



Friends of Crockerne

Newsletter Spring/Summer 2021

Message from the Chair

I can't quite believe we are in our last term on what has been a most unsettling year for us all. With only a few weeks left, it is great to be ending this term with all the children back in school with few disruptions and that is a credit to them, you, their parents and the teachers as to how well they have adjusted! This last term is always pretty hectic and emotional as we bid our year 6's on their way and prepare for a new arrival of inquisitive children. We very much look forward to having the social restrictions eased soon so we can get back to enjoying conversation at the gate and longer, brighter days safely with our friends and family.



Charlotte

(Chair of Friends and Mother of Freya in Year 2)

Funds Raised

- **Amazon Smile - £111.08**
- **Bags 2 School - £760**
- **Easy Fundraising - £92.27**
- **Smartie Challenge - £758.56**
- **Grant funding awarded - £3500**

Total - £5221.91



New Books

We have agreed to purchase new books for all years across the school. Supported by our heads who are currently putting together a list of books they would like to have. It's great to be able to support the children to have a range of books to engage and challenge them.

Smartie Challenge

With the restrictions not allowing us to hold our annual Easter Egg hunt we decided to change things a little and introduce the Smartie challenge. This was received so brilliantly by all the children carrying out chores and earning coins to go into their tubes. It was a welcome success achieving an incredible total. Our sincere thanks go to Sainsburys Winterstoke rd, Tesco in Clevedon and Nailsea and the bottom Coop for all their donations. Thanks to you, our parents and carers for engaging with this new fundraiser and encouraging the children to get involved. We hope you were able to enjoy a nice cuppa in return.

The Happiness Stone Snake

It has been wonderful to see so many members, not only from our school families but from the local community that have got involved in helping us grow our creative 'Pill Village Viper'. Whilst its inevitable and sad as it is, there will always be a minority of people who don't appreciate the sentiment behind these little village additions. The viper has been vandalised and shrunk in its size since its birth but, as always, there are willing and kind hearted folk ready to replace and restore its missing parts. We hope it has inspired our many generations to feel a sense of togetherness. Our Viper head was created by the wonderful **Butzi Schlaadt** who is such a creative asset to us. Thank you so much Butzi. Our aim was to make the trail as long as possible so please feel to continue to add as many beautifully coloured stones, pebbles or rocks. It would be amazing to see it stretch a little longer. On a recent visit to Clevedon I noticed they had their 'Clevedon Cobra' cemented in concrete with a commemorative plaque. It would be fantastic if we could do this in our village too to celebrate the unity through this very odd and dark time. If anyone has any ideas or any contacts who could take up this opportunity we'd love to hear from you.

Outdoor Project

We are in full swing with our project and are thrilled to announce we were successful in receiving a partial grant to go towards funding this exciting project. Extensive clearance and remedial fixes took place over a weekend with numerous volunteers and my heartfelt thanks goes to you all. It was a wet but fun team effort with special thanks to **Mike Fowler** for clearing so much of the waste away at no cost to us. The external wall artwork has also commenced with the first being completed only this week. A fantastic addition to the KS1 playground of the school motto. We cant wait for you to be able to see it in person. Thankyou to **Dave Whittle** for his time, creativity and expertise in creating this masterpiece. The children have loved watching him and its been great for them to see that artwork can come in so many different formats. Our next phase is painting the various benches and equipment we have in the school grounds to help preserve their longevity. **Rosie Cruickshank** is heading this project so if you are handy with a paintbrush, we'd love to hear from you. We are looking for your time, not your money so please get in touch if you or any extended members of your family i.e. grandparents, aunts, uncles etc would be keen to help.



History Timeline

This is in full design stages and will be completed (fingers crossed) during the summer holidays ready for its unveiling at the start of the September term. Huge thanks to **Chris Jones** for his wonderful plastering skills in making sure the wall was smooth enough to house its new design.

Car Boot Sale

Sunday 11th July at St Katherines School 10am – 1pm. Please contact **Liz Felton** to book your car space as we have limited availability. Come along and have a rummage and enjoy a bacon butty and coffee from our hot and cold food and drinks van. There will also be cakes, cookies, sweets and hair feathers available as well as a bouncy castle to keep the children occupied. We also have the return of the 'Money Pig' (now a large Mr Potato Head) where you could win half the contents of the prize money. The stalls will be priced from 50p - £1.50 so bring plenty of change. If you do run short we have purchased a card machine so don't panic if your children want another bounce!

Pre loved school uniform

We will have a pre loved school uniform stall at the Car Boot event for anyone wishing to purchase school uniform at a reduced rate. If you have any pre loved uniform you wish to donate, please drop it into the box in reception by Friday 9th July.

Bags 2 School

Monday 12th July. You are welcome to drop your donation to The Arches, the house next to the Star Inn at the bottom of Star Lane. Please leave donations on the driveway from Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th. The collection will be made at 9am on Monday morning so be sure not to miss it.

Non school Uniform

Friday 2nd July. Please can you donate sweets (no chocolate) to go towards the Sweet stall at the upcoming Car Boot sale.

Goodbye Year 6's

As we count down the final weeks of term our fabulous Year 6's are getting ready to say their goodbyes to their Crockerne community. Looking wonderful in their new 'Leavers Hoodies' our yr 6's have sadly missed out on those pivotal moments to end their junior journey. With camp and the end of year production not happening again this year, they, like last years students have missed so much. 'Friends' are thrilled we can give them a send off they deserve in the form of their yr 6 leavers party. I am sure you will all join me in wishing these fantastic children the very best for their onward adventure. We will not only be loosing these inspiring children but their parents too, some of which have been vital in fundraising for the Friends of Crockerne over the years. Our sincerest thanks to you all for your hard work and dedication. A new chapter for you all so we wish you, health, happiness and a bright secondary school future.



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/>

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Our next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 28th September at 17:00pm at Crockerne School. A brief summary of the year takes place and new ideas for the year ahead will be discussed. It would be great to see as many of your there as possible, drop us a message if you would like to come along.