

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

Welcome

A warm welcome to all the new families that have started at Coulsdon CofE this month. The Friends is our group of parent volunteers (PTA) who run events to raise extra funds for the school. We usually start the new year with a variety of events such as Autumn Crafts, Fireworks Display, Parents' Christmas Party and Christmas Fair. Unfortunately, all of these are on hold but we do have a couple of things planned and are looking at other ideas. If you have any suggestions please do get in touch.

How can you help

We hope you can support us with the following:

1. Clothes Drop - we are going to hold another donations day with charity Bags Of Support in November or December. They collect recyclable clothing and our last collection in May raised £300 for the school.
2. Christmas Cards - the children will be designing Christmas pictures in class that will be sent away to be printed and will be available to purchase as cards, tags and wrapping paper. Last year's raised £250.
3. Online shopping - it's easy and FREE! Simply register with **easyfundraising.org.uk** and **Amazon Smile** then pick us as your chosen charity. When making any purchases go to your retailer via these sites and we will receive a small donation each time you shop. We have raised over £400 from these.

Our funds and spending

It's a hard time for many charities and we've lost about £10,000 in fundraising income over the last few months, with some of our biggest events, the May Ball and Summer BBQ, being cancelled. However, we were lucky enough to have raised nearly £5700 by March. In addition to iPads, reading books and updating the wifi, we were also able to fund a drumming workshop in February which all the children thoroughly enjoyed. We are currently working with Mrs Mitchell to fund improvements for the outdoor areas.

We appreciate that things are tough at the moment but we hope we will be able return to normal in the not too distant future. In the meantime we hope you and your families stay safe and well.

Kind regards, **Natasha Bloxham and Rachael Jolley, Co-Chairs**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clothes drop
Christmas Cards
* dates TBC *

CLASS REPS NEEDED

We are currently after reps for
YR & Y5

WANT TO GET INVOLVED OR ASK US A QUESTION

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Committee Members: Co-Chairs - Natasha Bloxham and Rachael Jolley. Treasurer - Nicola Bulbeck.
Secretary - Nicola Reynolds. Teacher Rep: Fiona Lee.

Parent Reps: YR - TBC. Y1 - Miruna Canagaratnam, Lucy Harris. Y2 - Zoe Whicheloe. Y3 - Louise Flood, Dee Collins.
Y4 - Sarah Bowen-Harries, Emma Cotter. Y5 - Shirley Morgan. Y6 - Lisa Barnes, Gemma Barton, Katie Winyard.