

Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News



This term our Values focus on Friendship <https://crockerton.wilts.sch.uk/>

Welcome back to another year. I do hope you have all had a great holiday. It has been lovely to welcome all 98 children back to school, with 11 new reception children in Potters.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Bowden and Mrs Jarvie to our staff team. Mrs Bowden is teaching in Weavers and Mrs Jarvie is supporting Miss Trim in Foresters. I hope you both have been made to feel very welcome. We also welcome Mr Atherton, who has joined us for Breakfast Club, Late Club on a Wednesday and Extended Late Club... XL club and Mr Atherton has fondly called it!

Yesterday, I shared with the children that Mrs Rayner had announced her exciting news ... she welcomed her baby boy on Tuesday. Mrs Rayner and her baby are very well and we are all hoping that they will visit soon.

Parking is always very difficult around school at home time. We stagger the finish time for our classes so that the younger children can be collected and then these families can leave promptly, to allow parents and carers of the older children to be able to park to collect their children. Please can I ask that those who have collected from Potters and Thatchers leave school promptly to free up space for the 3.30pm parents. Many thanks for all your assistance with this.

We have arranged our Sounds Write Parent Information evening for reception parents and a Reading Workshop for parents in Year 1 and above - understanding how school teaches reading and how parents can help with their child's reading. Both these will take place on Tuesday 16th September. Mrs Woodley's will start at 6pm and Miss Sides will lead the Reading Workshop at 6.30pm. It would be great to see you all at these – reading will always be a focus at school as it opens up the window for all subjects.

Policies are currently being updated on our website, and once I feel that we have new and updated ones published I will share and highlight ones which may need particular attention. The website will have everything you need – signposting to support parenting; medical information; holiday request forms (please try not to book holidays in term time); uniform order forms and information about your class. In the next couple of weeks, this will all be updated.

We have moved away from weekly certificates and Dojo points. Last year, I completed my NPQH which involved a lot of research in a whole host of relevant primary school themes and we had many professional conversations and continued professional development, including evidence-based research as a staff. We have our school rules – Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible and Ready –we also have a fabulous school curriculum to excite the children and we have wonderful staff who build strong relationships with our children and their families. Children will be noticed and encouraged to follow these school rules, through calm routines within the school and conversations with staff. A book I would recommend to understand our approach further is When Adults Change, Everything Changes by Paul Dix – there are other books in the series including.. When Parents Change, Everything Changes - I would thoroughly recommend. I can safely say, that it would not be right for teachers to chose one person for a certificate this week as they have all done so brilliantly settling back into the school expectations and I have heard so many names mentioned as making great choices and following school rules – this will make our school an amazing place to learn.

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Thank you to all Foresters who have completed the Microsoft Form with a few questions about food and sleep yesterday. The residential is fast approaching and the staff are getting as excited as the children. This year we have 4 members of staff going – Miss Trim, Mrs Aylesbury, Mrs Young and myself. We will meet together next week to discuss the final arrangements and share these with parents.

Swimming letters are out for KS2 – all named! Your children is either group 1 and swimming for 15 lessons or group 2 and swimming for 2 sessions – mainly a timed swim for 25m in the 3 different strokes. I did make a mistake re 31st March, which is the Easter holidays, so the 17th and 24th March are the two timed Group2 sessions. I will add these to the school calendar on the website, soon! Thank you in advance for contributions, in a named envelope, towards the cost of transport. (Thatchers will swim in Term 5 and Potters will swim in Term 6 – letters much nearer the time).

I am delighted to share that Maggie Alfonsi will be joining us at school on Friday 3rd October for the afternoon. If you watch the England v Australia Women's Rugby World Cup match tomorrow, I am sure she will be presenting for the BBC – and hopefully celebrating their win!

Please check dojos regularly for quick updates and information/pictures about what your children are doing. Let the office know if any personal details have changed – emails, home addresses or telephone numbers.

Late Clubs will run unchanged in cost this academic year... booking on Scopay

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs Woodley	Miss Trim	Mr Atherton	Miss Sides	Mrs Bowden
Gardening	Art	Film Club	ICT	Nature
Potters Classroom	Foresters Classroom	Thatchers Classroom	Thatchers Classroom	Weavers Classroom

Late Club runs to 4.15pm and then XL Club starts and children not collected at 4.15pm will be taken to XL Club. Collection is from 4pm only, as the children may be outside in the school grounds. Theme are loosely followed to and may be subject to some changes. Often colouring and card games available.

On Monday children in Year 2, 3 or 4 have been invited to football club run by Mr Bradley and Mr Farrell once again. If you would like a space on this club, we have very limited numbers for Term 1 only.

Please email admin@crockerton.wilts.sch.uk to put names on the list – spaces will then be done from a hat with payment if chosen, needed promptly after that to secure spot.

So as ever, if you would like to discuss anything please do approach your child's teacher or myself to discuss.
I am only able to solve problems or worries if we know about them.

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