



Friends of Crowton School

Spring Newsletter

The Spring Term is in full swing and we hope all the children are looking forward to our Friendship Disco this Thursday! Thank you everyone for your support during the Autumn Term. We saw the start of our community scheme with the Co-op which runs through to October 2023, the arrival of our clothes Recycle Bank and launch of our very own school lottery. In addition to this, we enjoyed some fun events, which continued to raise funds for school. Here's a quick reminder of the Autumn Term....



Coffee - 16th Sept



Neon Disco - 20th Oct



Bonfire Event - 4th Nov



World Cup Day - 21st Nov



Christmas Fair - 2nd Dec



Wreath Making - 8th Dec



Raffle & Christmas Cards

We are delighted to let you know that altogether these events and activities raised an amazing £1798. We have lots more events planned for the Spring and Summer Term, please save the dates on the last page of this newsletter.

Fundraising Targets and The School Wish List

So far this school year we have been able to pay for transport and treats for the annual Christmas Panto and also purchase a full set of Hi Vis Vests for school children and staff to use on excursions.

Following on from last years work in the playground, school are keen to continue to improve the outdoor space and as a priority would like to install a pergola to use as an outdoor classroom area, as well as some much needed shade in the summer months.

We are delighted to share that FOCS applied to the CWAC members budget award scheme for funding at the end of January and have been awarded £1750 towards this project making it far more achievable for us - so watch this space!



New School Library



Our application to the Co-op Community Fund was made to support School with the creation of a new school library space where the children can enjoy reading from a wide range of texts. At Christmas we received a very generous donation of £500 towards books for school, which has allowed us to get started with this project straight away. The FOCS team have been busy for the last few weeks purchasing quality second hand reading books using the 'Top 100 Recommended Reads' lists for each year group as a guide. Look out for the FOCs stickers in the front of the childrens books over the coming weeks, as they start reading some of the new collection.

Spotlight on Reading

To tie in with the new school library, we will be holding a Sponsored Extreme Reading Challenge for the Children over the Easter holidays to encourage all children to enjoy reading anywhere and everywhere. Details will follow.

Since we've delivered so many books to school in the last few weeks, we would love to support school with the provision of some much needed book storage solutions next!

Jo Griffiths is taking on 3 challenges in 1 for Friends of Crowton School



Jo Griffiths, Mum to Joseph in year 3 and Rosie in year 2 has taken on the challenge of The 2023 Cheshire Triple to raise funds for Friends of Crowton School. This event consists of a 10k run in March, half marathon in May, and full marathon in October. We wish Jo the best of luck with her training and look forward to hearing all about her running adventures as the year unfolds. You can sponsor Jo on this link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/triple-running-challenge-to-raise-funds-for-school?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

Ongoing Fundraising Update



We've had 5 collections from the Recycle Bank so far since it was installed in October 22, raising a total of **£102.30** for school. Thank you for your support - keep feeding the bank - remember shoes and bags are also welcome in the recycle bank!



We have 25 supporters so far, who have bought 49 lottery tickets since the launch in December. 8 of you have won between £10 and £14 and we have raised **£120** for school so far. Follow this link to join in: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/crowton-christ-church-c-of-e-va-school>



Our Co-op Community Fund campaign runs from 23rd October 2022 to 21st October 2023. So far you have raised **£90.45** by spending at the co-op and using the app. Support us here: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/74134>



We currently have 85 supporters on Easy Fundraising. To give an example of the impact here, one of our Crowton Dads joined easyfundraising in October 2022 and he has raised **£49.62** for school already, simply by logging into Easy fundraising before shopping online. Join here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/crowtonprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-f1

Unfortunately, Amazon Smile comes on an end in February this year as they are closing down this form of fundraising.

Save the date:

Thur 16th FEBRUARY

Friendship Disco

Thur 2nd MARCH

World Book Day Dress Up & donate a pre-loved book to the school library (optional)

Fri 10th MARCH

Secret Mothers Day Stall (during school Day)

Fri 31st MARCH

Easter holidays Sponsored Extreme Reading Challenge starts.

Fri 5th MAY

Royal Bake Off Coffee Afternoon - a baking contest with a Royal theme to celebrate the Kings Coronation.

Fri 12th MAY

May Madness - a fun afternoon for all the family

Further details will follow on all events



Christmas Jumper Day raised

£60

For the Joshua Tree



**Thank you Everyone
for your ongoing support**

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