



Crockerne C of E Primary School

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December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Christmas celebrations have been wonderful. Friends organised a wonderful Christmas fair opened by the Owls of Pill which always gives a Christmas feel to the start of December. The nativity performed by Reception and key stage one was wonderful, funny and celebrated the story of Christmas. We were again part of the Christmas extravaganza at Colston Hall; the children sang brilliantly and a great night was had by all.

We still have our Christmas lunch and parties to celebrate the festive season.

An Introduction from our Chair of Governors Jon Clay

I'd like to start with a massive thank you and very best wishes to Jane Peate, who has been a brilliant Chair of Governors this past 20 months; I'm delighted that despite stepping down from the role of Chair, Jane has agreed to stay on as a governor at the school. Huge thanks and best wishes also to Neil Barlow who has vacated his position as Chair of the Finance committee and recently moved with his family to Devon. I would also like to welcome four new governors to the Governing Board: Nick Ward, Caroline Ovel, Eleanor Culverhouse and Chris Ware - each of them bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the Board and I look forward to working with them over the coming months.

I myself have stepped into the role of Chair, having been chair of the Curriculum, Standards and Staffing Committee, and a parent governor for four years. I live in the village, I have two girls at the school and I'm delighted to be working with the school leaders and staff as they continue to strive for excellence. I'm in a privileged position as a governor, seeing first-hand the staff's dedication to our children and their passion to never stop improving the school experience. I'm particularly excited by the new curriculum that the school has adopted - called REAL (rigorous, engaging, authentic learning), it promises to stimulate curiosity, independence and critical-thinking in every child, and prepare our children for the future world they will grow up in. I hope it will also give all of you the opportunity to engage in new ways with the school and your child's education.

There are exciting times ahead!

Best wishes, Jon Clay, Chair of Governors.

Christmas Dinner and Parties

On Thursday 14th December the children can wear Christmas Jumpers for our dinner and parties.

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What happens in Collective Worship?

We are continuing to focus on the value of love in Collective Worship with a focus on Advent and the Christmas story. We are also talking about our learning dispositions, our Gem powers, and how these link to our values supporting our learning and daily life.

We will conclude our Christmas celebrations with our visit to Christchurch (sorry if the calendar stated St Georges) As usual we will walk KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) to church aiming to begin the service at approximately 1.30 pm. Please come and join us. If you can help walk the children to church that would be greatly appreciated; please see your child's class teacher.

Extreme Weather

Thermals on! The Met office have issued a yellow warning of snow and ice. We are unlikely to have snow, but it seems timely to advise or remind you of our guidelines for extreme weather.

EMERGENCY/EXTREME WEATHER - PARENT/CARER GUIDELINES

Depending upon the number of staff available, weather conditions or state of emergency, the Co-Headteachers will make a decision about closing the school. This decision will be taken by 7.45am. A text message will be sent and the website updated to give full details about school opening and the likely arrangements for the following day..

Parents/carers are advised to listen to the local radio station for information about alterations to the pattern of school provision and/or to check the school website. In the event of weather conditions worsening whilst children are at school, parents can continue to check the above sources for information about alterations to the pattern of school provision. The school will contact Emergency Contact numbers giving information about collecting children.

In the event of the school being closed, staff will remain on the premises to supervise the children. No child will be sent home early unless met by a parent or friend arranged by the parent.

Christmas Greetings

Suz, Lee, Callum and Euan Caul-Paterson would like to wish all friends a 'Happy Christmas' A donation has been made to the school pool fund in lieu of Christmas Cards this year.

Dates Reminder

School reopens on WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2018

And finally...

The school is developing its curriculum for our REAL learning project. A leaflet will be sent to parents in the New Year. We will be offering a variety of different and engaging trips, experiences and visitors to enhance the children's learning. There will be some voluntary contributions required without which we cannot operate the experience. Please talk to your class teacher and/ or the co Headteachers if there is an issue.

Lara Furmidge and Geeta Verrell