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Dear Parents/Carers

18th November 2025

Re: Christmas Shopping Night Childcare

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Friends of Stanhope Barrington fundraising meetings today and thanks to those who were unable to attend but sent messages of support and emails full of ideas.

We have loads of brilliant ideas and the first step is to establish a communication method for anyone who wants to be a 'Friend'. I am currently looking into whether we use Class Dojos or set up a WhatsApp group. We will also be resurrecting the Friends Facebook page – kindly administered by Cath Robson.

The first fundraising event of this year will be the Christmas Bake Sale on Thursday 27th of November – cake donations on the day will be greatly appreciated.

The second fundraising event is something a bit different. We are offering to provide childcare for your child on Monday 8th December 2025 from 3.15/3.25 till 6.30pm at night. This will allow parents and carers to have time for Christmas shopping, or sorting out presents or wrapping presents etc without the children being around. We will provide a Christmas movie with popcorn and hot chocolate; we will feed the children some tea and they can take part in Christmas activities up till 6.30pm. In return we would ask for a £2 contribution towards the cost of their tea and a £8 donation to The Friends of Stanhope Barrington fundraising account. This event will be staffed by myself, Mrs Quiney and Miss Batson along with some willing volunteers.

If you would like to book a place(s) please contact Sofia (Business Manager) in the school office and pay £10 via Parent Pay.

As usual, we will be holding our annual Christmas Hamper raffle – more details to follow.

Once our communication system is set up I will be in touch again with the aim of planning a programme of fundraising events throughout the year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross

Head Teacher