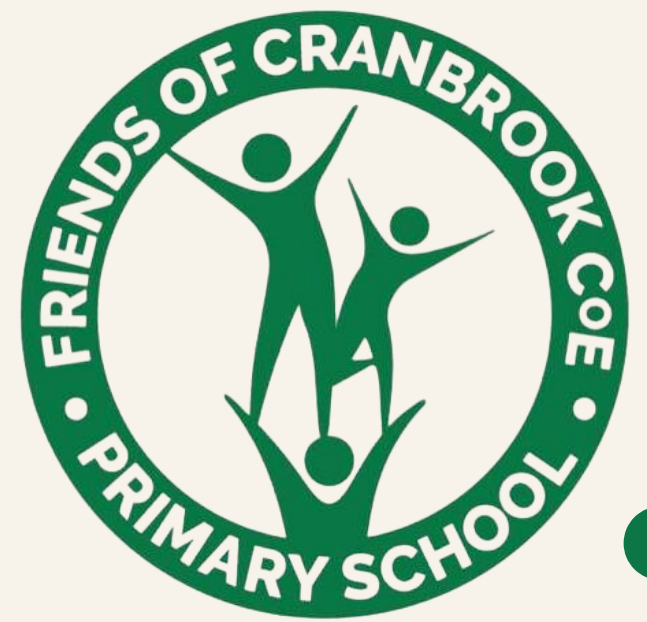


PTA NEWSLETTER



CRANBROOK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firstly I want to introduce myself as the new chair of the PTA for 2024! My name is Sam Shaw and I am new to the school, as my son started in Diamond Class in September. I am looking forward to getting to know you all whilst ensuring all children at Cranbrook Primary School benefit from the work the PTA does.

I also want to say a huge thank you to Yiota for all the brilliant work she has put in over her time as chair - **Thank you!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL AT
CRANBROOK PRIMARY
AND
HAVE A WONDERFUL
BREAK!**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2nd 2024 Challenge begins

January 12th Jade class bake sale

February 2nd Penny wars ends

February 22nd Ruby class bake sale

March 1st 2024 Challenge ends

March 14th Moonstone class bake sale

March 21st Spring disco

March 23rd Parent quiz night

March 25th Egg decorating competition

More details on these events to follow soon!

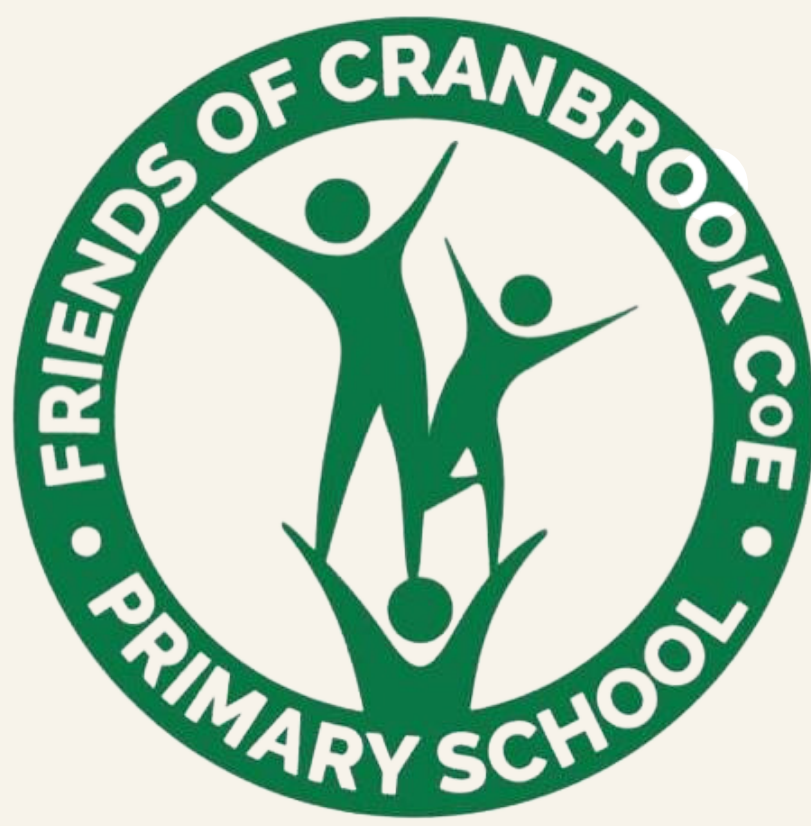


REVIEW OF THIS TERM

Together we have raised a fantastic £5,655.71 since September!

This would not have been possible without all your support and our wonderful volunteers - **Thank you so much! Keep scrolling for pictures!**





PTA UPDATES

Given that times are financially difficult for everybody at the moment, we continue to be astounded at the amazing support we receive at our events. Thank you!

As a small way of acknowledging this, we will no longer be charging for our pre-loved uniform. We are going to donate some items to the school so that they can distribute where necessary and any of our remaining stock will be available to take, for free, or for donations if you wish. We are in the process of organising a date for this event so watch this space! We will still be accepting uniform donations and will continue with this approach.

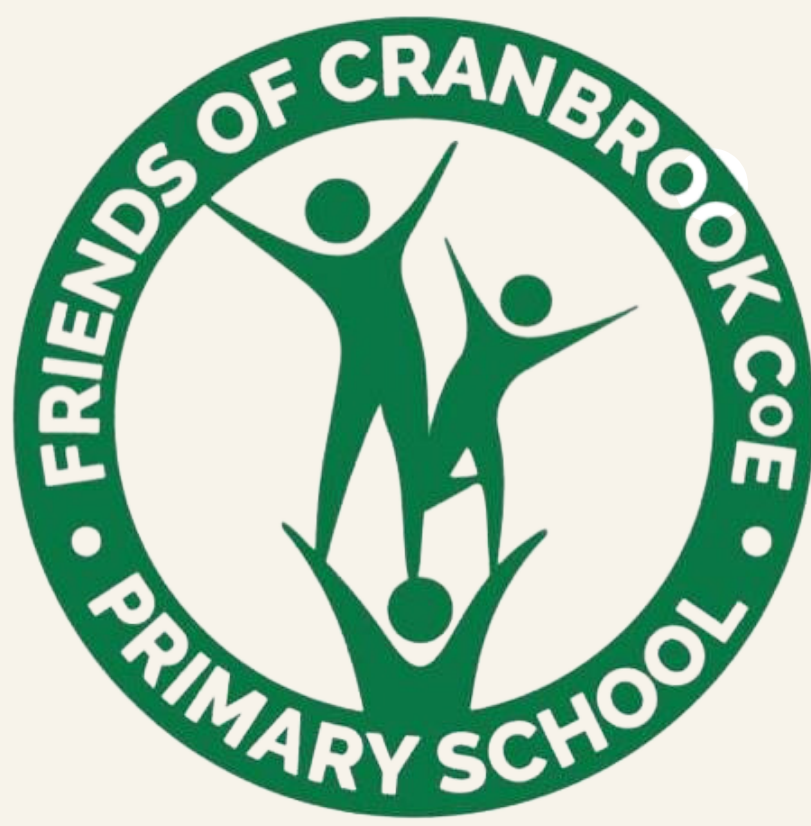
We are also going to try and reduce the amount of times you need to scabble about for pound coins by not charging a fee for our decorating competitions going forward.

Along with our usual pumpkin competition, we will also have an egg decorating competition and a Christmas tree decoration competition, new for 2024, which we hope will get the children's imagination going!

By making a push on grant applications for our big projects, we hope the money raised at our fundraising events can go towards ensuring our children benefit from a range of experiences they would otherwise not have at school. We have high hopes for 2024!

WHERE HAS THE MONEY BEEN SPENT SO FAR THIS YEAR?

- Young voices choir T-shirts
- Art resources for quiet area at lunch
- Whiteboard pens for all classes
- Educational workshops
- Small Christmas gift for each student



BAKE SALES

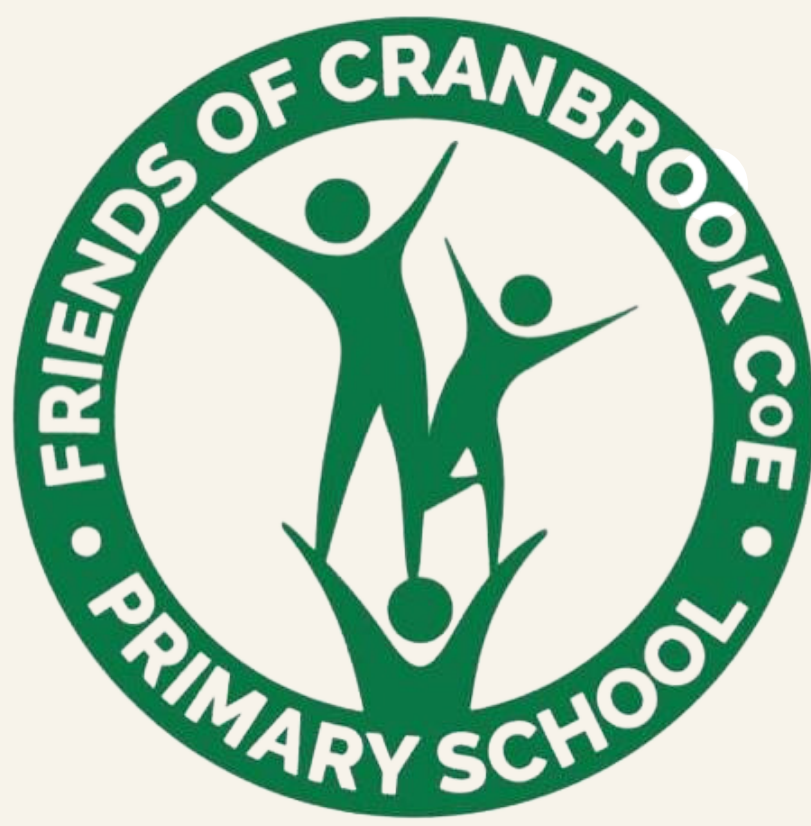
What a fantastic start to the year with some brilliant bakes on offer from both Diamond and Emerald class! Well done for showing great enthusiasm when selling which has resulted in huge amounts raised for your class! A special thanks goes to the class reps!



PUMPKIN DECORATING COMPETITION

Well done to Isla (KS1) and Amelie (KS2) for winning the pumpkin decorating competition this year! All of the entries this year were fantastic - What a creative bunch!





NEON DISCO

The children had a fantastic time at the disco and showed off some wonderful dance moves! This is such a fun event and it is lovely that so many of you came to join in! Thank you so much to all of our brilliant volunteers. A special thanks to Storm Pereira for organising!

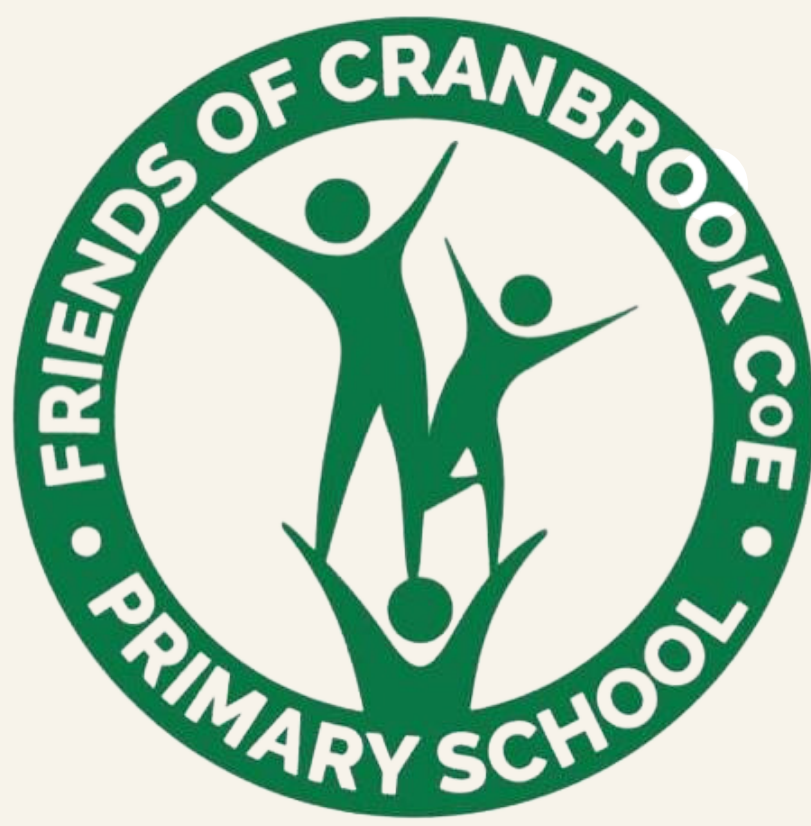


THANK YOU
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DONATIONS!



BIG PRE-CHRISTMAS CLEAR-OUT

Thank you so much to everyone who donated items to our first ever Big Pre-Christmas Clear-Out. We collected 56 bags of clothes and toys, raising £160! Any clothes that weren't accepted for trade-in were donated to a local women and children's refuge and a homeless shelter. Any remaining toys were donated to an organisation raising money for Together For Short Lives. A special thanks goes to Chelsea Groome for organising this event!



CHRISTMAS SHOP

The Children loved selecting gifts from the Christmas shop and getting them all wrapped up ready for the big day! We are so lucky to have had some great donations and lots of volunteers this year -

Thank you all!



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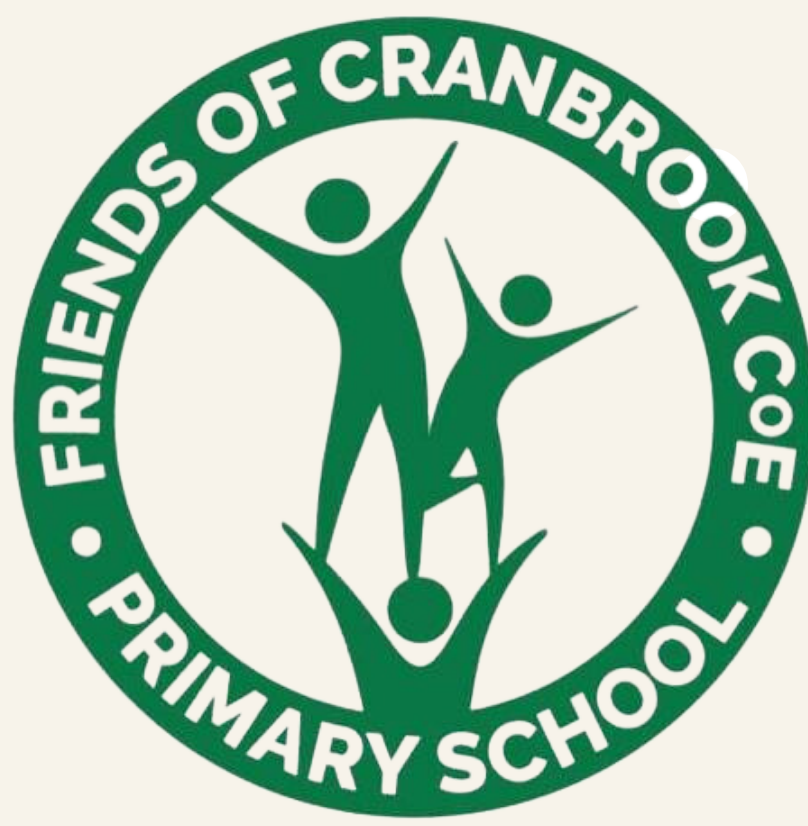
CHRISTMAS CAROL AFTERNOON

We were treated to a fantastically festive afternoon with carols sung by the brilliant rock choir, hot chocolate and treats! What a lovely start to the Christmas period!



THANK YOU TO
BRAKES
AYLESFORD
FOR THE
DONATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 50/50
RAFFLE WINNER!
TICKET 275
WINNING £66.50



WHO ARE THE PTA?

The Friends Of Cranbrook Primary School is run by a group of friendly and enthusiastic parent volunteers who dedicate time and effort into raising much needed funds to support the educational and well-being needs of all our pupils.

We welcome all parents to get involved as much or as little as your schedules will allow - whether that's something small like baking a cake for a bake sale or volunteering an hour of your time, to something bigger like helping to organise an event. If you would like to help fundraise, donate gifts for hampers or share some of your expertise with us, then please do get in touch!

Cranbrookprimarypta@gmail.com

EASY FUNDRAISING

Please also use Easy Fundraising to help raise funds as you shop (especially if you buy car or home insurance through comparison sites or shop online for groceries!)

It's very simple to set up on your desktop or mobile and won't cost you a penny! Please contact us if you'd like help getting set up.

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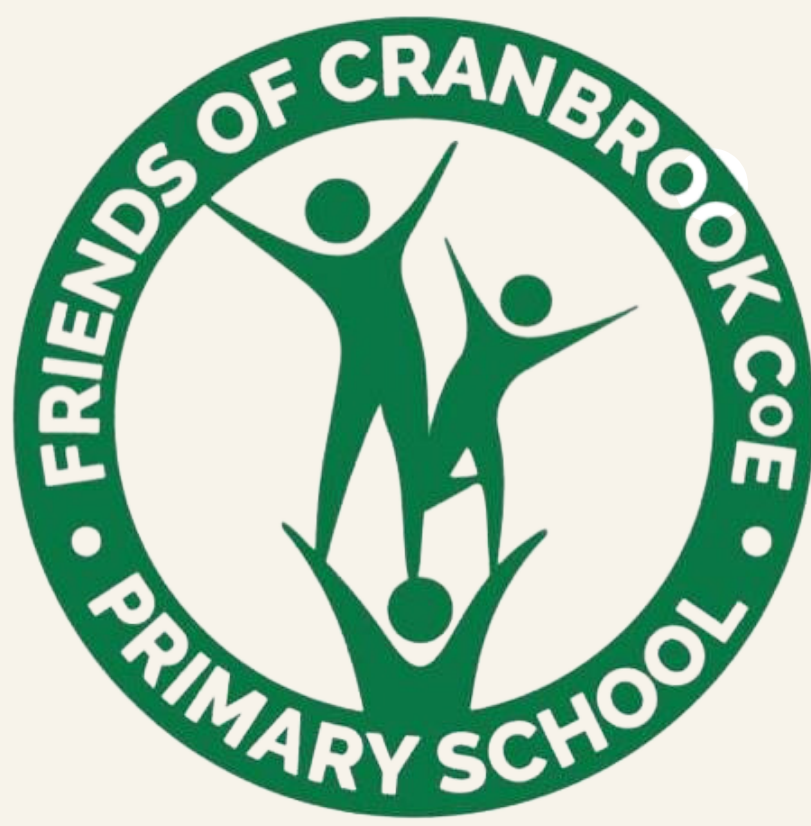
OUR WEBSITE

Visit our website to keep up-to-date on our events and meetings.

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WHAT DOES THE MONEY RAISED GO TOWARDS?





TOTAL
RAISED SO
FAR
£9,680

WELLBEING HUB UPDATE

Fantastic fundraising so far has made a big dent in our goal for the wellbeing hub. There is still a way to go before we meet our target of £35,000 but we are working on it!

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PTA COMMITTEE

Chair

Sam Shaw



Vice Chair

Yiota Reece



Treasurer

Rachel
Churcher



Secretary

Millie Creasey

and all our wonderful
volunteers! None of these
events would be possible
without you so, thank you!

We'd love to see you at
our next meeting!
Meetings are held on the
first Thursday of each
term from 2-3pm at the
school sunshine cafe. The
agenda will go up on our
website so that those
who can't make it can
send us any thoughts.

NEXT
MEETING 4TH
JANUARY!
ALL
WELCOME!

CLASS REPS

Diamond Julie Mackinnon

Emerald Jim Groome

Jade Kayleigh Baker

Ruby Rosie Baker

Moonstone Yiota Reece

Amber Rachael Vessey

Topaz Millie Creasey

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