



Dear parents and carers,

Message from Mr. Partridge

I hope this Newsletter finds you well. As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this term. Your involvement and encouragement have played a crucial role in our children's successes, and we truly appreciate it.

I am delighted to report that our pupils have made remarkable progress this term. Their hard work and dedication have been evident in their achievements, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. It's heartening to see their enthusiasm for learning at Crocombe C of E Primary School, and we look forward to building on this strong foundation in the coming terms.

As you may know, we are still in the process of transitioning into The Wessex Learning Trust. This change continues to enhance the educational experience we provide, ensuring we all offer the highest quality of teaching and support for our pupils.

Additionally, staff development at Crocombe C of E Primary School has been a significant focus for us this term. We are continually working to enhance our skills and knowledge, enabling us to better cater to the diverse needs of our pupils. Mrs Massey-Sturgess and her team has engaged in various professional learning opportunities, and we are excited to bring new ideas and strategies into our classrooms.

Moreover, we are continuing the process of enhancing our curriculum to ensure it remains relevant and engaging for our pupils. We believe that a dynamic curriculum not only fosters a love for learning but also prepares our young learners for the challenges ahead. Your feedback will be invaluable as we continue this journey, so please do not hesitate to share your thoughts.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and dedication. We wish you all a restful and joyous break as we look forward to welcoming our pupils back in the spring term, eager to continue this exciting journey of learning together.

Mr Partridge Executive Headteacher

Message from Mrs. Massey-Sturgess

I would like to take this opportunity to echo Mr. Partridge's message and reflect that it has been an absolute privilege to become Head of School this term; leading a dedicated staff team who tirelessly strive to provide the very best learning experiences and outcomes for the wonderful children of Crocombe School.

It is always a pleasure to show visitors—such as the Wessex Learning Trust, prospective new parents and new staff—around our unique school, showcasing the wonderful learning taking place in both Daisies and Sunflowers classes, alongside the exemplary behaviour and attitudes of so many of the children.

I look forward to continuing to lead the school from strength to strength in the new year. In the meantime, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and a joyful festive season. **Mrs Massey-Sturgess Head of School**

Message from Mrs. Bloom

What a busy term it has been! The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and constantly surprise us with how well they support each other both in class and in the playground. Just this week, I witnessed a number of



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children in Sunflowers helping each other with the tricky task of sewing. There are only so many needles that the adults can thread and knots that they can tie so seeing the patience and consideration given to each other by the children was truly heartwarming. There are lots of other lovely things to look back on, including exciting trips out and visitors to the school, but a highlight for me was our recent Nativity. The children worked so hard to learn their lines and sing beautifully that the performance was a pleasure to be a part of and made a memorable end to a productive term. **Mrs Bloom (Senior Teacher)**

Christmas Nativity

Well done to all the children, what an amazing performance. Thank you to all the staff for supporting the children.



Christmas Lunches

The school hall was filled with festive cheer at lunchtime today as the children enjoyed their delicious Christmas lunch. All the staff joined in by helping to serve the meals before sitting down to share this special occasion with the children.

With the hall beautifully decorated, the atmosphere truly captured the magic of Christmas, and together we all let our light shine.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was absolutely lovely to see all the children coming in last Thursday wearing their Christmas jumpers. The school felt so festive with all the reds, greens, and sparkly colours brightening up the day!

We're delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised a total of £ for Save the Children.

Thank you so much for your support in making this event such a success!



Father Christmas

On Thursday, we had a very special visitor at school! The children were thrilled to see him and had so much fun asking questions about how he manages to travel around the entire world in just one night, delivering presents to all the boys and girls. He kindly gave each child a gift and assured them that they are all on his *nice* list!

A huge thank you to the FOCs for arranging this magical experience for the children.

Carol Service



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We hope you enjoyed the carol service as much as we did.

The children sang beautifully, and it was a true joy to hear their voices filling the church. It was wonderful to see so many of you join us for the service; your presence made it even more special.

Online Safety

As we approach the holiday season, we understand that children may spend more time online, and some may be fortunate enough to receive new devices as presents. While the digital world offers many opportunities for learning and fun, it can also pose risks such as bullying, exploitation, and, sadly, online abuse.

To help you navigate these challenges, we've provided links below to resources that can support you in understanding the risks associated with popular apps, their age restrictions, and how to have important conversations with your children if you have concerns.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[What is social media? | NSPCC](#)

[Get advice](#)

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe online. If you have any questions or need further advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Staff Updates

As you know, we will say a sad goodbye to Mrs. Malone at the end of this term. She has been a much loved member of our community. We are deeply grateful for her many contributions and wish her all the very best in the future. Thank you, Mrs. Malone, for everything you have done—you will be greatly missed! Filling the shoes of such a key member of staff is never easy, but we are pleased to say that we have successfully appointed Katrin Eve to join our team in January. Mrs Eve will mainly be based in Sunflowers class, with Mrs Longman moving to work largely in Daisies class from January.

Gymnastics

Mrs. Hill will be doing Gymnastics after school on a Tuesday evening in Term 3, if you would like your child to take part in Term 3, please apply for their place via ParentPay, this will run from Tuesday 7th January until Tuesday 11th February and will be £24.00. The session will finish at 4:15pm and parents will need to collect their child at this time, if you are going to be late then the child will also need to be booked into after school club to cover the last 15 minutes.

Office Updates

As part of our ongoing commitment to offer our school community the best possible service, we are reviewing our wraparound care. Please take a moment to complete this questionnaire so we can review our provision. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/PhYf80x5gY>



 **Term Dates**

December	
Monday 23 rd – Friday 3 rd January	School Holiday
January	
Monday 6 th	Inset Day
Tuesday 7 th	Start of Term 3
Wednesday 29 th	Chinese New Year (Snake)
February	
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	School Holiday
Monday 24 th	Start of Term 4

