



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

"Let your light shine..." ~Matthew 5:16~ Faith ~ Service ~ Integrity ~ Responsibility ~ Truth ~ Excellence

Week 1

Term 2

November 1st, 2018

Thanks for support

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you on behalf of all of the staff at Crowmarsh for the support and kindness you have shown in the light of the recent changes in school. I know how much it has meant to me to feel surrounded by so many people who understand how hard these times can be, and have been genuinely humbled by the numbers of parents who have gone out of their way just to offer any comfort or support they can. I have seen and felt the moral in the staff being buoyed by your understanding which can only have a positive influence on your children in school, which of course remains the first priority. Thank you all, most sincerely.

Inset reminder

Just a quick reminder that tomorrow, Friday 2nd November is inset day, so the school is closed to children.

Poppies

Ahead of remembrance Sunday next weekend, Year 6 children will be selling a variety of poppy related items. In addition to the traditional poppies, there are lots of lovely stationary items available including, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, pencils and key rings. These are really nicely produced and all have a recommended donation of between 50p and £1.00, except for the ruler which costs £1.00.

Grandparents' Week

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all the grandparents in to school next week. There will be a small remembrance activity to enjoy in the hall, which will go towards our remembrance display while having light refreshments. After that, grandparents are welcome to go into classes and see their grandchildren in action.

A quick reminder of the timetable:

Victorians – Tuesday 6th
Edwardians – Wednesday 7th
Tudors – Thursday 8th
Georgians – Friday 9th

Please note, that because Year 5 swim on a Friday afternoon, if your grandchild is in the Georgians, you will be individually contacted to visit on one of the other 3 days.

We really hope to see as many grandparents as possible, knowing what an important role they play in children's lives at the primary age.

Dates for the Diary

We have already begun to fill up the diary. Please see our dates at the end of this newsletter. They will be updated regularly.

Times like these should
make us take time to
find positives to
outweigh our negatives.
What good things have
happened to you today
and what goodness have
you spread?

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Week Ahead

Monday:

Tuesday:
Grandparents for Victorians

Wednesday:
Grandparents for Edwardians

Thursday:
Grandparents for Tudors
Choir
KS2 Football Club
Basketball Club

Friday:
Grandparents for Georgians

**The path to happiness
lays not in having what
we want but wanting
what we have.**

School dinner menus will be emailed weekly separately out on a Wednesday. Please see flyers and adverts for community events at the end of this newsletter.

Autumn Garden Tidy

Parents, Carers and Grandparents are all invited to join us for our Autumn Garden Tidy on Saturday 24th November 10.00am-12.00pm. A warming lunch will be provided! Please bring your favourite gardening tools and help us prepare the garden for the cold winter months to come.

For further information please contact Jackie Napier-Jones, E. jnap5834@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk, T. 07375 457 512.

School Portrait photos, please return your orders by Monday 5th November. As the courier collection is arranged for Tuesday 6th November.

The Poppy Appeal. We will be selling Poppies and pocket-money stationary items during break times next week. Please send your child in with a donation, if you wish them to purchase an item.

Guitar Lessons. Spaces available during school day for the next term! Should your son/daughter be interested in learning to play guitar, please contact: Manu Weikert on 01491 833715 or manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk

Choir News

Thursday 15th November, the Year 3- Year 6 Choir will be performing for the Stroke Club in Crowmarsh Village Hall during the school afternoon.

'Big Christmas Sing' – Oxford Town Hall, Friday 30th November, tickets on sale through the online ticketing agency at <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/454234>

PE News

Primary School Cross Country - This Saturday is the second of our Winter Series of Races and we hope that you will have many youngsters racing. **PARKING** As you face the school **NO PARKING** on the **RIGHT-HAND Side** or **IN FRONT OF SCHOOL**. Everyone parks on the left-hand side and school field. Please then walk around the back for the school or around the field to the top site race course. **Do NOT GO ACROSS THE FRONT OF SCHOOL.**

Race times as per October. Yr. 1 10:00, yr. 2 10:15, yr. 3 10:30, yr. 4 10:45, yr. 5 11:00, yr. 6 11:15. Helpers. Can anyone please supply a couple of Adults to help park cars. 09.00 - 10.30. Please let me know. Kevin knutt@kidmore-end.co.uk Race course marshals. These can be staff, parents or pupils and you can rotate round but please cover the check point.

Oxford Schools' Challenge Half Marathon was held on Sunday 7th October. It was a wonderful to see so many enthusiastic children completing their half marathon miles. All children received a beautiful medal during Collective Worship. Well done to all our runners.

Governors' Email

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at 1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

PTA News

CHRISTMAS FAYRE!!! It is on the 6th December 5.30 to 7.30pm

Non-uniform day November 30th we are being asked to give £1.00 or a Tombola Prize

Book Fair – This was huge success –The school received £400.00 of book tokens to buy books for the school, thank you for your support.

Film Club –The next film club is on 15th November

The Thames Run which coincides with our summer fete is on 19th May 19. The Thames Run Committee are meeting on 8th Nov at 8pm at the Queens Head if anyone wants to offer their services as a volunteer.

Next PTA meeting 15th January at 7.30pm.

Community News – We are happy to include community items when space permits, but readers should be aware that events and activities have not been researched by the school.

Violins for sale - ½ size and ¾ size student, in good condition, complete with bow, case and rosin, only one shoulder rest available (fits either violin), £30-35 each, £55 for both. Contact Noémie at noedurand@netscape.net

NEARLY NEW FURNITURE AND HOME ACCESSORIES SALE. Local Interior Designer Kellie Sabey is running a nearly new furniture and home accessories sale on Saturday 24th November at The Great Hall, Fairmile, Cholsey OX10 9GW from 10am-2pm. One of her clients has recently moved and has a lot of items which are

surplus to requirement. All pieces are in immaculate condition and barely used. There will be a "man with a Van" available on the day to assist with local delivery of larger items if necessary, for a reasonable charge.

First Step Forward Learning Hub. There are two workshops coming up that may be of interest to you; An Introduction to Qigong on 9th November and Makaton Signing Workshop on 21st November. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

New voice for parent carers in Oxfordshire. The new Parent Carer forum for Oxfordshire will be launching on 8 November at the OXFSN 'Better Together Event'. The forum has been set up by a group of parents with children who have special education needs and disabilities (SEND) to work with Oxfordshire County Council and the local NHS to help improve services for children with SEND. If this is of interest to you please see the attached flyer.

Summerhouse Chalet to rent in Preston Crowmarsh. Adjacent kitchen, toilet, shower in lovely garden leading down to River. (Independent / separate to main house) available late November December. £550 per month. Car parking for one car. Suit single / double. All facilities. Enquiries 07837 2499949 (evenings), colinatsb@clara.co.uk

Step In Time – School of Performing Arts. Offers classes in tap. Ballet, modern and jazz for boys and girls from the age of 4 years. In addition, we have Musical Theatre classes, limbering, Commercial and adult dance classes. Our classes are held in and around Didcot. Whether you want to dance for fun, fitness or pursue a career in the Performing Arts, come and see what we have to offer. The first class in any genre is a free

taster class. Contact us today to book your free taster classes. Email: stepintimepa@gmail.com; www.stepintimedance.co.uk; Instagram: *timestepin*; Tricia: 07565 349 523

"Play-in-a-Day" Come and experience a fun-packed morning of drama at Queen Anne's School, Caversham. Whether you love to act or you are a complete beginner, this workshop is for you! Open to girls of all abilities in Years 5 – 6. Saturday 10 November 2018, 10.00AM TO 12.30PM. If you would like more information, please email: marketing@qas.org.uk

THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL - 3rd & 4th January 2019. WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD. All our courses are for children aged 7 - 13 who love singing! Our courses are devised to include whole group singing, singing lessons in small groups to improve singing technique, music appreciation, music history and much more! Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of each day. To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please look at www.oxbridgesingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

Left to their own devices? Do you feel out of touch with your child's online habits? The internet has completely changed the way that we live our lives. From smartphones to social media, our children have so many positive opportunities to develop skills and build connections that were never previously possible. Despite this, many can find parenting in the online world a challenge and are concerned about how to

Church News

BLAST – Building Lives Around Sound Truth. Games, Crafts, Music, Nights out, Tuck shop - £1 entry. Wallingford Baptist Church. Open to school years 6 – 7 every Friday evening during term time 7pm – 8pm. blast@wallingfordbaptist.co.uk

Raising Faith – Helping our children find a faith that lasts. Care for the family charity. As Christian mums and dads, there are so many ways you can bring God into your family life. Come and explore how you can help your child find a genuine faith of their own - help them discover God in the everyday. Wednesday 14 November The King's Centre, OX2 0ES. Tickets: 1-3 tickets - £6 each; 4 or more tickets - £5 each; On the door - £7 each; Special Partner rate - £4 each; Time: 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm. To book: cff.org.uk/raisingfaith 029 2081 0800