



## The Governors' Newsletter Winter 2018

**Welcome** to the Winter Newsletter!

We hope you had a great Christmas break and wish you all a Happy New Year!

Aside from the usual functions and responsibilities, this Autumn our Governing Body has been focusing on the long-term sustainability of our school.

With a newly formed Governing Body, a new Head Teacher and team, we have been looking to the future and considering what we want for our school going forward.

Safeguarding children is paramount in a school and central to the school day and all decisions made on every level. Site security has been a concern and therefore with guidance from safeguarding leads at the Local Authority and surveyors at the Diocese we have applied for funding from the Diocese. This is for security improvements to the front gate area, school entrance and fencing and we are hopeful we be awarded this funding and progress with work as soon as possible. In the meantime, all staff continue to work to address the issues and keep children safe whilst on site.

As you know Mrs Ilic was appointed as Acting Head Teacher from September 2017. The Governing Body has now started the process to permanently appoint to this position. This is a robust process and the appointment is made based on the recommendation of the Local Authority, the Diocese of Salisbury and the Governing Body.

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The governing body members are:

**Barley Moss** (Local Authority) Chair, Chair of Strategic Committee

**Megan Campbell** (Parent) Vice Chair  
**Judy Munro** (Foundation) Chair of Business Committee  
**Vicky Hamilton** (Foundation) Chair of Standards Committee  
**Pauline Reid** (ex-officio)  
**Nic Ilic** (ex-officio)  
**Debbie Muir** (Staff)  
**Clair Chatwin** (Foundation)  
**Jessica Speller** (Foundation)  
**Katie Symonds** (Foundation)  
**Tim Grant** (Foundation)  
**James Newbery** (Parent)

All governors have a specific area of responsibility including curriculum areas, health & safety and compliance. All governors sit either on the Business or Standards Committee with all chairs sitting on the Strategic Committee in addition.

Governors attend training through the Local Authority and the Diocese as well as frequent updates from Governor Services to keep us up to date and informed. We also employ the services of a professional external clerk.

If you wish to contact any of the Governing Body, please do so via the school office or use the email [gov@crockerton.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:gov@crockerton.wilts.sch.uk)

### HELLOS & GOODBYES

In September we welcomed Mrs Ilic as Acting Head Teacher, though no stranger to the school, Mrs Ilic has got off to a flying start in her new role!

We also welcomed Miss Porch as class teacher for Weavers and Miss Sides for Thatchers. They have both settled in very quickly and are enjoying being part of our school.

At Christmas, we said goodbye to Mrs Priest. Mrs Priest had been at Crockerton School for many years, as Thatchers Class teacher, SENCO and Computing Lead. A huge thank you to Mrs Priest for her contribution to the school and we wish her a very happy retirement.

Welcome back to Mrs Kjaer. From January 2018 Mrs Kjaer will take on the SENCO role and assist with PPA (Planning Preparation & Assessment) cover.

Welcome back to Mrs Wolsey. Mrs Wolsey has been running the popular French club including such treats a chocolate dipped fruit and playing with puppies!

### WHAT'S NEW?

Staff are constantly reviewing the work they do and the way its delivered to make sure it suits the children and offers them the most benefit.

From small changes to larger ones, you might have noticed a few since September –

Clubs – there is a great range of clubs running after school, from yoga to knitting there is something for everyone and it's a great way for the children to try something new or enhance their knowledge further. For those who fancy a relax and play, there is also the daily Late Club. This now runs until 4.15pm and has proved very popular with parents and children.

School Houses – these are now further integrated into school life, houses compete weekly for house points and the winning house looks forward to their special treat, be it hot chocolate or play time up on the field. Children have also been enjoying House Worship, a chance for members of the same house to get together across all year groups.

Student Lead Initiatives – lunchtime student lead clubs have been extremely successful, from Top Trumps to Art – the children can choose. The Crockerton Active Play Squad (CAPS) have also been busy on the playground!

### THANK YOU

As always, the governing body would like to say a huge **thank you**.....

To all the **staff** – for all your hard work and dedication. For the teaching and for the trips, activities, clubs, matches & so much more.

Since September, the children have taken part in many enrichment activities. Sporting events have included Cross Country at both Stonar and Warminster Schools, Year 1/2 Football Festival, Year 5/6 entered Small Schools Football Tournament, some Year 3/4 children experienced Fencing for the first time. We also had our school Sports Day and Year 3 and less confident KS2 children have been swimming, where a marked difference in their confidence and ability has been achieved. Two classes have also had their weekly Springboards Gym sessions which is funded as part of our PE grant.

A selection of photos showing some of the numerous other activities are below;

#### British Legion Visit & Poppy Day



## Safety week



Of particular note is the Braeside trip, thank you to Mrs Ilic, Mrs Muir, Mrs Russell, Mrs Newbery & Miss Porch for giving the children a truly memorable trip, thoroughly enjoyed by all!



## Singing at Longbridge Deverill Nursing Home



To all the **children** – Thank you, this is your school and your hard work and enthusiasm means you make the most of your days at school. Our new Student Leaders and the Crockerton Active Play Squad (CAPS) have been extremely successful pupil lead initiatives.

## Foresters Engineering Festival trip



To the **Friends of Crockerton** – thank you for your work over the Autumn and a wonderful Christmas Bazaar with the ever-popular tombola and cake stall! The money you raise is so valuable for enabling children to get the best possible experiences at school.

To the **parents** – the support you give your children and the school help to make our school what it is. From keeping up with the fast pace of school life to cake baking and costume making, your help is greatly appreciated.

## CHRISTMAS

Finally, for this Newsletter we think Christmas deserves a mention!

As every year, Christmas is a fun time of year at Crockerton, which starts well before the rest of us have even thought of it, with rehearsals after half term!

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who worked so hard to bring us two great evenings of entertainment with the KS1 Nativity at Horningsham and the KS2 Carol Concert at Longbridge Deverill Church. It was great to see the children enjoying themselves so much and performing with such confidence – well done all!



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Thank you to all once again, wishing you all a very Happy New Year!