

Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News

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



I want to share the news that sadly for us, **Mrs Downing** will be leaving in December. As you may be aware she has recently become a granny and is now wanting to have more time to take up this new role! Mrs Downing is our SENDco and I know has been a great support to so many. The process to find a new person is underway and we will let you know updates as soon as we have any.

Well done to the Y3/4 **Dodgeballers** who went to the Compass Schools event at Codford. Mrs A went with the children and they were fantastic!

Thank you to Immy's mum who started netball club this week. All the children had great fun on their first session.

Finally, with the sporting events this week, we had all our Year 2s heading to the fabulous Nature Reserve at Kingdown School (what a great resource this is for Kingdown) for the very popular **Hobby Horse Gymkhana**. Thank you to all the parents who helped take and collect their children from this event and to Mrs Connolly who supported the children at the gymkhana.

A few reminders... please try to ensure your child has PE kits on PE days; black shoes with uniform; please only wear small stud earrings; tie long hair back; small watches – no smart watches; no nail varnish and small hair bands only.

Thank you to all who meet with teachers at **parent's evenings** this week.

I was invited to speak at a **U3A Climate Environment Actionists** group in Bath this week. It was a privilege to talk to a group, passionate about climate and environmental challenges. They wanted to know about what our children are being taught in school as well as what schools are being asked to do. I shared our school's climate action plan, it's required for all schools in England by the end of 2025, and includes targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, specific steps to achieve those goals, and methods for tracking progress. This plan should help us save money on energy, improve well-being, and prepare for the effects of climate change. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to be a part of our working group... and please ask your child to come and see me if they think they would like to be a member of the GreenTeam.

Wednesday 3rd December – pupils who are looking to start school in September 2026 – we have an Open Morning to make Christmas Decorations 11-12am please let the office know if you would like a space – it is perfect for our siblings who are due to start!

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Thatchers' have their class visit to the **Army Flying Museum** today. This has been a very popular trip in the past and I hope they all have a great day. Thank you all for slips and voluntary contributions. Thank you to Miss Sides for organising this trip for the children.

Thank you to Mr Bradley and Mr Farrell who have run football club this term. The last session is on Monday. The children have been so enthusiastic in this club and loved playing!

We would love to have some more help in school during the school day. **Volunteers** for afternoon reading and passport work in all classes would be great. We are also on the look out for anyone who could help for 1 hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime, serving up food and clearing up the kitchen. Please drop me a message if you can help on any of these days.

Tuesday 2nd December – Stay Safe Initiative – ONLINE SAFETY TALK for parents. As part of our continuing collaboration with our Compass Hub, we have arranged an online talk for all parents with Richard Pomfrett. I will share a poster over Dojo but this will be a great source for information about how the internet can be used safely. 90 minutes at 6pm. No need for cameras or speakers to be on!

Term 1 finishes on 22nd October at usual home times. Late Club is also available on this day.

We start again on Tuesday 4th November. Apologies that there is no TD Wrap Around Day Care on Monday 3rd November – all staff are involved in training on this occasion.

We do have **TD days on the 5th January and 20th May 2026** – if you are interested in day care on these dates, please do let me know. If we have at least 8, I would be willing to run this 'Fun Club' at school again, if I can find staff willing! Please email directly over the next 2 weeks. Many thanks.

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