



Dear Parents and Carers,

From the Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Rees

### Our New Reception Classes

A huge well done to our Reception children who have settled so well into our Crockerne school family. They have learnt lots of Poems, enjoyed learning and retelling the 'Owl Babies' story by Martin Waddell and are thoroughly enjoying being part of our school community during our OPAL lunchtimes.

### OPAL Donations

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated dinosaurs, toy cars and small toy animals for our OPAL play. We would love some brushes and brooms. There is a large red donation wheelie bin at the school entrance for donations.

### Attendance

Please telephone the office no later than 9:00am on the day, if your child is unable to attend school. There is now an option to press 1 to report absences. Please leave your child's name, class and a clear reason for the absence.

### Crockerne Book Lovers Library!

At Crockerne we are always striving to help our children foster a love of reading and our lovely Library is an important part of this. We are very fortunate to have a small team of volunteer parent/friends librarians who help keep the library organised, up to date and help children choose and borrow books. That way we can encourage every child to borrow a book of their choice (from football to fairies) on a regular basis. Hopefully, you'll find these books in their book bags and can enjoy them with your child and we'll be encouraging the children to return these to school every week and then choose another. You may have noticed a £5 donation on ParentPay to help buy a book for the library. Thank you so much to those parents who have already donated. Hopefully, you'll hear from the children once our new books arrive.

### Join us this Hello Yellow Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Crockerne are joining thousands of schools, communities and companies wearing something yellow this World Mental Health Day to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Right now, the world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in – and they are feeling the pressure. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

Wear something yellow on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October to raise awareness (we are not collecting donations).

### Y4 Charterhouse Camp

Our lovely year 4 children are currently, as at print, on their way back from an amazing 2 night stay at Charterhouse camp. They have had a wonderful time and have made lots of precious memories. We will have more information to follow in the next newsletter.

### Parents Evenings

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Apple Nursery - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Pear Nursery – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November

You will be able to book your time slot online from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 4:00pm via an email link which will be sent out nearer the time.

### National Child Measurement Programme

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 children will have their height and weight measured by the school nursing team, Sirona. You do have the option to opt out of this should you not wish for your child to take part. Please then complete the online opt form or contact the office.

### Tulip Photography

Our new school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October for individual and sibling photographs 8:30am – 3:30pm. Should you wish for sibling pictures together please use the online form to confirm, if you haven't already. This has been sent via email. Crockerne Primary school

### Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please look out for further information about our forthcoming Scholastic Book Fair giving parents the opportunity to buy some fabulous children's books, all at really competitive prices and at the same time help the school earn rewards to use to purchase sparkly new books for our library!

### Lunchtime winners!

The following children all found a lucky ticket on the bottom of their hot school dinner plate and won a prize! Huge well done to Effie in Pear class, Sid, Ted and Delilah in Apple class, Leo and Jack M in Holly class, James and Jess K in Birch class, Tom and Akane in Willow class, Issa in Maple and Reg H in Cherry class.

### Mental Health Nurse

Please see attached to this newsletter, an introduction to our School Mental Health Nurse Bryonee who will be in school every Tuesday.

### Polite reminders and useful information:

- Reminder: Children are parents' responsibility from the time we hand over at the end of the day. Please do not allow children to play on any equipment before and after school.
- **Safeguarding:** should you wish for your child to be collected from school by another adult. You must notify the office no later than **2:30pm** on the day. We cannot allow anyone to collect a child without their parent's permission.
- We ask that **no mobile phones** are used or seen by adults or children whilst on school premises.
- Please remember that Crockerne C of E Primary School has a **no nuts** policy.
- All children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal as part of the Universal Free School Meal campaign.
- **If you claim qualifying benefits your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow the link to see if you are entitled.**  
[https://ems.n-somerset.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://ems.n-somerset.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en)
- Breakfast club is available daily from 7.30am and must be pre-booked on <https://app.parentpay.com/>
- Westward Drive is now a **School Street** which is a road where a school temporarily closes to become a pedestrian and cycle zone during the school's opening and closing times.  
**The School Street operational times on Westward Drive are 8.30 – 9.30 am and 3.00 – 4.00 pm.**

### Considerate parking

We have received numerous reports at school drop off and pick up, that children are stepping out of cars into the road. This is dangerous and will create poor road sense for our children.

### 2025/2026 Term dates, Dates for diaries and **INSET** days 2025/2026

#### Term 1 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, Y6 parent's SATS meeting, in Upper Hall 6:00pm  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, Wear **yellow** for Mental Health Day  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, Pupil Individual Photos – Tulip photography  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, Harvest festival, pupils only  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, Y5/6 Dodgeball team event  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, Book Fair  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, Nasal Flu Vaccines  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> and Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, Parents Evenings 3:30pm – 6:30pm  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, Pear Parents Evening  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, Apple Parents Evening  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, Children In Need Day – Wear something yellow or spotty  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, Y6 Sirona height and weight check  
Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, Science Fair  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May Y6 SAT's week

#### Inset Days

- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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