



8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Woolgrove Parents and Carers,

The Friends of Woolgrove (FoW) team hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are very excited to be back and are looking forward to the events we have coming up at school as the festive season approaches!

As you would have seen in the newsletter that went out at the end of the last half term, we had our annual AGM meeting and I was appointed the new chair of friends, so I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Hollie, a fellow Woolgrove parent and I have a son who is in his 3rd year at the school and another son who will be joining next September. I'm extremely passionate about fundraising and helping the school in any I can to raise funds for resources that all our children will benefit from and enjoy. Not only that, but I'm extremely keen to bring us all together as a community after what has been a very tough few years. In due course we will be sending out a questionnaire as we are keen to get your ideas for events that we can run for both the parents and the children so keep your eyes peeled and if you please complete the questionnaire when you receive it, the FoW team would be very grateful.

Our preloved uniform shop is now OPEN! We have lots of good quality used uniform ready for you to purchase. We will have some pieces in the dining room for you to have a look at on both parent evenings next week, 08th and 09th of November. There will also be details of prices and how you can order. A poster will also be sent out shortly for you to keep to hand as the pre loved uniform will be available to purchase throughout the whole school year.

We have our second hand clothes collection on Tuesday 15th November so if you are having a clear out of clothes, shoes, bags etc please hold onto them for us if you can and send them in with your child on the morning of the 15th. This is a really easy way to help us raise some funds and help you have a clear out and gain some space back at home. Please see the poster that was sent out via parentmail to see what can and can't be collected.

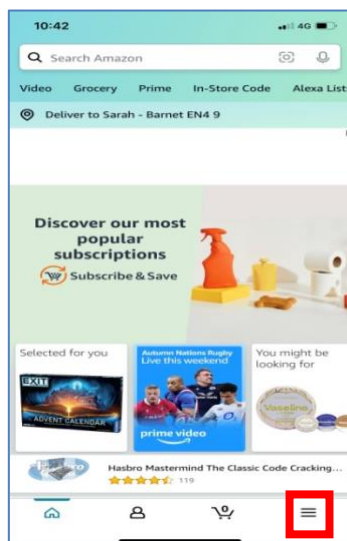
If you are doing any shopping online in the run up to Christmas did you know that you can help raise money for Woolgrove by using The Giving Machine? It is really simple and does not cost anything for you to use but helps raise funds for the school.

**<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/woolgrove-school-special-needs-academy>**

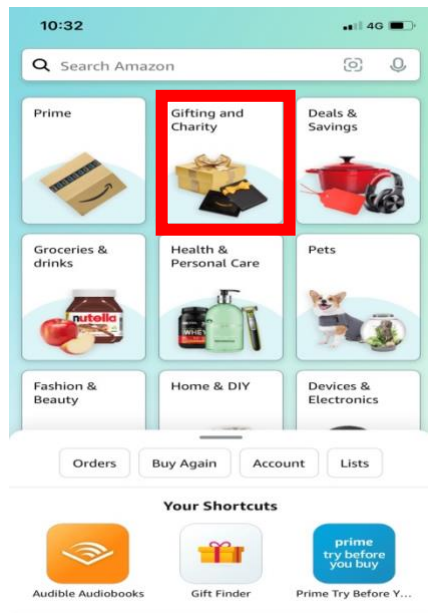


FOW is also registered on Amazon Smile. This means that funds can be raised for the school by shopping at Amazon. To enable the FOW to receive donations please follow these steps:

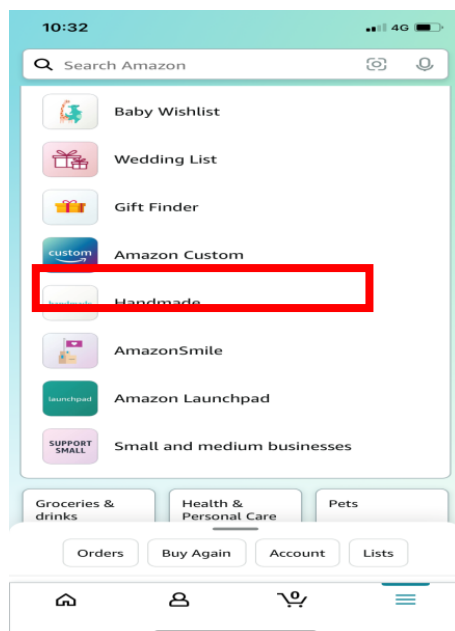
Open the Amazon App on your phone or tablet and select the three little lines on the bottom bar:



This will open a page with a number of options – please pick Gifting and Charity:

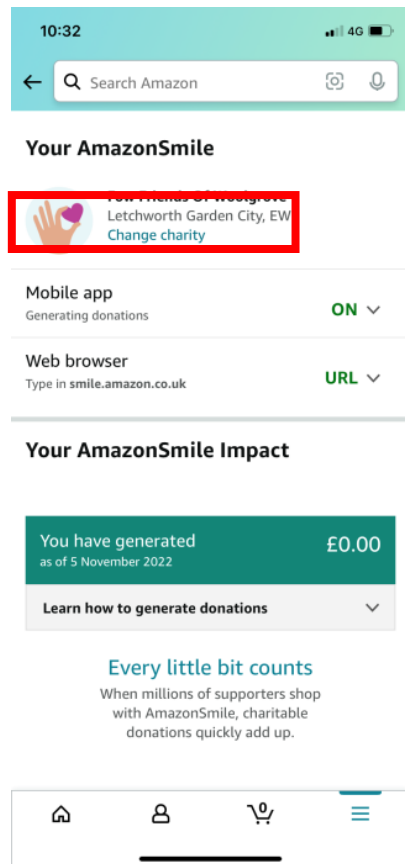


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Our next FoW meeting will be held on Friday 11th November at 9.30am. Anyone who is interested in helping the Friends team in any way please come along if you can, it would be lovely to see you 😊. If you're unable to attend the meeting but would like to offer your help please drop me an email on the below address.

F-O-W@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to say that we understand that times are quite uncertain at the moment for many people in many different ways and that when we are thinking of ways to fundraise we are very much keeping that at the forefront of our minds and ideas. Any way you can help us at any point will always be greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes,  
Hollie