



Friends of Crockerne

Newsletter Autumn 2020

Message from the Chair

Hello to all of you from the new Friends of Crockerne team and an especially warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception Parents! 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!



These last few months have been incredibly challenging for parents and staff alike. I'd like to thank all of the staff at Crockerne for all of their hard work and efforts. They have been there for our children radiating support, reassurance and positivity and in turn our children feel safe and protected. What more could we ask for? Thank you Teachers, TA's and everyone working in our School!

As a consequence of Covid 19, the only fundraising 'Friends of Crockerne' PTA were able to do was the two 'Bags2School' collections of unwanted clothes, bags etc. Thanks to our incredible community we raised an amazing £1600 combined! We cannot thank you enough for your kind donations. That being said, not being able to run any of our face to face events (including sadly the upcoming Christmas Fair) does however mean that continuing to fundraise is more challenging. The school wish list includes some important improvements for our children (PTO for what are we fundraising for) so, we are determined to continue to raise funds to support the school and are coming up with creative ways that we can continue to do this. Please take a look at the plan for the term listing some online events coming up and also please read the fundraising flyer as there are some really easy ways you can support the school with very little effort. Do get in touch if you have any questions!

Charlotte

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



Plan for the Term

• **Mufti Day (Non-school uniform / Crazy hair day) – Friday 23rd October 2020**

Please bring £1 donation and hand it to your child's teacher for Mufti Day.
(Please no Halloween costumes and sensible shoes still to be worn)

• **Virtual Pub Quiz – Saturday 5th December 2020 8pm**

Join us for our very first online Zoom quiz. Create a team of family members in your own household and battle it out against your friends for a bit of friendly competition. Suggested donation of £2 per person, for what should be an entertaining evening.
Further information coming soon!

• **Christmas Cards**

All children will have the opportunity to design a Christmas Card. These will be professionally printed and a sample will be sent home for you to view along with details of how you can order these. Debbie Brennan in the office will be dealing with this and can answer any questions you may have. Details to follow.

• **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.

• **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 contact. We will be in touch with you parents!

What are we fundraising for?

- A set of iPads or equivalent IT devices that can enhance the children's interactive learning.
 - A wall mounted historic timeline of 'Periods in History' to help with the children's historical curriculum.
 - Improving the outside area of the school in all areas by building new planters, replacing flower beds, creating vegetable patches, enhancing play areas and much more. A working group will be created for this so we can get on the school site at the weekends to achieve our vision. 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.
 - School hall lighting for performances. A restoration and replacement project to upgrade our current lighting system keeping all of your budding performers beautifully lit!
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Logo competition

We are launching a drawing competition for all of our wonderful creative children of Crockerne. We need some fabulous pictures to 'Brand' and 'Market' Friends of Crockerne PTA and our Social Media platforms.

We would like your child to design a Landscape (length ways) picture which could be used to represent Friends of Crockerne. The design itself can be anything the child feels represents 'Friends', however it must include the words 'Friends of Crockerne, be no bigger than A4 and be done in pen or felt tip as it will stand out better. A template with wording on can be distributed to the Nursery and Reception children as writing may not be their strength just yet. **£1 entry into the competition.** They will be judged by an independent body who will choose 5 winners. 1 winner from each year group category. They are:

1. Nursery & Reception (Template can be provided)
2. Year 1
3. Year 2 & Year 3
4. Year 4 & Year 5
5. Year 6



The winning design will rotate each term and front all of the 'Friends of Crockerne' Social Media groups ie Facebook and Twitter. They will also each receive a Waterstones book voucher. Closing date for the competition is Tuesday 3rd November 2020 (the second day back after half term). Please enclose your £1 donation and seal your picture in an A4 envelope with your child's name, yr group and class written on the front. Entries made after this date cannot be accepted. All entries must be accompanied by the entry fee.

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>

Our next meeting is: Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm on Zoom. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible, drop us a message if you want to join us and we will reply with the link. No pressure to participate just come and listen in and see what you think.

PLEASE KEEP ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!

How can you help?

Do you ever shop online?



Did you know with most purchases you make online you could be making money for your child's school? Follow these 4 simple steps to get started:

1. Join **www.easyfundraising.org.uk** Joining is totally free and it takes 2 minutes.
2. Choose a cause to support – Type in 'Friends of Crockerne' and select 'Support this cause'.
3. Start shopping. There are over 4200 retailers that will donate money to our charity e.g TUI holidays, Tesco, Aviva car ins, John Lewis to name a small few.
4. Once you make your purchase, the retailer will make a small donation to 'Friends of Crockerne'. **<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/retailers>** go to this link to see, the list is vast and you'll be surprised. By online shopping through this channel you can earn the school valuable funds.



Do you ever shop online with Amazon? Did you know Amazon Smile donates a percentage of all the orders you place with them to your chosen Charity? Its really simple. Instead of ordering through the usual Amazon website you order through Amazon Smile. Follow these simple steps:

1. Visit **www.smile.amazon.com**
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Choose a charity to receive donations – **The Friends of Crockerne C of E Primary School**
4. Select our charity.
5. Start shopping and earning funds for your child's school.

Could you donate good or services?

Consider whether you or your company could donate goods or services – for instance old iPads or computers, prizes for raffles etc.

Do you work for a company that provides match funding?

Find out whether your company provides 'Match funding' – Some companies (e.g. Banks, Supermarkets, Insurance companies, Utility providers, Phone companies, Car manufacturers etc.) will match the funds raised at an event that their employee attends for a charity of their choice (e.g. Friends of Crockerne as we are a registered charity).

For more info log into **<https://www.pta.co.uk/funding/faqs-match-funding>**



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