



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 2

Term 6

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## Staffing Updates

As many of you already know, Mr Hannigan will be retiring after the October half term and Mrs Rance will no longer be the first person you see in the office. Fortunately however, we will still have Mrs Rance in school each week doing our finances and managing our budget and Mr Hannigan will still sit on the school's governing body. Even though we have known this time was coming for a while, it does not make it any easier. For a very long time (over 25 years!), Mrs Rance has been the 'face' of the school – greeting visitors and always being the 'calm' in the storm on those hectic early mornings. Mr Hannigan has been a constant – here every morning and every evening, always supporting our busy school weekends – usually the first person who greets you on the road in the morning as you walk into school. We obviously will not let them leave their current posts without a great big to-do, so please keep an eye on this space.

## Reading Morning

Please don't forget to come to our final reading morning of the year on Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. If the weather is nice, we may be able to hold it on the field to accommodate even more people. Coffee and cakes to start your day! Hope you and your families can make it.

If you wish to opt-out of receiving the school newsletter, please contact Mrs Rance in the school office.

## PE Uniform-A Reminder

As children are participating in sports more often than just their PE lessons, please can we ask that you ensure children always have their PE kit in school? Some children are having to miss out on sport challenges throughout the week as they don't have the right footwear or clothing. Thank you.

## Crowmarsh Young Carers

Below are details of a good website for young people in general including information on who a Young Carer is and how they can help their family. A fun video about being a Young Carer that's worth watching. If you require any further information about Crowmarsh Young Carers please contact Jackie Napier-Jones, email [jnap5834@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:jnap5834@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk).

<http://oxme.info/cms/life/are-you-young-carer>

## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our meeting on Tuesday evening. We were able to begin to plan ahead for the coming academic year in terms of fund raising events we would like to organise and we voted on what we will be putting money towards next academic year. Full details will be included in the minutes of

What small goals can you set for yourself that will help you achieve your bigger dream? Have you investigated what things you need to do to get where you want to go?

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Tuesday: Football Club 1+2

Wednesday: Multiskills 1+ 2

Thursday: Football Club 4, 5+6  
Basketball  
Choir

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT,  
YOU CAN DO IT.

WALT DISNEY

Your tango

the meeting which will be available next week on the school website and in the school office. However we would like to let you all know of the fantastic figures in from Summer fete and Thames Run. A huge £2,742 was raised at the Fete and a further £3,269 has been donated by the Thames Run committee. So a massive thank you to both groups of people who were responsible for putting these events on. A summary of this year's raised funds and expenditure will be included in our PTA newsletter which will be out in July.

#### New Committee Members

Thank you to Mel Cornut for joining the PTA committee as Treasurer and to Sarah Lowe who will be assisting her in the role. We are grateful for their time and expertise in helping manage the PTA finances smoothly.

#### Bouncy Castle hire.

We are very fortunate to own our own Bouncy Castle and it is available for hire to families in the school for a £40 fee, with all profits coming back to the PTA. So if you are planning a party with children any time soon and would like to hire from the PTA please email us (1pta6000@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk ) or contact me, Flick Hermsen on 07765007972 to arrange a booking.

#### School Camp Out

Many thanks to all those who have returned their attendance slips; there is still time to get your slips in if you would like to join us. Setting up your tents can begin straight after school pick up (although you can come along later). There will be fun activities to take part in throughout the camp, which include grid reference challenge, family rounders, tent pitching race and much more! More information to follow closer to the event.

#### Vacancy for a School Caretaker

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, skilled and dedicated person to take on the role of caretaker within the school. The successful candidate will be reliable, flexible and trustworthy, able to work on their own initiative and as part of a team. This is a permanent post, required from September.

25 hours per week all year round.  
Grade 4 Point 11 (£8.82 per hour) £17,007 pro rata (actual £11,466)  
Split shift 6.00 – 8.45am and 3.45 – 6.00pm Monday to Friday (may be flexible)

Some additional hours may be required for school events outside of contracted hours for which overtime will be paid, including unlocking/locking the school for agreed evening lettings.

The role involves:

- Responsibility for opening and locking the school and site security
- Ability to carry out minor repairs and general maintenance
- General cleaning and supervision of our assistant cleaner
- Supervision of car park entrance at morning drop off
- Operation of site services, including central heating
- Ensure that pathways are kept clean and free of litter and that they are gritted when required during wintry conditions.
- Carrying out relocation of furniture and equipment as required.
- Undertaking regular site inspections to ensure health and safety regulations are complied with and keeping the necessary records.

Please ask at the school office for a job description and application form if you or someone you know would like to apply. Deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

#### **Church News**

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June there will be a Family Communion service starting at 11am at St Mary Magdalene Church.

#### **Clean Air Campaign**

A recent talk in Wallingford has highlighted the negative health effects of air pollution in the town. Sadly 1 in 20 deaths in Oxfordshire are attributable to particulate air pollution (Public Health England). Children are particularly at risk as they have smaller lungs and breathe more rapidly.

Due to the traffic in Wallingford we have emission levels that exceed the permitted limits. We can all do our bit to try to improve air quality, for example:

- instead of 'passing through' Wallingford try to use the bypass;
- switch off your engines at the traffic lights or when waiting, especially outside school - no idling (Modern cars can still provide heat in winter for up to 30 minutes if the ignition is left on);
- wherever possible walk, cycle or take the bus for local journeys and the train for longer journeys;
- support clean air day on 21 June.

Please see [www.sustainablewallingford.org](http://www.sustainablewallingford.org) or [friendsoftheearth.uk/group/oxford/1602](http://friendsoftheearth.uk/group/oxford/1602) for more information.

## **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.**

Wallingford Festival of Cycling  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

"A special addition to this year's Wallingford Festival of Cycling will be the Festival Cycling Show at the Corn Exchange on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Come and hear the stories of cycling journeys across continents told by adventurers, Sarah Outen MBE and members of 'The Adventure Syndicate' – a group of top female cyclists who aim to inspire, encourage and enable others to challenge what they think they are capable of.

Watch a wonderful short film 'Divided', capturing the journey of two cyclists attempting to win the longest–arguably most challenging–mountain bike time trial on the planet, a self-supported race from Canada to Mexico, called The Tour Divide.

There will also be giveaways and competitions, clips and tricks, interviews and more. All you need is an interest in cycling to enjoy this show for all ages and abilities.

COST: £8 adults and £5 for children"

## Didcot Girls' School Primary School Tours

In advance of their Open Evening on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Didcot Girls' School will be offering parents of girls in Year 5 the opportunity to have a tour of the school on any of the following dates:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 9.15 – 11.00am

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9.15 – 11.00am

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 9.15 – 11.00am.

To book a place email [schooltours@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:schooltours@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk)

Further details about transition arrangements are available on the school website at

<http://www.didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk/329/applications-transition>.

## The Elms Sport in Schools

Multi-Sports Camps are being held at Woodcote Primary School for children aged 4 – 12 years during the summer holidays on the following dates:

30<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Book online at [elmsholidaycamps.co.uk](http://elmsholidaycamps.co.uk) or telephone 020 8954 8787.

Early booking discounts available.