

GASPA Winter fundraising



Text raffle
Silent auction
New Christmas lights trail and much more!

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Ideas for brightening up those Winter days

Second prize in our text raffle: Family ticket to Warner Bros Studios!

A little Winter fun



Welcome to our fundraising newsletter. A big thank you to departing GASPA committee members - Cath Thompson (Chair), Andrea Pankhurst (Vice Chair), Michelle Wilson (Treasurer), Caroline Burke (Vice Treasurer) and David Rimmer (Website Co-ordinator). They have all given so much to the school and the incoming committee have some big shoes to fill.

This is a bumper edition with lots of ways that you and your family can help GASPA fundraise to support the children at Grand Avenue. So far this term we have funded a classroom set of 30 Chromebooks, which can also be used by children without access to a home computer, if we enter another period of home learning. Sadly, we are unable to hold our wonderful Christmas Fair, instead we are going to bring new activities and festive fun to fundraise - please get involved where you can. We have our Christmas raffle, silent auction (details on p3) and this year a new festive lights trail with clues around Berrylands and great prizes for all! And remember anyone can donate to GASPA at anytime via easydonate.org/WISH2020. We would like to thank everyone for their support.

All the team at GASPA wish you a happy and healthy winter term.

Lucy Richards, GASPA Chair

Grand Christmas Lights Trail

Prizes
for all



Download this Trail map for just £2, and enjoy walking around Berrylands, spotting clues on this special scavenger hunt anyday from **Saturday 28 November to Sunday 6 December**. Every Grand Avenue child taking part receives a gift, plus year group winners of the photo challenge will win special prizes. Buy your trail at www.pta-events.org/gaspa & print copies for each child in the family.

Text Raffle & Silent Auction



Our amazing GASPA fair team didn't let the pandemic thwart them, and they have secured an amazing number of prizes from generous donor companies, over 30 top prizes including £250 cash (donated by Greenfields Estate Agency), Warner Bros Studio Tour London - The Making of Harry Potter family ticket, restaurant vouchers, hampers and much much more. Our raffle text fee will be £3 per entry (plus your network costs), so simply text **GRAND2020 to 70331** to support the school charity and be in with a chance to win one of our amazing donated raffle prizes!

You can take part in our online auction at easydonate.org/GASPA20-Auction. Browse over 40 lots from Barbour Jackets to Arctic Berry powders and FIFA21 Ultimate Edition for Xbox & PS4! Just like the auction site Ebay, you set the price you're willing to pay and see if you're outbid. Both the auction lots and the text raffle will close on **Monday 7 December at 8pm**, so we have time to distribute all the raffle prizes and auction lots before the end of term. We have loads of gift ideas and treats so please take a browse, and bid generously as any bids over the RRP stated can benefit from gift aid!

GRAND AVENUE Text Raffle

Top Prize
£250

Donated by Greenfield
Estate Agents
Plus over £250
in vouchers, family days
out and gift baskets to
be won

TEXT/SMS

GRAND2020 to **70331**

Each entry is £3

Winners drawn and announced at 8pm on Monday 7th December

Warner Bros
Studio Tour
London
The Making of
Harry Potter
Family ticket

Wagamama £45
in vouchers

£35 JL/
Waitrose
voucher

Berrylands
Pub meal and
wine for two

Skywalk
Adventure
family pass

Godstone
Farm
&
Painshill Park
family tickets

Box of Mr
Organic goodies

Delphis Eco
Hamper

Chessington,
Garsons and
Squires
Garden Centre
vouchers

Rococo
chocolate
Hamper

Fortunella Cafe
meal for two

£20 Cook
voucher

Tweezerman
goody box

Albury
Vineyard tour
voucher

Mr Mulligans
Family Pirate
Golf Adventure

River cruises,
Bocketts Farm,
WWT Wetland
Centre, Pilgrim
Brewery vouchers
and much more

Funds raised through the raffle will be invested by GASPA in Grand Avenue School's wish list and Grand Build. GASPA needs to raise funds for this and for other charitable purposes.



Your donation will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme, operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.easydonate.org

Moustache Day

Please only
UK coins!

A number of Grand Avenue staff members have joined the Movember challenge and grown some impressive beards and moustaches. We thought it would be fun to support them. So pupils (and other staff) are invited to come to school on **Monday 30 November** wearing a moustache or beard of their own - ANY COLOUR, ANY MATERIAL, and donate the proceeds of a home coin hunt as they take part. So we'd like you (with permission) to find all those coppers and coins down the back of the sofa or under the car seat and donate them to GASPA at the school gate on Monday 30 November.



Adopt a toy

Our wonderful friends at Aurora and some other local toy makers have generously donated boxes of soft toys to Grand Avenue! Due to the pandemic we're unable to give these toys as tombola prizes. We have dragons, penguins, bears and unicorns, all desperate to find a new home. Some are big - some are small - but all are looking for a Grand Avenue child who will look after them and give them plenty of cuddles.

If you would like to adopt a soft toy, please ask your grown up to complete the form online at www.pta-events.org/gaspa and donate £4 to GASPA - your school charity. You have until December 9 to sign up, when the toys will enter a 3 day quarantine before distribution in school (allocation will be random).



Attention Shoppers

Although supporting local businesses is a priority in these challenging times if you do find yourself shopping online, please take a few moments to set up easyfundraising.org and Amazon Smile to raise money for the school charity GASPA.



To set up an account, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gaspa/. Select **Grand Avenue School Parents Association (GASPA) - Surbiton** as your cause and then go to easyfundraising before you shop to raise a % of your shop for the school. You can also add an easyfundraising widget/ extension to your browser.



Amazon Smile is a simple way to support GASPA - every time you shop with Amazon - at no cost to you. For every eligible purchase you make, Amazon gives 0.5% of the purchase to your school charity GASPA- it really is that easy!

Here's how to do it

- Instead of shopping through the main Amazon site, go to smile.amazon.co.uk
- Nominate the charity you would like to support. We are listed as Grand Avenue School Parents Association
- Start shopping!
- Bookmark 'smile.amazon.co.uk' to help you remember.

If you use the Amazon App

- Update to the latest version of the Amazon App
- Open the App and find settings in the main menu
- Tap on 'Amazon Smile' and switch to on
- Check that 'Grand Avenue School Parents Association' is selected as your chosen charity and follow on screen instructions
- For App donations, currently you will need to renew your charity every 6 months.

Brightening up Winter days

Who knows what is going to happen with Christmas Holidays, it will certainly be different – so we have scanned the internet for ideas to make the coming weeks still feel magical. We're not suggesting you do all of these but hopefully, there will be something on this list that will give you inspiration.

1. Make bird-friendly cookies
2. Host a Christmas Movie Night at Home
3. Host a Festive Afternoon Tea Party at Home
4. Make a 'royale' hot chocolate station to return to after a great walk
5. Host a North Pole breakfast to celebrate the arrival of the advent calendar or elf on the shelf
6. Bake your own Christmas cake, mince pies or gingerbread
7. Make some snow - with baking soda & shaving foam!
8. Make paper chain decorations, popcorn chains or use air dry clay to make tree decorations
9. Let the kids decorate their own tree.
10. Take a family walk to see the Christmas lights in nearby streets
11. Send homemade cards to friends, family or even a local care home
12. Plan a festive slumber party or pamper night
13. Create a Christmas book basket to dip into
14. Go star gazing
15. Head to the beach for a Winter Solstice Sunrise (21 Dec)
16. Make a Christmas Wreath
17. Create homemade gifts together (lots of ideas on Pinterest!)



GRAND AVENUE Silent Auction

**Now open
for bidding**
Over 40 fantastic
lots

Visit

easydonate.org/GASPA20-Auction

Auction lots close on **Monday 7 December at 8pm**

Time to get bidding on over 40 fantastic lots

**Barbour
Jacket**

Kingstonian
mascot for
the day

**FIFA 21
Ultimate
Edition
for
Xbox +
Playstation**

**Fireman Sam
Toy bundle**

**Berrylands
Bootcamp**

**Higgins
Acquatic
1 terms
swimming
lessons**

**Shoden
Martial Arts
voucher**

**Creative
writing guru
session**

**River Club
Bootcamp
voucher**

**GLT Toy
Garage**

**BoCo yoga &
pilates voucher**

**Little Golfer
sessions**

**Hatley
Raincoats**

**Peppa Pig
Bundle**

**Seasonal
vegetable and
meat boxes**

**Leakproof
Waterbottles**

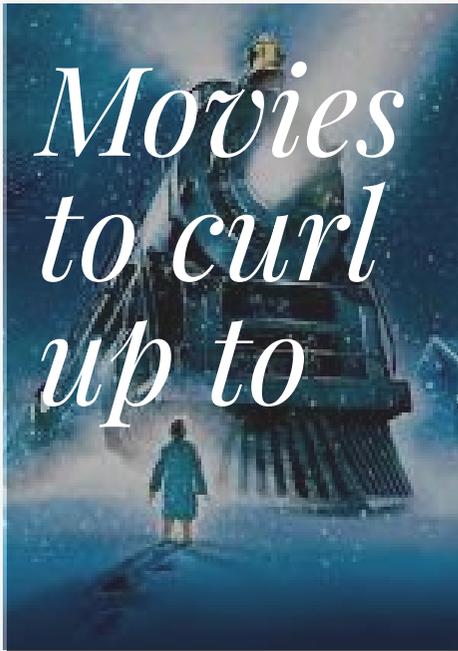
**Kids magazine
subscriptions**

**Playmobil toys
and
much more...**

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Here are some of the top Christmas movies we've enjoyed over the years, from the underrated Get Santa to the classic Miracle on 34th Street - grab the popcorn!

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| 1. The Christmas Chronicles | 6. The Polar Express | 11. The Muppet Christmas Carol |
| 2. Klaus | 7. Arthur Christmas | 12. The Snowman / The Snowdog |
| 3. Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas | 8. Miracle on 34th Street | 13. Santa Claus: The Movie |
| 4. The Grinch | 9. Nativity | 14. Get Santa |
| 5. The Star | 10. Elf | 15. The Santa Clause |

Walks and rides to explore



- Richmond Park
- Bushy Park
- Berrylands Nature Reserve
- Elmbridge Meadows
- Grand Avenue Summer Treasure Trail or Christmas Lights Trail
- Leith Hill
- Chatley Heath

- Oxshott Health & Woods
- Hankley Common
- Alice Holt
- Esher & Fairmile Commons
- Arbinger Roughts
- Denbies Hillside
- Devils Punchbowl
- Horton Country Park Circular ride

- Polesden Lacey
- Headley Heath
- Sheepleas
- Horsell Common
- Ockham Common
- Virginia Water
- Box Hill
- Ashurst Common
- Norbury Park
- Banstead Woods

- West End Common
- Nonsuch Park
- Ranmore Commons
- Newlands Corner
- Teddington Lock BMX Dirt Track
- River Wey circular walk
- Kingston to Hampton Riverside path

Handmade scrunchies and bows

Grab a beautiful handmade scrunchie or bow bundle available on our website www.pta-events.org/gaspa - prices start at £1 for 2 small bows. Now available in Christmas fabrics!

Secret Room

Last year GASPA had amazing success with the secret room at the school fair - where children could pick and wrap a Christmas gift for a loved one secretly. This year we are taking advantage of some of our wonderful donors and hopefully offering this in some form in school! The cost will be £2 per wrapped item. Gifts will include toiletries, books and toys.

Operating within their bubbles, small groups of children will visit the 'Secret Room' to select and wrap gifts for a sibling, parent or family member in sessions after lunch (1 - 2:30pm).

- Reception - Wed 2 Dec
- Year 1 - Thurs 3 Dec
- Year 2 - Friday 4 Dec
- Year 3 - Mon 7 Dec
- Year 4 - Wed 9 Dec
- Year 5 - Thurs 10 Dec
- Year 6 - Friday 11 Dec
- Nursery AM & PM Mon 14 Dec



Children need to bring £2 cash for each gift into school on the appropriate Secret Room day.

DIARY DATES

- Adopt a toy online sale on sale until Wed 9 Dec
 - Handmade scrunchies & bows on sale from Tues 17 Nov
 - Grand Christmas Lights Trail Sat 28 Nov - Sun 6 Dec
 - Moustache Day Mon 30 Nov
 - Secret Room (in school) Throughout December
 - Grand Avenue Text Raffle Draw Mon 8 Dec 8pm
 - Grand Avenue Silent Auction ends Mon 8 Dec 8pm
 - Christmas Jumper Day Fri 11 Dec
- (all proceeds to Save The Children)