

Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News



This term our School Value is Respect.

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Homework: We have spent time in staff training meetings discussing our current homework expectations. We feel that **Power Projects** are an important way of extending and embedding pupils' learning and vocabulary whilst also preparing children for future homework expectations, particularly meeting deadlines set. Since September, Power Projects are only given before each half term holiday, so 3 times a year, to be completed before the end of the next short term. Spending some time on our topics, which also now spread throughout the 'big' term, before starting the Power Projects, should help the children with ideas for their homework.

We do expect all children to do **at least one** of the tasks but we politely ask that no more than 3 are brought in school. On deadline day, homework will be shared in the 'school museum day'. We emphasise that children should lead their homework choice and be proud of completing it, on time and with increased independence as they get older, so that they can present their work.

In addition to this project-based homework, we cannot stress enough how important reading is, for every child, as part of our homework expectation. This includes reading a good book to your child, as well as hearing them read aloud and encouraging them to read independently and quietly alone, most nights. Maybe sign up for library cards, if you haven't already. They are free and your children can choose their own reading book. From Year 1, children also have spelling passports which should be practised regularly. Children in KS2 also have times tables passports which again must be practised regularly. By Year 4 children should know all times table and related division facts, up to 12 x 12. Year 2 children, following their maths unit on times tables last week, will also have a times table passport in their bookbags, imminently.

Friends Events: These are our two main events...

Race Night Friday 22nd March 2024 at The Lodge, Hensford Marsh, Warminster

May Fayre Saturday 11th May 2024 with Full Motley and guitar players on the school field.

Swimming. Don't forget, a one-off swimming session next week for children in KS2 who have yet to swim. After half term, children in KS2 are re-starting their second block of swimming.

Thank you to all who have returned their slips and payments.

Mission Impossible dancers are at the West Wiltshire Dance Festival at Bath's Forum, next Wednesday. Good luck to all the Foresters' children – I am sure you will be amazing.

Thank you to Jemima and her family who have kindly donated **2 litter pickers**. I am sure the School Councillors will be checking the school premises for any litter. Remember, it is fresh fruit only for morning snack and all peel needs to be put in the fruit waste bin.

We will be **tidying the hedge** beside the mobile, which has had too many years of growth without any maintenance. If anyone is able to assist on the first weekend of half term (10/11th), it would be hugely appreciated. Car boots of green waste to the tip may be required!

The children in **Foresters**, kindly agreed to help move the pile of woodchip from the lane to the Friendship Forest. They worked so hard and as a great team to clear the pile. It was lovely spending time with them and hearing stories about how they have helped with similar chores at home or at grandparents' or neighbours' homes, even remembering how they would help in the garden during lockdowns. In Worship this week, we have heard about Proverbs in the Bible explaining the meaning of the 'fruits of your labour' and 'all hard work brings profit' as well as sayings such as 'behind the scenes' and 'elbow grease' - all of these are relevant to this task of moving the woodchip and I, certainly, am very grateful!

Please remember, that **Late Club** starts promptly at the end of the school day and that if you are late collecting your child, they will go to late club and payment will be expected. To keep children safe at this time, the gates will be locked and collection can be from 4pm to 4.15pm. Many thanks.

Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in peace and harmony.
2 Corinthians 13:11



Head Teacher Certificates: Going Above and Beyond this week!

Joseph – I am always so very impressed with your mature and kind attitude when you are at school. You are an absolute star, who works hard, shows respect to everything and everyone, sensibly walks around school, takes pride in your work and is a good friend to many. A brilliant role model, Joseph!

Spirit of Crockerton in Potters

Lily – has been outstanding all week and is the Spirit of Potters because her focus and concentration has been brilliant all week.

Spirit of Crockerton in Thatchers

Violet – has been outstanding this week because she has happily worked with different learning partners all week.

Spirit of Crockerton in Weavers

Seth – is the Spirit of Weavers this week because of his enthusiasm in class, putting his hand up consistently and giving everything 100%.

Spirit of Crockerton in Foresters

Harrison - has been named as the Spirit of Foresters this week because he has been showing fantastic listening and respect in class. Well done!

Highest Dojo Scorer in each class

Sam, Freddie, Lottie and Hermione – brilliant effort

Writing Bags have been given to the following children this week:

Seb, Morwen, Ioan, Oliver *Please return these on Monday*

Thank you to Jessica for supporting another child each morning.

Good attendance for your child is above 95%

Classes with attendance at 95% or better:

Potters 100% Thatchers 94% Weavers 93% Foresters 94%

Cley Hill 110 Wylde 105 Shearwater 98 Longleat 91

Overall: Cley Hill 39 Longleat 40 Shearwater 45 Wylde 50

Spirit of Houses awarded by House Captains

Jacob

Aderyn

Jake

Freyja