

Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News



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

Happy New Year to you all! I can't quite get over that it has only been the one week, as so much has happened already in 2025.

On Monday, we had the telephone call to announce that Ofsted inspectors, 3 of them, would be visiting school. It is always this short notice, but did not expect a first day back call. As I have said on a Dojo Post, the report gets written and checked and then returned to me to approve! Only then can I share the outcome. I must say though, that the children were absolutely brilliant. It was noticed how independent and calm they all were despite the excitement of the snow! This year, we will also have SIAMs – the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. Can I thank you all those who asked after us – before and after - and shared parent surveys, these only have a very small window of time too!

Welcome to Orla and her family who started at Crockerton on Tuesday, in Foresters. We all know you will be made very welcome.

I have attached an A4 page of key dates for the Spring Term. (Thank you to Ellis's mum for pulling these together.) We always do our best to keep this with no changes, but occasionally there may be an edit. The Easter Walk is a day later than originally planned!

Please can all children have a carrier bag/PE bag with spare indoor shoes/soled slippers/crocs in over this wet/snowy month. The Friendship Forest is rather muddy and it really helps keep the classrooms clean – especially our 2 new rooms, with carpet! Soles on slippers will hugely help with any emergency, eg Fire Practice so that children can evacuation without worrying about slippers getting wet.

Winter weather – as per Tuesday, yesterday and today, it is that time of year when snow and ice may cause disruption on the roads especially around our village. Potters Hill and Cley Street are notoriously bad for ice. I always try and make a prompt decision about school closures or opening a bit later in the morning. This information is shared by Dojo and by email. Thank you also for picking up the children promptly on Wednesday, especially from extended late club, when the snow started to fall.

I am delighted to share that we have a new phone system in school. This includes having a phone in KS2 and in the staffroom so I am hoping that less calls are missed, especially over the lunchtime period. (We also had a new staff toilet fitted this week, which staff are also very excited about!)

Work on the outside of new build has commenced once again. The retaining wall has been started and then on the 16th and the following week, the whole of the front of school will get a make-over.

Looking at our attendance this week, it is great to see so many back in school. Cold, flu, covid and a sickness bug really did take its toll on us all.

I have [linked to the website](#) the page that shares parental responsibility on attendance.

Please remember, as we start the new term... uniform should be navy sweatshirt, green polo and navy trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores. With BLACK shoes, these can be BLACK trainers.

PE kit is burgundy hoodie and blue t-shirt and shorts/joggers, trainers.

Hair should be tied back at all times, small hairbands.

Children really do not need watches and I am happy for you to encourage to keep them at home. They must be removed for PE, including swimming and school cannot be responsible for any lost watches.

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Head Teacher Certificates: Going Above and Beyond this week!

Percy – You always come and politely

say hello to me at lunchtime play and it is always lovely to have a conversation with you.

Matilda – has been awarded the **Spirit of Potters** because of her super sentence writing in Sounds-Write.

Freddie - has been awarded the **Spirit of Thatchers** because he is always a kind and compassionate friend, without fail.

Ezra – has been awarded the **Spirit of Weavers** because of his hard work, especially in Art this week.

Orla T-R – has been awarded the **Spirit of Foresters** because she's settled so fabulously into Foresters class and feels like such a part of our family already.

Vision and Values Recognition

Barnaby – fantastic perseverance during maths this week.

Austin – for talking to adults with respect and joy.

Jake – for showing great friendship in Maths when helping those around you.

Hermione – for such maturity when dealing with the ups and down of her diabetes.

Highest Dojo Scorer in each class

Teddy, Elsie, Henry C and Felix – for demonstrating our Vision during the school day

Writing Bags – for your brilliant writing this week

Willow, Thea, Harry F (for his predictions and inferences about 'The Whale')

Lunchtime Awards go to Thomas for always playing so respectfully with his buddy and tidying up the playground so efficiently

Classes with good attendance at 95% or better:

Potters 100% Thatchers 99% Weavers 95% Foresters 93%

Thank you for keeping poorly children at home – I think we have turned a corner...

Shearwater 57 Cley Hill 53 Longleat 37 Wylye 36

Overall: Cley Hill 31 Longleat 24 Shearwater 33 Wylye 33

Spirit of Houses awarded to the House Captains this week!

Not known at time of print – watch this space

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