

Friends of Crockerne Newsletter

NEWS

Summer 2024

I can't quite believe where this year has gone. Life is seemingly at such a fast pace these days that time is certainly flying. We had the wonderful arrival of Mrs Bray who completes her first year with us inspiring us all to face things with positivity. What a tonic she's been, Thank you for giving 'Friends' the freedom to use our fundraising in such an immeasurable way. This last term is always a busy one not to mention emotional as we bid a very fond farewell to our fantastic Yr 6's. I continue to extend my huge gratitude to you all for the support you show the 'Friends of', the School and the Children. This year has been challenging with so many education cuts that 'Friends' have really had to work smarter. We're thinking of every avenue possible to make our school 'the best it can be' and with your help, we are achieving great things. We can't do it without you. Long may it continue. Enjoy the Summer and we'll see you in September for another fun year ahead.

Charlotte
Chair of Friends of Crockerne
(Mum to Freya in Year 5)



Inspiring Quote

'Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world' – Malala Yousafzai

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2024 – July 2025

Halloween Trail
Break the Rules Day
Christmas Fair
Silent Disco
Tipsy Tea/Bongo Bingo
Easter Egg Trail
Race Night
Summer Fair

Can you help?

We can't put on any of these events without the goodwill of volunteers. If you'd like to be added to the Volunteer list please contact us at PTA@crockerne.co.uk

What we've 'Raised' & 'Spent'

We are thrilled to announce we've had another incredible year of Fundraising. Some amazing new events this year as well as continuing with the classic events everyone loves. This year we raised an impressive **£12,519.43** and have spent **£16,005.98**. Please see the notice boards for a breakdown. Huge congratulations to everyone for supporting these events. Thank you so much.

Thinking outside the box

We've had to work a little smarter this year as the education cuts have meant that school budgets have been stretched beyond belief. 'Friends' took to writing to businesses and residents to ask for help. We had an incredible response to the letters that we sent out which amounted in invaluable relationships being formed with offers from charitable donations to equipment and the gift of time.



Our very sincere thanks to

Morgan Structural

Roper Rhodes

Kerry Foods

Pulmolink Ltd

Bristol Grammar School

The Bristol Port

Elmtree Garden & Landscaping

Silent Disco, Race Night & Bags 2 School

The Silent Disco was a huge success with lots of lovely feedback. We will be asking the children for their favourite song next time so we can make sure the children have their perfect playlist.

The Race Night was a really fun evening had by all. Hosted by the lovely **Len & Julie Lang** and their team of Race Night organisers made sure this event was our biggest fundraising in person event.

Our continued relationship with **Ben & Steph** at Bags2School meant we had another cracking collection of donations.





Goodbye, Good Luck, We'll Miss you

Our fabulous Year 6's are getting ready to say their goodbyes after seeing out their last term with the Yr 6 Camp, the show and 'Friends' are thrilled to be giving them the send off they deserve in the form of their leavers party. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing these fantastic children the very best for their onward journey. We not only lose these inspiring children, but their parents too, some of which have been vital in fundraising for 'Friends' over the years. Our very deepest thanks for your dedication and support in support and wish all our leaving Crockerne families health and happiness for a bright Secondary School future.

We also bid a fond farewell to **Mrs Howarth & Mrs Brennan** from the office, both who have helped 'Friends' immensely over the years. We can't thank you enough for all your help, advice and words of wisdom. We are also very sadly saying Goodbye to **Mrs Nicholson, Miss Laima** and last but not least **Mr Hill**. Teachers who have truly gone above and beyond and guided our children into the fine young people they are. A special farewell to **Mr Hill** for his years of dedication to encouraging sport in our kids too. The school will be a lesser place not having you all here and we wish you love and luck for your future ventures. Don't forget us here at Crockerne.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Including some of the following:

- Break the Rules / Non-Uni Day - £765.43
- Easy Fundraising - £157.67
- Easter Egg Village Trail - £271.99
- Hot Choc / Ice Creams - £1412.60
- Race Night - £792.32
- Silent Disco - £206.14

For full details please see the
'Fundraised & Spending 2023/2024'
Posters in the notice board

What have we funded?

The groundworks under the Fort in the KS2 playground desperately needed to be replaced. It was not fit for purpose and the Fort was closed for 6 months of the year. Together with our £2000 grant from Medlock, 'Friends' were able to complete the works using the incredible team at **Elmtree** Graden Contractors.

You will also have noticed that the Play Boat in KS1 playground has now been removed. We have exciting plans for this area so 'Watch this space'.

We were also able to purchase IT equipment this year to enhance the children's learning as well as a number of items or play & learning equipment across the yr groups including the Fire Pit for the Forest School.



JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

This will be our Annual General Meeting
Thursday 19th September at School - 5pm
Please let us know if you'd like any info on the
Committee roles available.

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is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



www.pta-events.co.uk/crockerne



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DIY SOS (Save Our School) Day

I can't tell you how much this day was heavily anticipated. Hoping for a dry day and a team of volunteers in which on both, we were not disappointed. A 40 strong team of Parents & Children weeded, painted and helped tidy areas of the school that were crying out for some TLC. A BBQ and drinks were provided, and a really fun day was had by all. We still have lots to do and will be doing this again so please keep an eye out for the next one. THANK YOU so much to all who came.

Our continued promise to our Outside Areas

We continue to work on the outside areas with some exciting new additions in the pipeline. We are fully aware our school is old and not shiny and new like other newer schools, so we are trying to maximise areas wherever possible. What we do have here at Crockerne, is that beautiful sense of community, care and love that not many schools have these days, so we are hanging onto that with immense pride and making the best of what we have.

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