on their class/form.

The Frost Fair is a highlight of the Simon Balle calendar, and with your help, we can keep this treasured tradition thriving for our children and our whole school community.

Warmest wishes,

From all at Simon Balle Parent Staff Association