

Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News



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

Just a reminder: Leavers service at 1.15pm today for parents with children in Year 6 – school closes one hour early at 2.20pm or 2.30pm and **there is no late club available today** – apologies if you had booked in – this was a mistake our end and I do apologise for that.

Today we say goodbye to **Miss Brown and to Mrs Lamont**, both teachers have given a huge amount to the school and we will miss them both! Best of luck with your new jobs and please do stay in touch!

Scopay is ready to receive orders for lunches and the deadline is today – if you do not complete this, please bring in a packed lunch for your child for the first week back. All children in KS2 (Y3 up) need a packed lunch and cannot order a meal unless entitled to a free school meal.

I have made a start on the [calendar on the website](#) to try and get things in place – I am just trying to finalise the best days for possible Sports Days – I will confirm by the end of the week – and then hope the weather is kind!

This year our **attendance** has not been as good as usual. We have been hit with a couple of sickness bugs, a nasty virus just before Christmas and then of course chicken pox – so I do know that this will affect the attendance overall. I am aware that holidays during term time is still an issue, including odd days around weekends. Please do try to avoid holidays during term time but if you are taking a holiday, that you notify the school of holiday, complete the holiday request form in advance – this avoids the tricky conversations that happen consequently, prevents the children worrying about the holiday and saves the office staff time when trying to contact families in the morning. More information is [here on the Government website](#).

I will be sending out the **Parent Handbook** before the start of term – some quick reminders – children DO NOT need a rucksack – just a bookbag and lunch box each day. Hair should be tied back. Slippers are allowed so look for good ones over the summer - nothing too big, simple with a hard sole (or crocs) are perfect! PLEASE NAME THESE. School shoes with uniform need to be plain black only and waterproof. Watches can be worn, but please no smart watches or fitness trackers. Uniform is available from the office only – but brands, without the logo are fine, of the same colour. Everything can be found on the **website**.

Over the **holidays** – please encourage your child to read regularly – head to the library to do the reading challenge; write and practise spellings with your child, otherwise it is a shock in September when the return; go swimming as often as possible – learn to float on your back, it could save lives; ride a bike or go for walks and runs – it is great for our mental well-being and we all live in a great county!

Swimming starts for some KS2 (all Year 3) on Tuesday 9th. A letter will follow, but if your child is new, or is not yet consistently swimming on their front and back for 25m they will be swimming for 15 sessions over the Autumn and Spring terms.

Signing T-shirts has always been something done during the last school day, the last couple of years, sadly, has seen some inappropriate graffiti and words, on these t-shirts – written by both younger and older children. It is very difficult to monitor this and so I have made the decision not to allow during the school day next academic year. When children are off the school premises or meeting up afterwards, they will be able to sign t-shirts or cards, but just not during the day. School Leavers hoodies are ordered via a Year 6 parent and can indeed be worn for PE once they have been ordered – usually Spring term. (Burgundy hoodies for any Sporting events). I know this will be a disappointment, but I am unwilling to be responsible for something, that despite reminding the children this year, has happened again yesterday on more than one occasion, by more than 1 child and witnessed by many who encouraged it rather than reported it.

'Pupils and adults work and play harmoniously together. They build strong and respectful relationships.'
'Joy is abundant in the life of the school. Leaders at all levels use the vision as the touchstone for strategic decision making. SIAMS 2025

'A calm and purposeful environment for pupils to learn in' 'There are rich opportunities on offer to develop pupils' interests and talents' Ofsted 2025

In January and in May this year we had inspectors in who both worked rigorously alongside the staff and children, whilst visiting our school. Can I take this moment to wish my **fantastic staff** the very holiday – comments from inspectors do not happen by chance but because of hard work, every day and I know how committed everyone is here, at my school to achieve the very best for your children. Also, to the school Governors who provide that support, and challenge throughout the year.

Good Luck to our wonderful Year 6 Leavers – we all look forward to hearing about your Hall of Fame! I wish the whole community a very safe, peaceful and happy holiday. We go again in September.

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