



Friends of Vaughan

Newsletter

We hope you are all well and coping through this latest lockdown. As the nights get lighter, we are starting to feel the promise of spring and better times to come.

In this newsletter, you will see how we have been supporting the school this year and how you can help us do even more. As always, please get in touch via email or Facebook if you have any questions or want to get involved.

Laptops for Children - We urgently need your help!

As we have all moved to remote learning, the need for the right technology has become critical. Unfortunately, there are still many children at Vaughan who have no or only limited access to a computer and WiFi at home and are not able to take part in the online learning they deserve.

Our school has been lending pupils computers, appealing for additional support from businesses, as well as distributing the 29 computers bought by the Government for selected year groups. Friends of Vaughan have already paid for 10 new laptops, however, none of this has been anywhere near enough to end the inequality of access to online learning within our school community.

We think this is unacceptable. Our ambition is that no pupil should be without the equipment (computer and Wi-Fi connection) they need to access home learning online. This remains really important even as we start to look forward to the return to school so that we can empower all children to access online learning at home throughout their education.

How you can help:

1. Donate laptops / tablets

Do you own a business that has spare laptops or other IT equipment lying around unused?

Does your employer have IT equipment they would be able to donate?

Do you or your family or friends have an old laptop or tablet stashed away unused?

There is a good chance we can re-purpose these machines to make them suitable for pupils.

Please contact our School Business Leader, Mrs Beaven on 0208 427 7222 or

finance@vaughan.harrow.sch.uk if you think you can help.

1. Donate money

We are launching a fundraising effort to help re-condition the machines donated as well as to buy additional computers and Wi-Fi for pupils who need them. All contributions, small or large, will make a big difference.

Please visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/friends-of-vaughan to donate what you can and share with your friends and family.

We really appreciate your support in helping create a fairer school.

What's New

Spring Activity Pack

After the success of the Autumn Activity Pack, that we sold back in October, we have decided to produce one for the February half term but this time to give it away free to all children!

We know not all families have the technology they need to access online resources, see our fundraising efforts, and that children need time away from the screen.

So, look out in the post for a special delivery over the next week!

There is an opportunity to make a donation to Friends of Vaughan via pta-events.co.uk/friendsofvaughan to cover costs and support access to remote learning.



Outdoor Play Equipment



Thanks to all of your kind donations, Friends of Vaughan have been able to donate £4,000 towards the installation of a new Trim Trail on the school field.

We are so excited to see the children enjoy it once they are back in school!

Rising Stars

As you will have seen last week, we are thrilled to have been able to donate £600 so that the school could sign up to Rising Starts allowing all pupils to access levelled reading books allocated by the class teacher.

Keep in Touch!



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