



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 2

Term 1

September 14th, 2017

Character

Yesterday was Character Day and we looked at all the different character traits that are our strengths and those that we needed to further develop. Children talked about resilience, bravery, courage, humour, integrity and many others. Children

were tasked with thinking about the key traits they exude and those that they need to develop. Think about the question this week – look up the 'Periodic Table of Character Strengths' and see what you think.

Class and Curriculum Information

Don't forget that we will be holding class and curriculum information sharing sessions on Wednesday 20th right after school in your child's classrooms at 3:15. If you are unable to attend, we will ensure any handouts are given to your child. These sessions aim to provide you with all the key information about your child's new year group and we encourage you to attend. It is also a chance for you to meet the other parents if you are new to our school.

Coffee Morning

For the past few years we have welcomed new parents in for a first day of school gathering. This year, our coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 4th October at 8:45 in the hall. Come and meet our 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.

Morning Routine

Please can we remind parents that the classroom doors close at 8:40. If your child arrives later than this, please have them come through the front door. Also, may we remind you that parents must not come into classrooms or corridors unless they have a visitor badge on and sign in. Please understand that the safeguarding of our children is our priority at all times. Thank you.

Family Links

Family Learning is coming to Crowmarsh on Thursday 21st Sept 9.15-11.15am. 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's English; How to help your child with reading and spelling, understand or re-cap on phonics and other useful learning. It is starting on Thursday 21st September, 9.15-11.15am and will run for 5 weeks. 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

What character traits are your strength? Which ones would you like to develop?

The Week Ahead...

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Monday : No Clubs

Tuesday: Multiskills to 4:15

Wednesday: Football to 4:15

Thursday: Basketball to 4:15

Choir to 4.00pm

Friday: No Clubs

"THE TRUE CHARACTER OF A MAN IS NOT DEFINED BY WHAT HE DOES IN FRONT OF A CROWD BUT INSTEAD BY WHAT HE DOES WHEN NO ONE ELSE IS AROUND."

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

Brass Lessons!

Three of Crowmarsh's finest took up the challenge of starting brass instrument lessons this week with Mr Barlow. After an anxious start, all of the beginners made a fantastic sound and by the end of the lesson they were all buzzing to get going.

If you would like to learn more or start up a brass instrument yourself, please visit brassinclass.com for more details.

Dates for the Diary

Please note the dates for the diary at the end of this newsletter. New dates will be added regularly.

Local Offer

Where to go to find out what's available locally for children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities and their families.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer.

More information is on our website under our Key Information Tab and then SEN.

School Money

Our School Money payment system is being updated and parents should be able to order and pay for school meals on-line if they wish, from next week. Log-in details will be sent to parents of pupils in all years as the system may also be used to order and pay for school uniform. Please note that it is not possible to pay for school meals already taken so any money outstanding will still need to be paid for by cheque payable to OCC or by cash please. If you do not receive log-in details in the next few days, please check that the school office has the correct contact details for you.

In response to parent views, we will now continue to hold our open afternoons on the last Wednesday of every small term, however we will keep classrooms open until 5:00 to allow children quality time to discuss their learning with their parents and give parents a chance to 'touch-base' with the class teacher.

School Newsletter

The school newsletter is usually sent to parents by email but we do have a list of parents who need a printed copy. If this applies to you, please let the school office know. If you are expecting an emailed copy and do not receive one, please contact the school office to check that we have the correct details for you.

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Let's change lives with every slice at Mulberry Cottage, 69 The Street, Crowmarsh 10.30am on Friday 29th September. Contact Jo on 07775 943574.

Boys' Brigade & Girls Association

The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association currently has a number of places available for those in Years 1 – 4. They meet on Tuesdays from 6 – 7.15pm at Cholsey Free Church, Honey Lane or Wednesdays 6 – 7pm at St Leonard's Square, Wallingford. For further details contact Nev Keating on 01491 652602 or 07851 206344.

Church Services at St Mary Magdalene,

Crowmarsh, which may be of particular interest to families are:

Sunday 24th Sept at 11.00am
Family Communion
Sunday 1st October at 11.00am
Family Service.
Friday 13th October at 7.00pm
Quiz 'n' Chips

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