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Week 7

Term 6

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End to Another Year...

We have come to the end of another fantastic year and already have begun to look forward to new beginnings in September.

I would like to end the year by thanking our amazing children, they are the reason we are here. Also, to our incredible team of dedicated staff who truly put the children at the centre of everything that they do. Our team is phenomenal – and finally a massive thank you to our parents - I am absolutely honoured to be your headteacher and cannot thank you enough for your continuous support of all that we do.

KS1 Building Works

This is to inform you that over the summer it is anticipated that Capita will come and complete the roofing work that was started last summer. Due to this, both year 1 and year 2 classes will be in temporary accommodation when they return in September. Due to this, we will need all year 1 and 2 children to line up in the key stage 2 playgrounds in the mornings (this is where the temporary classrooms will be placed). If all the work is kept to schedule, we expect that we will back in our normal classrooms at the end of October. When everything is completed year 1 and 2 will have brand new classrooms, freshly painted, carpeted and rebuilt.

Summer Reading Challenge

You will have received a summer reading challenge during your

transition morning with your new teacher. As part of this, we are encouraging you to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge with the local library. Bringing in both evidence of reading and practice of your tables ready for Mrs Barton's Multiplication Challenge, will result in a reward at the start of September, so keep your brains fired up!

Parent Survey

Like we do at the end of every year, we ask that you spend a few minutes filling in the end of year parent survey. Your feedback is very important to us and we use this information as we plan forwards into the future. Thank you in advance.

Child 1:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7JYSPSB>

Child 2:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7THDRLH>

Child 3:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7MV8N2L>

Staffing Changes

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Hallam will be the new face in the office that you see every morning. Mrs Rance will be giving a full handover in September. We cannot thank Mrs Rance enough for all the years she has dedicated to our school. We are so happy she will continue in her finance role in school. Thank you so much for all that you do, Mrs Rance and welcome to the front office Mrs Hallam.

What changes will you make for September?

What do you need to do to become even better?

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Term Starts Back on Thursday September 6th 2018. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy every moment of it.

The greatest legacy we can leave our children is happy memories.



End of Year Results

Attached to this newsletter are our latest school-wide results. We are very proud of our year 6 cohort and their individual successes. A dip in this year's end of year 6 results was expected. Also a point to note is that this data includes children who did not sit the SATS but who are still counted towards our overall SATS scores.

Across the school in other areas, results remain strong. As always, our key priorities will focus on areas we had already identified throughout the year. Moving on into September, we are very excited about our dynamic and committed team of teaching staff. Our teaching and learning team has never been stronger. One of the key strengths of our school is our ability to evaluate and constantly improve what we do, to ensure the best for all children involved. We are looking forward to what the next academic year brings!

PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA for funding Mrs Bun the Baker this year. As the children enjoyed the cooking sessions so much, Mrs Hewer and Mrs Garland will be working together to keep cooking going throughout the school. As part of this, they will be bringing in much more of the 'real life' aspects of the curriculum incorporating maths and English into the lessons. Lots to look forward to!

Music and Poetry Summer Performance.

A huge thank you to Miss Zimmerman for organising our final Music and Poetry evening of the year. We had several families from the community come and watch the performances and the feedback has been amazing. We truly have such talented children here at Crowmarsh and it is wonderful to give them their opportunity to shine.

Pearson 'Thank a Teacher'

A final push for taking the time to 'Thank a Teacher'. Why don't you take a moment at the end of this year to show our staff how much you appreciate them? Send them a personalised card in the post to show them how much you care! If you go here: <http://teachingawards.com/thankateachercard/> - or just type into Google – 'Pearson Thank A Teacher', and fill in the details, a special Thank You Card is sent directly through the post to the person you want to thank. It's a wonderful way to show your appreciation throughout the year.

Linguascope

Please encourage your son or daughter to practise the French they have been learning by using Linguascope, for which the school has a subscription. The site is linguascope.com. The username is 'crowmarsh' Password: 'pomme'.

Lunches next term

Attached is a lunch order form for the first two weeks of next term. Please order as soon as possible and by the start of next term at the latest. Also attached is our three-week rolling programme of lunches for the autumn term. Please note that on-line payment will not be possible until the start of next term.

Guitar Tuition

Manuela Weikert has vacancies for pupils wishing to take guitar lessons.



Should your son/daughter be interested in learning to play guitar, please contact

Manu Weikert on 01491 833715 or manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk Lessons are held in school time.

Parents and Carers Free Kidscape Anti Bullying Workshops.

We are delighted that Kidscape are offering workshops for children, their parents and carers on the 9th October and 6th November.

These workshops aim to teach practical assertiveness skills so that children are able to deal with bullying situations effectively. Other objectives include bullying awareness, building confidence and self-esteem. The workshops are held during school time, so you will need to gain permission for children to attend. The sessions will take place at Exeter Hall, Kidlington with the session for 9-11's and their parents and carers taking place on 9 October. The session for 11-16's is taking place on 6 November. e-mail anti-bullying@oxfordshire.gov.uk if you are interested in attending.

Creative Writers' Days

For 8 – 11 year olds will be held in Wallingford, Henley and Streatley during the school holidays. Cost £40 per child. To book a place or find out more, contact jamescarterpoet@btinternet.com

Vital Student Support

If you think your child would benefit from some Mental Health Support over the summer break please use this free sign up code "studentzumoz" They simply need to go to www.zumos.co.uk and click on "join us".