



Friends of Crowton School

# Our Newsletter

December 2021

## Autumn Days

Well, what a lovely autumn term it has been, getting back to 'some' normality...being able to attend the school Sports Day, Harvest Festival, a disco, the Christmas Fayre, and the heart-warming Christmas plays... fingers crossed this continues into the new year.

A big thank you from us all for supporting the fundraising activities the team have arranged this term. This term alone we have managed to raise over £1,900 for the school which is amazing, and we certainly need to continue this.

We're sure many of you wonder what this money is spent on so we thought we would provide that clarity. This last term we have provided school with a cheque for £2,500 to go towards a newly refurbished outdoor area at the school which we're sure all the children will love and benefit from. In addition, we have been able to pay for the coaches for the Pantomime trip this month. We also have plans for 2022 to fund some additional work on the outdoor area, activity days for the children, as well as new sports equipment and books. More details to follow on this.

## What can you do to help?

As mentioned in the last newsletter, it's important to us to understand what you want/expect from the us, so we thought a mini survey to get your ideas and input would be a good starting point. Please find below the link for this, and if you can spend just a few moments to give us your thoughts that would be great. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VBYZ7M3> The survey is anonymous to encourage you all to be open in your answers, and the deadline for completion is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.

We have a great, albeit fairly little team now, and our meetings which are currently held every other month have turned into a Friday night social event (with a glass of wine or gin in hand) at the Hare and Hounds! So if you want to come along to find out more, socialise with us and/or help out you are welcome to join us! The next meeting will be 7:30pm on Friday 14th January 2022. Alternatively, please do get in touch using the contact details below for more information if you are interested.

We are also aware that many large companies are willing to match fund any money raised by charities. As Friends of Crowton School (FoCS) PTA is considered a charity this is something we can apply for. As an example, Jo Griffiths (mum to Rosie & Joseph) works for a company called Cadent and has been able to get match funding for the amount raised at the Neon Disco in November. We raised £320 at the Disco and Cadent will then match this, so a total of £640 raised for the school which is simply amazing - a big thanks to Jo and Cadent! It's a great little scheme which requires minimum effort and so if you work for a company that is able to match fund please do let us know so we can explore further with you.

## Happy Christmas from FoCS

And finally, from all of us, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderfully fun and memorable Christmas and lots of happiness for 2022! We are really looking forward to the new year....we have lots of exciting things planned both for the children and the whole family.

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