# **FRIENDS NEWSLETTER**

## **CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN**

The run up to Christmas is usually our busiest time of year and this year is no exception as we continue our fundraising with some different seasonal ideas. If you feel able to support us with any of the events below we would be grateful!

**Christmas Trees** - Order your tree online from **christmastreeexpress.co.uk** and have it delivered straight to your door! Use the code 'Coulsdon' at the checkout for £5 off and we get £5 too. **Last date for orders is 29th November** with delivery dates in November and December available. Please share!

**Christmas Craft Packs** - We have created goody bags to keep the children busy in the run up to Christmas. Each bag costs £4 and contains a minimum of 5 things. Order on ParentPay by 29th November.

**The Big PTA Raffle** - We have joined PTAs around the country to take part in a nationwide raffle. Tickets are £3 each and will be entered into 12 daily draws offering a prize of up to £5000! **Closing date for buying tickets is 6th December** with the first draw on 7th December. Buy your tickets at **bigptaraffle.co.uk** 

**Christmas Cookies - From 1st December** you can order chef-baked cookies (that come with a personalised letter from Santa) direct to your door from Cookies That Count. The new London-based company helps charities like ours by giving us 50% of the profits made from our sales. Flyer coming soon.

**Christmas Jumper (or accessory) Day -** On **Thursday 17th December** children can wear a Christmas jumper or any Christmas accessory to school. Suggested donation £1, collected on the day.

Movie Night - We are hoping to run a Movie Night for the children in mid-December. Details tbc.

**Bags of Support** - Thanks to Lucy Harris for organising and Dee Collins for the use of her drive for what was a very successful collection! As soon as we find out how much we've raised we'll let you know.

Christmas Cards - Orders will be sent home around 4th December.

Many thanks, Natasha Bloxham and Rachael Jolley, Co-Chairs

#### **IN THE CLASSROOM**

We are also organising some free fun stuff during school time, including a Guess The Number jar game and a visit from a Mr S. Claus! Shhh!

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED OR ASK US A QUESTION friendscoulsdoncofe@gmail.com

#### **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

We know that times are tough so please speak to us, or the school, in confidence if your child is unable to take part in any of the events due to financial reasons and we will try to help.

Details of all our events can now be found on the Friends page of the school's new website <u>coulsdoncofe.co.uk/friends/</u>