



Friends of Columbia  
**WINTER AUCTION 2021**

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Hello Parents and Carers,

**Please help us raise much-needed funds to provide a librarian for the children at Columbia Primary School.**

**We are organising an online Winter Auction to raise funds for a librarian**, which costs approximately £4,000 per year. A managed library that is accessible to all of our children will support the children's language development and literacy, which are at the heart of the school's curriculum and which we prioritise as the gateway to all learning.

Last year's auction raised over £5000 - we need your support to match or exceed that in 2021!

**We are appealing to parents and carers at the school to donate an item to the Columbia Primary School online auction hosted on a platform called Jumblebee.**

- **Do you have your own business or work in a business that could donate an item?**
- **Do you have a skill you could share?** E.g. hairdressing, massage, cooking/baking, consultation time in your professional capacity... the possibilities are endless!
- **Do you have time you could offer?** E.g. babysitting, dog walking....

If you feel able to contribute, please could you let us know via [friendsofcolumbiaprimar@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcolumbiaprimar@gmail.com) what it might be possible for you to donate as soon as possible? Donations can appeal to adults or children.

Alternatively, **if you would like to help us approach local businesses, set up the auction site or help us put together hampers, please do get in touch. It takes a small army of volunteers to organise the auction; we would very much appreciate your support.**

For a second year we won't be able to hold a Winter Fair due to the pandemic, so this auction will be crucial to help us raise funds. We appreciate your support and thank you for any help you can give.

All the best,

Oliver Woodward, Headteacher  
(on behalf of Friends of Columbia)