



Friends of Crockerne

Newsletter Autumn 2022

Message from the Chair

Hello to you all from the Friends of Crockerne team and an especially warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception Parents! We hope your children enjoyed their first half-term and have settled into 'school life'. This is the seasonal newsletter for Friends of Crockerne (or PTA) which aims to keep everyone updated on what's going on, what's coming up and how YOU can help without even realising you are!



Our kids deserve a safe, happy, fun, creative environment to explore whatever they desire and that's why we are working so hard to achieve the maximum we can for them. We had another incredible fundraising year raising over £11,000. This incredible amount was something the team and I never thought possible and that is down to you and this wonderful community we live in. My sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Charlotte

(Chair of Friends and Mother of Freya in Year 4)

PTA Team

At the AGM in September, Charlotte was confirmed as Chair of Friends for another year. She has been joined by Lisa Davidson & Kelly Temple who have returned to the Friends Team as Co Vice Chairs for their final year. Ruth was confirmed as Treasurer for another year, Poppy as Secretary and Belle as Social Media Officer, a role she will now share with Caja Price. We are so lucky that they have all volunteered their time to support Friends and the work they do.

Obviously, our band of seven cannot do everything and we are really grateful for the support we get from the fantastic group of volunteers who come to the meetings, contribute ideas and help out with our events – please do come along to a meeting or help with an event if you can.

PTA Website

Our new website (www.pta-events.co.uk/crockerne) is proving to be working well. If you haven't already, please take a look and register. You will find a comprehensive list of all the upcoming events organised by Friends of Crockerne (including our meetings which you are all most welcome to attend). It also serves as a platform for purchasing tickets (Movie Night tickets and Tea towels are currently on sale) or making a donation should you wish to do so.

Fundraising so far

With the AGM to confirm the Committee at the end of September there wasn't much time for fundraising last half-term. The last day of half term saw us trialling our first Break the Rules Day. The children really loved this alternative to a standard non-uniform day and it raised a fantastic £415.12. Who knew we had such rebels!

In addition to running events, we are always looking for alternative ways to raise money and last year, Friends of Crockerne were selected for the Co-op Local community fund. This has now ended and the amount our Friends of Crockerne charity received is a fantastic £1904.65 – so thank you to everyone who chose Friends as their chosen charity!

Plan for the Term ahead

You can see all the events for the year planned out on our handy Year Planner and below there are some more details for events coming up this term. First Friday of the Month – Preloved school Uniform and refreshments Sales

We will be selling preloved uniform and refreshments in the KS1 Playground on the first Friday of every month. All uniform is £2 per item or 3 items for £5. If you have any uniform or Christmas Jumpers your child has grown out of or no longer likes to wear then please drop them into the school office for us to collect. Check out the dates below with what's on offer.

- **Friday 4th November – Uniform & Hot Chocolate, Cream & Marshmallows**
- **Friday 2nd December – Crockerne's Christmas Celebration – A festive, fun celebration - see details further in the newsletter**
- **Friday 13th January – Uniform & Hot Chocolate, Cream & Marshmallows**
- **Friday 3rd February – Uniform & Hot Chocolate, Cream & Marshmallows**
- **Friday 4th March – Uniform & Tuck Shop**

Movie Night – Thursday 10th November 2022

KS1 (Reception, Yr. 1 & Yr. 2) – Lilo & Stitch 2 (U) Start time: 4:45pm Pick up time: 6pm

KS2 (Yr. 3, 4, 5, 6) – Minions Rise of Gru (U) Start time: 6pm Pick up time 7:45pm

£2.50 per child to include popcorn & a drink. Please book your child's tickets on the PTA website. Drop off and collection is through the main carpark up by the large hall.

Christmas Cards

We have decided not to do the Christmas Cards this year, instead see the Tea-Towel item for great gifts to buy loved ones for Christmas

Crockerne Primary Tea Towel

Each of the children have drawn their own portrait and we have designed two Tea Towels which can be viewed and purchased on the PTA website. KS1 will include Nursery, Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 and KS2 will include Yr. 3, 4, 5 & 6. Tea Towels are priced at £5 and will make a great Christmas present to loved ones. We decided to keep the design generic (not a Christmas design) so they can be purchased and gifted throughout the whole year.

Christmas Raffle

During November raffle tickets will be sent home with a letter outlining our fantastic raffle and the prizes that can be won. Please support the school by selling plenty of these to family and friends. If you or the company you work for would like to donate a prize, we'd be most grateful. We have some incredible prizes already, so you won't be disappointed.

School Disco – Thursday 26th January

Details to follow

Special Santa surprise

Santa and his team are currently working really hard getting ready for the Christmas season. However, Crockerne School need not worry, as we are on the top of his list of places he'd like to visit. We will be in touch with you parents!

Crockerne's Christmas Celebration

The Christmas Fayres seem a distant memory and, whilst they are a lovely way to celebrate the festive season, it takes a lot of work and volunteers to make happen. This year we have decided to have a Festive Family Friday that will take place on Friday 2nd December from 3pm - 5pm.

You will arrive to collect your children, as usual, but we invite you to stay for refreshments and festive fun. There will be festive music, Hot Chocolate for the children, Hot Chocolate for the adults (alcoholic version), Mulled Wine, Cakes, Sweets, Mince Pies, Chocolate Tombola & Preloved Christmas Jumpers for sale. The children in the choir will also be performing and we have the amazing Pill Owls who will be performing exclusively for us at 4:15pm. Card machines will be available so we are able to take cash and card transactions. We hope you'll join us.

Festive Friday

Our new Head Teacher Mrs Elliott has suggested a brilliant idea. Every Friday throughout December your child is welcome to wear their Christmas Jumper. We will also be selling Preloved Christmas Jumpers on our December first Friday of the Month event so if you have any jumpers too small or no longer required donate them in and purchase another. All items £2 each.

What are we fundraising for?

ICT Equipment for the school – We are needing to replace some of the interactive white boards used in the classrooms so will be supporting the school with the purchase of those. A full inventory is being carried out to list items that are required to enhance the children's ICT suite.

New play equipment – We are always looking to improve the equipment the children have. The school council will be instrumental in telling us what the children would like to see.

Ongoing outdoor project - Improving the outside area of the whole school is still a priority. Benches, seating and existing play equipment needs refreshing with paint and there are areas we are working on to improve. Please keep an eye out for volunteer requests as we try and arrange some working weekends when the weather is dryer. If you are handy with a hammer or a keen gardener and would like to be involved, please get in touch and add your name to the list. Alternatively, if you are a company that could help us with ground works, supplies and fitting we'd be grateful for your advice & input.

How to contact the PTA

We would love some new members, if you would like to get involved, whether to help at an event, share your ideas, talents or contacts, please get in touch:

Email us: PTA@Crockerne.co.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PTA-Friends-of-Crockerne-256730481033396/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PTACrockerne>

New Website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/crockerne>

Our next meeting is Tuesday 8th November at 7.30pm at The Kings Arms. It would be great to see lots of you there. No pressure to participate just come and listen in and see what you think.