

Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News

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What a super start to our new academic year. It has been lovely to see all the children back from the holiday and ready to start the new year. This week, we have been remembering our vision statement – *Be Joyful, Grow to Maturity, Encourage Each Other and Live in Peace and Harmony* and passage from the Bible – the children agreed that this was a perfect statement about Crockerton School and most were extremely joyful about being back in school, many with new teachers or perhaps a new classroom. We have also looked at Our Oak Tree, with its branches, roots, leaves, trunks – all representing our school community. I have attached it, if you would like to ask your children more about this, I am sure they will be able to share their ideas. Finally in Worship this week, we have considered our School Rules – we have the addition of ...*and ready* – to help children think about if they are ready for lunch, ready to go outside, ready to learn, ready to listen or to speak. *Be kind, Be safe, Be responsible and ready.* Mrs Woodley will be working with Potters all term with all of these. Children also will receive dojos when they demonstrate the school value or part our Vision.

This term our Church School value is Friendship; the children certainly seem very happy about seeing so many friends after the Summer holidays.

Following a brilliant **whole staff on-line safety course** on Monday morning, I wanted to share two articles about the use of AI in schools. First one is from a blog by [UK Safer Internet Centre](#), it has lots of good advice too. The second is a report by [Internet Watch Foundation](#), it's alarming and certainly got us all thinking about our on-line world. We have made some changes to our practice in school. Please can I ask that as parents, you are all ensuring that you know exactly what your children are doing when they are on-line – games, mobiles, tablets or PCs. I also think that now would be a good time to ask the whole school for an update regarding photo permissions. Therefore, please click [this link](#) to complete a very short, simple form.

Friends Meeting: Thursday 12th September 7.30pm

Gussie is stepping down as chair of Friends this year. Thank you to her for all her enthusiasm and effort to ensure our whole school community have opportunities to have fun and raise money for the school. Hopefully, another Race Night if possible? Everyone is invited to join – a chance to meet other parents, discuss fundraising ideas – big and small, for parents and children, and ideas on how to spend the money!

Change of TD Day – there is no longer a TD before half term. Please see attached letter.

Collecting children at Home time – thank you for your patience with home time – we are getting quicker every day in KS2. If you have a child in Thatchers or Potters we are trying to get their siblings in KS2 ready so that the younger children have less waiting time, so hopefully they will be first ready. Thatchers have their space under the canopy on their carpet. Miss Sides (or myself on a Monday) will send the children from the carpet once they have all their belongings and a parent is there. Children are really getting used to this routine. Our priority, as always is the safety of our children, ensuring all the children leave school with their adult.

Late Club Themes

This term, staff continue to organise a Late Club each with a theme – comics, art, authors/books, construction and board games are starting in the Autumn term. Wrap around care can be booked (or cancelled) up to 2pm on the day. On a Monday, there will be a football club for Y2 and Y3 again led by Mr Farrell and Mr Bradley. Mrs Newbery and Mrs Dixey has very kindly offered to run a netball club for Y3, 4 and 5 on a Thursday. Both these clubs will have a limit on numbers and a slip will need to be

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returned to school next week. If over-subscribed we will pull out of a hat! There will also be a small charge for both, payable when a space has been confirmed.

Please remember to **name everything**, so it can be returned to the child. Lost property box is empty and will only have unnamed uniform added. Children need a book bag every day so that they can carry their reading book, reading record and letters/slips. Please do not put water bottles in as they have a tendency to leak. Please read every night with your child and sign the record book, ask a few questions about the book and discuss if they enjoy the book and why – it has a huge impact for your child. Children are expected to wear uniform, with correct shoes and hair tied back. PE kits worn on PE days.

Home-school Agreement. Attached to this email is also a copy of our Home School Agreement policy and your child will soon come home with a printed copy of the last page.

Dates – please look at the [calendar](#) on the school website. It has all the dates set so far, I will inform you of any changes made to the on-line calendar.

Lunches – remember to book lunches for the following week by 3pm on the Thursday before. If you do not make this deadline, please provide a packed lunch. KS2 children can order and pay for a cold packed lunch using scopay. If they are entitled to a free school meal and would like a school dinner please speak to Mrs Bawden as this can set up.

The Crockerton CE School Oak Tree

We are always working together to grow towards the light, within our community.

The animals that live in and visit the oak tree represent the national community of Britain and the global community. These are people who inspire us, charities for whom we raise money, artists, authors, musicians, sports people, scientists. Those who we learn and grow from and welcome to our community.

The acorns are our school values and rules. They have grown from all we do and believe as a school community, chosen by the pupils, staff, governors and parents.

Now ready to become part of the wider community, the leavers are the leaves. Their achievements will leave a lasting impression on the school. With them, they will carry our school values out into the world.

The branches represent the wider school community, branching out. Our families, the people who live in our villages and towns. We are always looking to create stronger links to our community.

The trunk shows the pupils at the centre of the school community. They hold the school up, standing tall and proud. It is crucial that they are provided with an environment in which they can grow and develop the skills needed to thrive.

The staff and governors are the roots of the tree. They keep the school rooted and provide stability, allowing the school to grow strong. Constantly reaching for new resources and opportunities.

The ground in which the oak is rooted, represents the natural world around us in which we grow. Caring for the natural world is key to our community health and wellbeing.

My child _____ would like to take part in Monday Football Club.

My Child _____ would like to take part in Thursday Netball Club

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