

# Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News

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## Reflecting and Update on building work!

As we head towards the end of the Autumn term, can I start by saying a huge thank you to you all. I am very aware of many changes to routines, pick-ups, entry points, home times, extra PEs, extra welly walks etc as we juggled the new building. Back in May, we cleared KS2 and adapted to very tight teaching conditions. It was not ideal, but it really was the best possible scenario and enabled us to have all the children on site. Staff and children did brilliantly during Term 6 and Term 1; for me, the worst bit was the start of Term 2 where we were so nearly ready but not quite! However, we are all delighted with the project and absolutely love the new classrooms and toilets, as well as the changes to the staffroom and Thatchers class which also benefit the school so much.

I appreciate it is not quite finished... so here is the update. On January 16<sup>th</sup> work resumes to finish the front of the school. We have committed some extra money to improve the playground surface from the carpark to the front of Thatchers. Then some finishing off will be needed to the ramp and the far side of the build, 'up the lane'. Tarmacking should be finished by the 24<sup>th</sup> January so hopefully by the end of January, I envisage most jobs will be completed. We also have a 'popping' problem with the vinyl in the corridor; the solar panels need to be connected up; a new door fitted into the kitchen; plus some small 'snags' to sort.

From today, you can now collect KS2 children from the front playground. Foresters will come out from the main door at the end of the ramp. Weavers will remain in their classrooms, and when staff see the correct parent, the children will exit from their classroom door. (There will be some changes again, when work starts on the front playground on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan)

On the 13<sup>th</sup> February, Bishop Andrew will bless our KS2 building; we do expect quite a few guests attending this special ceremony at 11am.

As I said, it has been a very difficult, albeit exciting, seven months but now we look forward and enjoy some settled time. I really want to thank all the staff who have been as professional as ever and never once let our standards slip.

**Breakfast Club and Extended Late Club:** We have a new doorbell on the main entrance into the New Build. Therefore, Breakfast Club children can go through Thatchers playground and up the ramp to Breakfast Club. This is exactly the same routine for parents when collecting the children from **Extended** Late club. Late Clubs will mostly be from Teachers' rooms – Monday from Thatchers, Tuesday from Potters, Wednesday from Weavers, Thursday from Thatchers and Friday from Weavers.

**Potters and Thatchers Nativity:** This was such a delight to watch and the children did fantastically well, both in the afternoon and in the evening performances. Thank you so much to friends for selling refreshments and raffle tickets. Nearly £200 was raised.

**Weavers and Foresters Carol Concert: Please read the letter sent out this week.** KS2 Children will be practising in Church in the morning. Please drop your child at the Church between 8.40 and 9am. A bus will bring them back to school. **A £2 donation would really help towards the cost of this, many thanks.**

**Christmas film night on Wednesday 18th December.** Hopefully, children who signed up for Film night will have a great evening. I can't wait to watch 'That Christmas' for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time!

**Weavers Trip** – on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Stonehenge. Please send the voluntary contributions in asap but if this means after the trip, that also is absolutely fine! Letter went out yesterday. Apologies for the short notice but it will be a great trip – close to the shortest day!

**RAFFLE:** We have been very generously gifted a M and S Hamper from the Church family that we will be raffling off. Your child should have come home with a book of raffle tickets. Return stubs Monday, draw to take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

This could be a great boost to the Friends Committee, who have been very generous to fund building works.

**Our Winter walk is on Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has a coat and wellies/walking boots. Drop off and pick up from school. This is our last day and an hour early finish for all!**

On **Wednesday**, (change) we will be off curriculum for Incarnation Day.

**Lunch Orders** for week beginning Jan 6<sup>th</sup> must be made by Thursday. Christmas Lunch on Tuesday!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy, peaceful Christmas filled with joy. Please do take some time to recharge batteries and enjoy the beautiful 'Shire' we live in. It is a TD day, on Friday and children return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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## Head Teacher Certificates: Going Above and Beyond this week!

**Penelope P** – It is so lovely to see you so enthusiastic about your learning – you always give it 100%, you want to get started quickly and you have your own ideas.

**Teddy** – has been awarded the **Spirit of Potters** because of his excellent mental maths skills and reasoning.

**Lily** - has been awarded the **Spirit of Thatchers** because of her positive attitude to maths challenges.

**Morwen** – has been awarded the **Spirit of Weavers** because she has been working hard across all lessons, especially in English this week.

**Olivia** – has been awarded the **Spirit of Foresters** because of her consistently respectful attitude to everyone and everything and for being a wonderful friend and role model.

## Vision and Values Recognition

**Esmae** – for consistently demonstrating kindness and always being responsible and READY!

**Freyja**– for always being respectful towards others.

**Jessica** – for always showing respect and compassion to everyone around.

**Sam** – for being a trusted and mature role model and for helping out so respectfully in House Worship.

## Highest Dojo Scorer in each class

**Barnaby, Luke, George S and Harry** – for demonstrating our Vision during the school day

**Writing Bags** – for your brilliant writing this week

**Alexander, Percy, Rowan** (Huge improvement in handwriting)

**Lunchtime Awards go to Violet** for helping tidy up classrooms after lunch without being asked **and Barnaby and Esmae** for building the best castle as a team and keeping themselves safe by following rules.

## Classes with good attendance at 95% or better:

**Potters 86% Thatchers 82% Weavers 100% Foresters 90%**

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

**Shearwater 54 Cley Hill 73 Longleat 57 Wylve 100**

**Overall: Cley Hill 28 Longleat 22 Shearwater 29 Wylve 32**

## Spirit of Houses awarded to the House Captains this week!

**Thomas**

**Rowan**

**Isla M**

**Hugo**

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