



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 6

Term 1

October 12th, 2017

School Routines

Now that the school year is well underway, children are settling in very well to the day to day routines. Please can we remind all parents that children should be in their class groups on the playground by 8:40 in the morning. If your child is not in the playground on time, you must bring them through the front door as class teachers will close and lock all external doors as they come in. For safeguarding reasons, teachers are unable to open the doors once they are closed in the mornings. Also, we must remind parents that they are not to come into the school if your children are late, they must be handed over in the office and allowed to walk through to their classrooms. Please remember that you do not have to wait in line in the office to see Mrs Rance if you are handing in a form, paying dinner money, etc. All forms can be posted in our letterbox

on the main gate, or put into our metal letter box by our green seats in the office area. If you are waiting for Mrs Rance, please can we remind you that only a member of staff can open the front door – you must not open the door for any visitors, parents, etc. This is for safeguarding reasons and must be adhered to please. Finally, at the end of the day staff have noticed many children playing on the field and playing on our play equipment. Please can you help us, by reminding your children that when they are dismissed from school, they are not to be on the field or any equipment. The safeguarding of your children is a key concern for us here at Crowmarsh. Please help us by following these procedures. Thank you.

Open Afternoon

Please come along to our first Open Afternoon on Wednesday October 18th from 3:15 and allow your children to share their learning with you. The session will last until 5:00. Please also note that year 1 and year 3 will have their open afternoon on Tuesday the 17th from 3:15 until 5:00. Teachers will be available during the session for any questions.

Christmas Reading Morning

Thank you to all of the parents and children who joined us for our reading morning today. Please make a note of Wednesday December 13th at 8:00 in the hall for our Christmas Reading Morning. Coffee and pastries included! We hope you are able to come and enjoy a story with your child(ren) before school starts.

Autumn Disco

Don't forget to join us for the Autumn disco next Thursday evening. Reception and KS1 starts at 5:30 and KS2 begins at 6:30.

Engage E-Safety

We hope all year 4, 5 and 6 parents and children can come to our e-safety session on Tuesday November 7th. Please see the flyer attached.

What have you learnt about school in South Africa? What questions do you still have for our visitors?

The Week Ahead...



Monday: Run Club 8:00

Tuesday: Multi-skills to 4:15

Wednesday: Football to 4:15

Thursday: Family Learning 9:30

Basketball to 4:15

Choir to 4:00

Disco 5:30 for KS1

Disco 6:30 for KS2

Friday: No Clubs

RISE UP
AND BE THE BEST
YOU CAN BE
BECAUSE
YOUR
WORLD IS
WAITING FOR YOU.

Ping Pong

We will be 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.

Family Learning at Crowmarsh

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From Thursday 21st Sept 9.15-11.15am for 5 weeks.

Family Learning is a way of helping parents and carers to support their children's learning and development and to understand why this is so important. The tutors understand the parental difficulties around learning and that sometimes a little bit of support is all that is needed. The first course to run will be **Keeping up with Children English**; How to help your child with reading and spelling, understand or re-cap on phonics and other useful learning.

It's not too late! Come along and have fun learning, Coffee and Cake will be available in the school hall from drop off for all those interested.

Next Term we have Keeping up with your Children Maths

starting on Tuesday 7th November at 9.30-11.30am where you can find out about our school approach to making Maths fun and interesting.

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

At Crowmarsh Gifford Primary, we strive to create mathematicians who enjoy maths and are excited by the challenge that mathematics brings. In lessons across school, all learners are asked to 'prove' their reasoning or to explain 'how' they got to their final answer. This is why in many maths books you will now see written, reasoned responses rather than just numbers. In class you will hear teachers say, "The answer is just the beginning...." Math's learning is about deepening children's understanding of core concepts while developing reasoning, fluency and problem solving skills.

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

Pupil Premium-Important!

A reminder that the government makes extra grants available to support some pupils: service children, those adopted from care and those entitled to free school meals due to a low level of family income. On the last point please note that this entitlement is separate from the "Universal Infant Free School Meals", so, even though all pupils up to Year 2 are offered a free meal, it may be in your interests to make a specific application for

free school meals in order to secure the Pupil Premium. Under current government policy, once secured it remains in place for six years, although a subsequent application could extend that period. Details about the entitlement to Free School Meals is found here:

[Dihttps://www.gov.uk/apply-freeschool-meals](https://www.gov.uk/apply-freeschool-meals) and more generally on the Pupil Premium here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2016-to-2017/pupil-premium-2016-to-2017-conditions-of-grant>

Royal Air Force Parents and Families

You are invited to the Grand Opening of Crowmarsh Garden on Wednesday 1st November at 2.00pm with Special Guests.

Come along for refreshments and plant some bulbs in celebration of all the planning our RAFTers have been doing in setting up a regular Gardening Club at school. We believe it's a fantastic way of providing open

access to gardening, inspiring children to learn new skills, eat healthily and make a positive contribution to their environment. It is hoped the children will engage in projects and activities to help keep the garden flourishing in all seasons throughout the year.

Care for the Family

A great resource for advice and support around all things to do with Family Life. A lot of things happen in a school day that your child may be bubbling over to tell you and whether you've had a hard day at work or been doing all the important tasks to make the home run smoothly, it can be difficult to listen to their woes. There is a section on how to support our children emotionally which is well worth a look <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/understanding-your-childs-emotions>

School Meals Next Week

At the time of writing we have not received the menu for next week. We hope to send it out tomorrow so please look out for it then in case there are any amendments.

We are expecting to receive very soon, details of the menus for after half term and will send these as soon as they are available.

PTA News

Autumn Disco

The PTA will be running an Autumn Disco for pupils on Thursday 19th October, price £3 each, timings as follows:

5.30 – 6.30 KS1 (Class R must be accompanied)

6.30 – 8.00 KS2

Drink and crisps provided. Glow sticks will be available for purchase at the door. Please complete the attached slip and return it to the school office if your child would like to attend.

Bag2School Collection

Crowmarsh School are organising another clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA on Thursday 30th November 2017. Bags will be sent home with your child during week commencing 6th November. Please start sorting now. Any questions, please contact Sarah Lowe (child in Years 2 and 5). Email: slowe@cabi.org.

Film Club is back!

Date: Friday 3rd November

Time: 3.30 – 5.00pm

Cost: £3

Look out for a permission slip in next week's newsletter.

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