



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 1

Term 1

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## Welcome Back!

We are very excited to welcome you all back for a brand new term and new academic year. We have had a fantastic first day and the children have come back eager and enthusiastic for learning. This truly is going to be a phenomenal year. We know that some of you have tried to access our website over the last few weeks and we apologise as it was down while we made some updates to it. However, the website is now live and running and new updates are being added daily. If there is any information that you feel would be useful to have on our website that currently is not there, we would love the feedback.

As you may have noticed we have had some remedial work done on our roof both in KS1 and KS2. Following roofing issues observed during a routine 5 year Condition Survey Inspection a separate structural inspection was commissioned by OCC to report into the issues identified within the Condition Survey.

This structural inspection was completed by Capita on 11th November 2016 and identified structural issues to two separate areas around the school.

### **Class and Curriculum Information**

All curriculum newsletters, timetables and topic plans will be on the class pages on our school website by next Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding class and curriculum information sharing sessions on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

The structural report and a subsequent structural inspection recommended some initial works to be completed in the short term to Area 1 and Area 2 which began over the summer holidays. Further work to KS2 will take place during the October half term and then the project will be finalised during summer of 2018. The works are scheduled to ensure limited disruption to the school and we look forward to completion next year!

We welcome many new faces to school and we hope that you help us to welcome them and make them feel at home.

We continue to search for a year 5 teacher, but thank Mrs Barlow for stepping in until her maternity leave begins. We will keep you informed.

Finally, we hope you help us congratulate Cook Emma on tackling a more challenging role nearer home. We will miss her greatly, but wish her all the best in her new endeavours. She promises she will be back to visit! Please be assured that Cook Paul is filling in temporarily until we fill the vacancy.

## What 3 Challenges will you set for yourself this year?

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**

**Friday: No Clubs**



## **Prayer Spaces**

Our school is very excited to welcome a Prayer Space into school during the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>. The children loved the experience of the Prayer Space here in our school last year and hope that this year will be even better. Many schools in Oxfordshire including Wallingford Secondary and Benson CE Primary, have benefitted from having this as a yearly event that takes place in their schools. If you are interested in helping with our Prayer Space or finding out more about it, please see Mrs Barton.

## **The Hobbit**

We are very excited to welcome M&M productions (same company who performed Dick Whittington and Alice in Wonderland) into school on Monday the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> of September to perform The Hobbit. A huge thanks to the PTA who fund this experience for the children each year.

## **Harvest**

Our Harvest Festival, as usual, will be taking place at the end of September in school (date to be confirmed soon). As in previous years, please can we ask children to begin bringing in donations of food items such as cereals, tinned foods, etc, to be sent out in packages to local community members. If you bring in fresh produce, please can we ask that you bring this in the final week of Harvest. Thank you. Due to space restrictions in the hall we are unable to invite parents for this event. But please look out for pictures on Twitter!

## **Dates for the Diary**

Please note the dates for the diary at the end of this newsletter. New dates will be added each week so please keep an eye on it! Sport's Day and other dates are already on there, so book the time off work now! We will be

**Children have until next Wednesday to return and complete all of the summer challenges. Teachers will recognise these children next week in their classrooms.**

adding our Christmas dates shortly.

Please also note that many community notices are on the outdoor boards – so please refer to them for some of the events happening in the community.

## **Safeguarding**

A reminder that we require you to attend our Generalist Safeguarding Training in school before you come in to volunteer. This is a briefing on safeguarding procedures and things to be aware of. You will be given a certificate that will cover you for three years. In addition to this, you must have a DBS check carried out by Mrs Rance as well as sign to say that you have read our updated Safeguarding Policy. Even if you have been on our training and have a DBS check, you will be required to read and sign to say that you understand our new Safeguarding Policy that can be found on our school website.

I will be releasing dates of Generalist Safeguarding Training shortly.

## **Leadership Positions**

Over the next week, teachers will be talking to children about the various leadership positions children can apply for. Positions vary from school council, eco-council, librarians, house leaders, etc. Many of the positions are reserved for year 5 and 6, however, eco-council and school council are positions that children can be given from year 1. Any child who wishes to apply will need to stand in class and explain why they would like to be in the position they are applying

for and what they think they can bring to the school while in that position. We encourage all children to apply and this year the teachers will decide on who will take these positions rather than having a class vote. Decisions will be based on what children say and how well they can convince their teachers that they will make a positive contribution to the school. Oracy continues to be a key focus for and we want to help develop all pupils to become confident and persuasive speakers. We take pupil voice very seriously; therefore we will be seeking children ready to bring forward new ideas.

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

