



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 4

Term 3

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

## Don't Forget to say Thank You!

This week there is another quick pitch for the annual Teaching Awards. The Teaching Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding work of exceptional teachers across the UK. Finalists are selected by a panel of judges for a Silver Teaching Award, which are announced on 'Thank a Teacher' day each year. All Silver Award winners are then considered for a Gold Award. These are announced at the glittering Pearson Teaching Awards UK Ceremony, which will take place in London in October 2018 and will be filmed and broadcast on BBC2. Please visit: <http://teachingawards.com/thank-a-teacher/> We know an amazing teacher makes all the difference at school. A thank you card shows how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication. Say "thank you" to an amazing teacher and we (Pearson)

will send them a lovely card through the post, with your personal message, for free. Anyone can send a card; children, students, parents, grandparents and colleagues can all say thank you to a teacher, teaching assistant, or team. Every "thank you" received before Friday 9th March becomes a nomination for a 2018 national Teaching Award, and they are all sent to the headteacher, deputy or principal for further endorsement. (From Pearson Teaching Awards Website) All staff can be nominated – so take a moment to say thank you for our truly phenomenal team!

## Don't Miss It!

Don't forget to come and hear Steve Lomax discuss effective teaching of maths at Crowmarsh. Come and further understand how to support your children at home with our calculation policy and other strategies you can try. Come along on Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m in the hall. You don't want to miss it! Steve Lomax will ensure he answers any questions that you have.

## Valentines Reading Morning

Don't forget our next reading morning on Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m in the hall. Come and join your children reading with coffee and cakes!

## Piano Lessons

If you have let us know that your child may be interested in piano lessons, we will be giving you further information next week. If you have a child who is interested in piano lessons during the school day, please let Mrs Rance know in the school office.

## Open Afternoon

Thank you to those parents who took the time to attend our long open afternoon yesterday evening. We hope you had a chance to talk to your children about their learning and ask the class teacher any questions that you had. We hope that these events are giving you a better insight into

What was the last book you read? What book are you reading now? What is your favourite thing about reading?

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Monday: Run Club 8:00

Tuesday: Multi-skills to 4:15

Wednesday: Football to 4:15

Thursday:

Basketball to 4:15

Choir to 4:00

Friday: No Clubs



the progress your children are making and providing you with more opportunities to see the teacher and see the learning that the children have been doing.

### **Sports News**

Last week a team of Year 3 boys went to Cranford House School for a friendly football match. The boys played exceptionally well and dominated the game, running out seven nil winners. They showed a maturity beyond their years to keep firm discipline and positional awareness. A very impressive performance!

### **PTA News**

The Key Stage 2 disco does not currently have enough parent helpers for it to take place. If you can lend a hand serving drinks/snacks and tidying up at the end, please let the school office know as soon as possible so we do not have to reschedule the event.

Tabletop Sale – there are two tables left for the sale on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like a table please see the school office, it will be the perfect time for a spring clean! (household goods, toys, clothes). There will be a refreshments table on the day and we would be very grateful for any cake donations (we only need 5) as well as a couple of hands on the day to help with selling both the refreshments and the items on the school's own table.

We apologise for the delay in this term's PTA meeting, one will be scheduled soon.

Did you know that last week we had a visit from Shirley Clarke? Most everyone in education has heard of Shirley Clarke. In fact, induction reading for all new teachers into Crowmarsh, includes two of Shirley Clarke's books among others. She asked to visit our school because she wanted to see our assessment and feedback approach in action. It was a huge honour to welcome her into our school. She will be writing about our approach in a new book she is co-authoring with John Hattie, that is due to come out in the summer. This is a remarkable endorsement of what we are doing as a school. We have a truly dynamic team at Crowmarsh – they always put your children at the heart of every decision they make.

### **Governors' Email**

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at [1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk)

### **Church News**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 11am  
Family Service at St Mary  
Magdalene.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at the  
Village Hall 10 – 12 noon.  
Crowmarsh Community Café

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11am  
Mothering Sunday Family  
Communion at St Mary  
Magdalene

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Brightwell  
10.15 am Palm Sunday  
Procession (with donkey) from St.  
Agatha's to St James'.

