

## Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News

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As we head into **ADVENT**, Rev Pauline shared with the school the traditions of Advent – some children shared their advent candles and of course their Advent Calendars. The term advent is a version of a Latin word that means coming. Rev Pauline shared about the Jesse Tree which intrigued many children. If you would like to have a go at the Jesse Tree tradition, myself and Rev. Pauline would love to see any pictures that you have of them as you decorate through your Advent Journey. <https://www.faithward.org/jesse-tree/> This link helps explain further.

A Jesse Tree is a decorative tree that each day during Advent has an ornament hung on it that symbolizes the story of how God prepared for Jesus to be born.

The Jesse Tree is divided into 3 main parts.

- A tree
- Symbolic ornaments
- Passages or scripture readings that go with the ornaments.



On 30<sup>th</sup> November, Foresters are organising a **Toy and Book Sale** with profits going towards their Young Voices experience. If you have any good quality toys and books that you would like to donate, please bring into School on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, please give your child some money so that they can buy some toys 'back'. The sale will be during the school day with any unsold items on Thatchers playground, after school for parents/ toddlers to buy for a donation.

Can I also ask that if anyone has any unwanted **Christmas Decorations** (preloved, unused or new) and they would like to donate to school, these can also be brought in on Monday and Tuesday next week. Tinsel, lights, small trees, hangings, baubles etc are all welcome.

### Christingle in Church: MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December **IMPORTANT INFO Please Read.**

We are having a Christingle Service at Church starting at 2.15pm for 30 minutes.

This will be the finale to our Incarnation Day at school and children will be working in their House Groups. From 1.15pm we will be transporting children to church by bus. Please can ask for a **£2 contribution** to help cover costs.

We will stagger pick once again from Church as below. PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ALL THE WAY TO CHURCH but use the layby and the car park (in at the first driveway and out through the second)

#### Collection times

(Please let us know if there are issues with these slightly different times)

**Cley Hill: 3pm**

**Longleat 3.10pm**

**Shearwater 3.25pm**

**Wylve 3.30pm**

There are some spare spaces in Church if any parent would like to attend our Christingle Service.

Apologies that we cannot offer this to all parents, but *please telephone if you would like to attend*. We may have to limit the numbers.

I will be taking some children to deliver our **foodbank collections** on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If Potters children can bring their donations in next week, ideally Monday to Thursday – and of course if anyone else has any donations Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December is the final day! A huge thank you for all your generous donations.

**Late Club is getting very busy** – Please can I ask that you pre-book your child's sessions by emailing [admin@Crockerton.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@Crockerton.wilts.sch.uk) if you have not done this already. This will help teachers when they are planning for their session. Remember, if you are 5 minutes late collecting, your child will be added to the register and payment will be expected. Late Club is now £3 per family and ends at 4.15pm.

World Cup Football Teams have been shared out between our Houses -

Canada, Brazil, Wales,  
Denmark, Japan, Mexico,  
Tunisia, Serbia

Croatia, England, Portugal,  
Spain, Argentina, Qatar,  
Saudi Arabia, Ecuador

USA, Costa Rica, Australia,  
Ghana, Switzerland, Germany,  
Netherlands, S.Korea

Belgium, France, Poland,  
Morocco, Uruguay, Iran,  
Cameroon, Senegal

Please can I politely ask, that parents carefully consider their driving speed around the school lanes?

Mornings and afternoons are now quite dark so extra caution is needed. **Both walkers and drivers need to be particularly cautious on Broadmead Lane.**

**Quiz night** – Thank you to the Friends Committee who once again organised a great night last week.

**Christmas Wreath Making** - Thursday 1st December 7pm

Tickets also available from reception (£20) This will be a lovely evening with Christmas music, mulled wine and mince pies, and you'll make a beautiful Christmas wreath to take home!

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**WINNING HOUSE – rewarded with EXTRA PLAY! 239, 202, 199, 190,**

Class highest scorers: Anna, Rowan, Ezra and Miriam

Potters, you have the Friendship Acorn this week with your great team work building electrical circuits - Mrs Woodley Team Work makes the Dream work!

Thatchers, - Your class has been given the Trust Acorn for working together with drama activities this week - Miss Brown and Mrs Rayner

Weavers, you have been awarded the Perseverance Acorn, for persevering through the challenging maths this week - Miss Brewer and Miss Sides

Foresters, you have been awarded the Compassion Acorn for your honesty and empathy shown when working on our Values curriculum and sharing your thoughts about 'Our Worries' - Mrs A and Miss Hedley

## Head Teacher Certificates: Going Above and Beyond this week!

**Sophia** for always completing her work with care, enthusiasm and maturity.

**Clara** – what a super start you have made at Crockerton School – well done!

**Hermione** for her wonderful attitude to working with learning partners.

**Wilfred** for purple polishing his work and learning from his mistakes with a mature understanding.

**Henry M** for going above and beyond in all areas.

**Penelope** a fantastic effort in our Nativity rehearsals.

**Luke** for going above and beyond in wanting to become a better reader every day, asking for new books daily.

## Spirit of Crockerton Certificate: Demonstrating one of our Church School Values.

**Olly - Trust** – you can always be relied upon to make sensible choices.

**Rowan – Perseverance** – for being so determined to improve.

**Piper – Friendship** – being a friend to all, no matter their age or their year group.

**Willow – Perseverance** – fantastic effort in all learning.

**Reading Bag** – *enjoy the hot chocolate but return the bag on Monday please.*

**Eddie** – for his feedback he gives to others – thoughtful but effective!.

**Olivia** – for sharing her thoughts about stories.

**Theo** – excellent effort in guided group reading.

**Freddie** – recognising all sounds and great effort in blending this week.

## Maths Achievement Award

**William H** – thoughtful maths work and always contributing his ideas.

**Orla** – for her amazing progress with adding numbers.

**Ioan** – for not giving up when work is tricky or mistakes are made. Always solving problems in many ways.

**Alexander** – great understanding of 1 more and 1 less.

## Presentation/Handwriting Certificate

**Josh** reading his work aloud with confidence and pride.

**Alys** for beautifully presented work across the curriculum.

**Thea** – working hard to keep work in all books neat.

**Jasmine** – excellent letter formation in non-fiction writing.

**Attendance:** 95% or above is our target this year!

**Potters 100% Thatchers 97% Weavers 93% Foresters 93%**



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