



# Friends of Shirley

## Newsletter Autumn 2020

It has been a most unusual term for Shirley, as it has for schools across the country, as the staff team have worked incredibly hard to keep our children safe and inspire them in their learning. It's been a time of adjusting our expectations for Friends of Shirley too, though we're still here and excited to support the staff and families of the school!

As the Family and Staff Association for Shirley, we see our key aims as supporting the school by;

- Helping raise finance for resources that promote the learning and enrichment of all pupils
- Creating opportunities for the community of families and friends of the school to come together

While we're disappointed not to organise some of our normal events, like the Reception Welcome Breakfast, the Sausage Sizzler or Christmas Café, we're excited to have some upcoming projects for you to support!

### Coming Soon!

#### Christmas Packs:

Look out for flyers about our Christmas packs, stuffed with lots of Christmassy goodies for your children! You'll soon be able to order one, to be delivered via class teachers on 1<sup>st</sup> December, as we start the countdown to Christmas!



#### Christmas Raffle:

Later this term we'll be selling tickets for our Christmas Raffle. Expect a range of amazing prizes, including gift vouchers and hampers! If you have connections with local businesses who might like to donate a prize, please contact the school office!



### Funding Projects:

The Friends of Shirley work closely with the school to raise finance for projects the school identify that specifically help them meet the needs of pupils.

Recently we have funded:

- An activity trail for Key Stage One
- An Enrichment trip to London for Year 6
- A phonics programme for children in Reception and Year 1, to enable a strong start in literacy for children throughout the school
- Newspapers and educational magazines for children in Key Stage Two

Projects we're excited to finance next include:

- A school orchard
- Renewing ovens in the technology room, and other equipment for teaching food technology
- Outdoor equipment for the Foundation Stage
- PE equipment

### Amazon Wish List

Books are a key to learning for all children and we want to help the school provide many good books in classrooms and the school library. The school have an Amazon Wish List of carefully selected books for individual year groups and the library. If you would like to gift a book to the school, take a look at the following link and have it sent directly to the school!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HL4GYWQVRN52?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HL4GYWQVRN52?ref=wl_share)



## You're Invited!

Email the School Office to be added to our mailing list to keep up to date, and join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January** to find out more about what we do and how you can be involved!