



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 8

Term 2

November 1st, 2017

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a wonderful half term and have come back thoroughly rested and ready for the run up to Christmas. This is always a very busy but festive time of year. Mr Morton is well underway in class 5 and we welcome Mrs Steele as a

new teaching assistant into year 3. Finally, a huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Barlow! Henry Alexander was born on Thursday October 26th. I'm sure she will bring him in soon to visit.

Open Afternoon

A reminder if you were able to attend our open afternoon, please help us to continue developing our communication with parents by filling in the very short survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5LKWWRD>

Advent Calendars

We only have about 30 of 'The Real Advent Calendars' left! They are for sale in the office for £5 each. They are made by the Meaningful Chocolate Company and come with an illustrated copy of The Christmas Story to be told as you open each window. Come and purchase one for yourself or even as a present.

Ping Pong

We are still selling ping pong bats for children in KS2 if they would like their own. They are £5 each. Balls are also sold for 10p each.

Parent/Child Meetings

We hope the changes outlined in the letter sent home before the end of last term, regarding parent/child meetings, will make for better communication regarding your child's progress and learning journey. We are now offering 15 minute slots for parents at varying times of the day to suit everyone, during week commencing 13th November. Please fill in the time slot most convenient to you on our on-line booking system.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you then. Again, we encourage you to bring your child along where possible. Can we also remind you that if you ever would like to discuss your child's learning and progress with the class teacher you may book an appointment through Mrs Rance at any time.

Passwords for the booking system will be sent out to parents on Friday and we ask that you make your selection by Monday of next week. If you would prefer the office staff to book you in, please let us know. Thank you.

Poppies

Poppies and wristbands are for sale in the office if you would like to purchase any. Children will also be walking around in the mornings and breaktimes if children would like to bring in small donations. Please note that the wristbands are £2. Thank you.

What did you learn from the story *The Most Magnificent Thing*?

How have you demonstrated focus, bounce-back-ability and a new perspective?

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Monday: Run Club 8:00

Tuesday: Family Learning 9.30
Multi-skills to 4:15

Wednesday: Football to 4:15

Thursday: Basketball to 4:15
Choir to 4:00

Friday: No Clubs

THE ONLY PERSON YOU ARE DESTINED TO BECOME IS THE PERSON YOU DECIDE TO BE.

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Film Night

Don't forget film night after school tomorrow!

Don't Forget

Just a reminder about some events that are up and coming. Please join us for James Carter's parent and child fun session after school on Monday November 13th at 3:15 in year 3's classroom. Everyone is invited! Also, for all year 4, 5 and 6 parents and children, please join us for the Engage E-Safety session on Tuesday the 7th at 6:00. We look forward to seeing you there.

Family Learning at Crowmarsh

Keeping up with your Children

Maths starting on Tuesday 7th November at 9.30-11.30am for 5 weeks. Assisting Parents and Carers in helping your children to have that little bit of extra support, whilst having a greater understanding of your child's homework. Find out about our school approach to making Maths fun and interesting. All Welcome!

To register an interest and for further information please contact our Home School Link Worker,

Jackie Napier-Jones: T. 07375 457 512

Email. jnap5834@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Grandparents' Week

We would like to invite all grandparents back into school to join us for our annual grandparents' week during the week beginning November 20th. We hope as many as possible are able to join us. Grandparents are welcome to come to school from 2:00 on the afternoon that is dedicated to the house group your grandchildren are in. The dates are as follows:

At Crowmarsh we think developing children as leaders is vital. One of our key behavior principles is to 'Be A Leader'. Children can be chosen for various leadership roles in our school. We have House Leaders, Deputy House Leaders, Sport Leaders, Librarians, School Council, Eco Council, Playground Leaders, Gardeners, Worship Team Journalists and Learning Detectives. However, we focus on leadership skills (Oracy and debate being vital) with all of our children at Crowmarsh.

Victorians – Tuesday 21st
Edwardians – Wednesday 22nd
Tudors – Thursday 23rd
Georgians – Friday 24th
We look forward to seeing you then!

Dates for your Diary

Please check the dates list attached which has been updated with our Christmas events.

Christmas Card Orders

Please return all Christmas card orders to the school office by Thursday 9th November. Cheques should be made payable to Crowmarsh Gifford School PTA please.

School Council News

The school council would appreciate your support for their fundraising for Kidscape (anti-bullying) on Friday 8th December. Please wear something yellow and bring in £1 donation. Thank you.

Your headteacher Mrs Barton and the team at Crowmarsh Gifford CE Primary School.

Community News

We are happy to include community items when space permits but readers should be aware that events and activities advertised have not been researched by the school.

DANCE PERFORMANCE – calling all Junior aged children

An exciting opportunity to take part in a dance performance at St Mary's church, Wallingford on Sunday 3rd December with other children from the local schools.

This is happening during St Mary's 'celebration of light' festival.

1st rehearsal this Sunday 4-5pm at St Mary's.

No experience needed just a desire to dance and lot of energy.

For more information please contact Rhonda Sparrey on stmarychildren2@gmail.com

Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra

Will be performing a Funomusic Family Concert, 'Pirates, Ahoy' on Sunday 12 November at Oxford Town Hall, starting at 3.00pm. Most suitable for ages 4 – 8. Tickets are £10 for adults and £4 for children. Tel: 01865 980 980 or see oxfordphil.com.

Santa Dash

Style Acre are organizing a Wallingford Santa Dash on Sunday 3rd December, starting at 11.30 am at Wallingford School. 3K walk or run. Sign up at www.styleacre.org.uk or call 01491 827 593. Runners will finish in time for the town's Christmas Shopping Extravaganza, which opens at 12 noon.

The team at Style Acre Tea Room invites you to a day of Christmas celebration on 9th December at Savages, London Road, Blewbury OX11 9HB.

There will be entertainment from the Blewbury Brass Band from 11.00 – 12.00 and at 12.00 Santa arrives to meet and give gifts to children (no charge).