



Dear Parents and Carers of Springfield School

I trust this letter finds you all safe and well.

As you are aware, with the current everchanging climate, our fundraising attempt for a new outside playground have been severely affected over the last nine months. So, as we will not be beaten with the Pandemic, we are going to do things a little different for Christmas this year. I have several new initiatives to introduce to you and hope that we can still cast some Christmas Cheer for everyone at Springfield during the festive season.

Firstly, may I introduce our recently launched Friends of Springfield Facebook page – which we encourage you to join.

On there you will find:

- Information and updates on our current initiatives and fundraisers
- Virtual Raffles, quizzes etc for you to participate in
- Our local business and community support champions
- Plus, lots more exciting stuff

Instead of our ever-popular Christmas Extravaganza, this year we shall be hosting a virtual Christmas Market during a period in December, where you will be able to purchase crafts and products from our own staff, parents, supporters and local businesses. Not only will your purchases support local sellers, but the school will also receive a donation from them in exchange for a virtual stall.

This year more than ever, we will be shopping online for Christmas gifts - and with local businesses having been some of the heroes of the pandemic, as well as our own staff and student classes, you can now support them this Christmas from the comfort of your armchair.

If you would like a stall on the market, please contact [judy.colclough@springfield.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:judy.colclough@springfield.cheshire.sch.uk)

And finally.....

The current situation means we will all be shopping online this Christmas, and each time you do, you could raise money for the school, for FREE!

We've registered **Friends of Springfields School, Crewe** with [easyfundraising](#), which means over 4,000 shops and sites (including eBay, M&S, John Lewis, Argos, ASOS and thousands more) will now donate to us for FREE every time you use [easyfundraising](#) to shop online with them.

We've also registered with [Amazon Smile](#) who will also make a donation to the school every time you shop with Amazon - whether personal or business accounts - so please register yourselves and encourage your workplace or any businesses you know to register too.

Having missed out on many fundraising opportunities this year, these donations will help us so much, so please sign up to [easyfundraising](#) and [Amazon Smile](#) to support us – it's completely free and doesn't take long.

We'll post some resources on the Friends of Springfield Facebook page to help you to get friends and family to sign up too, or you can contact [helen.knight@springfield.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:helen.knight@springfield.cheshire.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

So, I hope you can join us in our virtual Christmas Extravaganza and current fundraising initiatives.

I have also been in contact with Lapland who are all geared up for Father Christmas Zoom meetings - even he has had to do things a little different this year!!

So, take care, stay safe and get online!!!!

Judy Colclough  
Chair Friends of Springfield  
Registered Charity No 511327