



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 5

Term 1

October 5th, 2017

Ofsted

As you are all aware we had Ofsted into school yesterday to visit. We wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who took the time to come and speak with the inspector face to face and for giving your feedback on Parent View. You have been so incredibly supportive and we are very lucky to have such a fantastic community of parents. You should know as well that the staff here are truly fantastic – every day making our school what it is – a team in the real sense of the word. A huge thank you as well to governors for

their challenge and support they consistently provide to help drive our school forwards. Finally, your children, who you entrust to us every day, were, as usual, phenomenal with impeccable manners and conduct which did not go unnoticed – you should be very proud. At the moment we cannot provide you with any further details of the inspection until the final report is published, so we hope to be able to update you on this very soon.

Open Afternoon

As a result of parent feedback from last year's parent survey, we are approaching parent evenings and communication regarding your children's learning and progress in a new way. As part of this, open afternoons will be until 5:00 at the end of every term. Your children will have a set list of questions, for you to discuss while looking through their learning in books. 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. Teachers will be available during the session for any questions. More information regarding further changes to our process will be with you shortly.

Coffee Morning **CHANGE!**

Don't forget to join us on Monday October 9th at 8:45 in the hall for our first coffee morning. Come and meet other parents and have a chat about how the first few weeks of school have been going. We hope you are able to make it and look forward to seeing you there.

Masekane

Next week we are excited to be welcoming educators and leaders from South African schools to share best practice with us. They will be in school all week so please help us give them a huge Crowmarsh welcome.

School Photos!

Don't forget that your children will be having their school photos taken tomorrow!

Parent Help

Would any parent(s) be willing to help next week by helping to plant some new flowers with our children? If you are, please get in touch with Mrs Rance.

What is your favourite thing about Crowmarsh? What makes you happy about coming to school?

The Week Ahead...

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Monday: Coffee Morning

Tuesday: Multi-skills to 4:15

Wednesday: Football to 4:15

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

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PAT RILEY

Dates for the Diary

Please note the dates for the diary at the end of this newsletter. New Christmas dates have been added so please update your calendars. The school website will also be updated with new dates on a regular basis.

Family Learning at Crowmarsh

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 in 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. 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

Have you ever read our feedback policy? Did you know that our school has been thoroughly researching the impact of verbal feedback on learning? Over the past couple of years we have recognised the difference that quality verbal feedback has on learning. This means that in books, you will not see lots of teacher marking or any! However, you will see the impact on children's learning and progress in their books as they continue to put effort into applying their next steps and targets.

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!

Autumn Reading Morning

Join us for our first reading morning on Thursday October 12th. From 8:00 until 8:40, children and their families are welcome to join us in our hall to share Autumn stories over a cup of coffee. Look forward to seeing you there.

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:

<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>

Governing Body News

As many parents will know, Mrs Laura Millbourn has stood down as a parent governor after five years' dedicated service to the school. We are very grateful to her and to Mrs Sarah Lowe, who has now completed her term of office as a Foundation Governor, for all their hard work over the past few years. We had one nomination for our parent governor vacancy and are pleased to announce that Mrs Jo Morton has therefore been elected. Mrs Morton has provided the following information about her background and interest in becoming a governor.

'I am nominating myself for a role as parent governor to support the school and make use of some of my transferable skills. I believe I can bring financial, commercial and people skills to the governors' committee, which I have developed during my commercial career (primarily at AC Nielsen). With my son just starting in reception this year, it seems like a perfect time to get involved.'

School Meals

Apologies to any of our KS2 pupils who did not have a full school meal yesterday as we ran short of roast beef. If you could bear with us until after half term, our arrangements will soon be running smoothly again.

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 and see attached document for accepted items. Any questions, please contact Sarah Lowe (child in Years 2 and 5). Email: slowe@cabi.org.

Energy Kidz

Our Breakfast and After School Club was inspected by Ofsted recently and you will find the inspector's report attached. The provision was rated as good overall. Congratulations to all staff.

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

PTA DISCO ON THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER

5.30 – 6.30 (KS1) Class R must be accompanied

6.30 – 8.00 (KS2)

Name of Child Class

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I am happy for my child(ren) to attend the disco and enclose £3 per child (Cash or cheque payable to Crowmarsh School PTA)

Signature of Parent

