



10 November 2020

Dear Parents

### **Irthington Village School PTA Virtual Balloon Race**

As we are unable to have our Christmas Fair this year the PTA have had to look at other ways to raise funds. As well as having the Hamper Raffle we have decided to hold a Virtual Balloon Race with a CASH PRIZE!!

A virtual race works in the same way as a helium balloon race, but they fly around their own webpage rather than in the atmosphere. Each balloon will cost £2 and we would love you to sell as many as possible! The balloon race will start on Monday, 7 December at midday and all of the balloons will be 'released' and left to fly around the virtual island. Every hour each balloon travels between 1km and 20km. At the end of the race on Monday, 14 December at midday the balloon which travels the furthest wins £25 cash prize! Each class will also have a balloon and the class balloon that travels the furthest will a prize for the class. Once the race has started you can track your balloons on our own race page [balloonrace.com/Irthingtonpta](http://balloonrace.com/Irthingtonpta)

To buy your balloons please complete the form overleaf and return it to school with your money. Please make cheques payable to Irthington Village School PTA. You can choose your own balloon from the following: Candycane, Snowman, Present, Reindeer, Santa Hat, Red, Green and Gold and the balloon will display your name on the tag. We will issue updates on the Irthington PTA Facebook page while the race is happening.

Please return your slip to school by **Wednesday, 2 December 2020 at the very latest.**  
**Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept late entries.**

Through the company we are using, we have to offer 'free entry' for anyone who wishes to participate but who don't wish to pay for their balloon. Please remember that the main aim of running this event is to raise funds for the school so we would really prefer you to purchase your balloon.

Thank you for your continued support and good luck!

Ruth Coulthard  
PTA Chair

