



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 1

Term 5

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **Easter Eggs**

Thank you to those who donated Easter eggs and also to those who helped deliver them around the village. We have been receiving lots of thank you cards from the community, showing their appreciation for the kind thought and gesture from our families here at Crowmarsh.

## **Adult Krav Maga**

Join us for Krav Maga – a martial art based self-defence – on Monday evenings starting from 5 until 6:30. Each session is £10 and is in the school hall. We have limited space as many staff members are already doing it, so first come first served!

## **Summer Performance Evening**

Please note the change in date of our summer performance. The new date will be Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope changing the date means that more children can get involved. Let's make this the best and biggest performance evening yet!

## **Easter Reading Challenge**

All book report and photos need to be in by tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of April for children to receive their Easter Reading Challenge prize.

## **New Reception Intake**

As you may know, the first round of school allocations has been made for children starting in reception in September 2019. We will shortly receiving the final names after the second wave of allocations is made in the next few weeks. All parents will

receive a letter shortly after this time to confirm dates of settling in sessions that will be held in June and July.

## **Young Carers**

Crowmarsh Young Carers takes place every fortnight and is a time to relax and play.

If your child looks after someone in the family because they are ill or require emotional support they may qualify to join our group of amazing young people. Even if the family circumstances are temporary your child may still join. Young carers 8-18 years old are entitled to a leisure card which gives up to 50% discount on leisure activities in Oxfordshire including Didcot Wave leisure. They just turn up and show their card and pay for the activity they wish to use. If you'd like a leisure card for your child they will need to join Be Free Young Carers. There are also days out and activities that your child can participate in so it is well worth joining. For Be Free Young Carers, phone 01235838554 or contact Crowmarsh Young Carers, Jackie Napier-Jones on 07375457512.

## **Thank You!**

As you know, I am running the London Marathon this Sunday. At this point, I'm just hoping to get to the finish line! Not the best year for training, but I definitely have a real 'purpose' for running. A huge thank you to all those who have already sponsored me. My Just Giving

**What challenges have you set for yourself this summer term?**

**Think outside of the box – what small steps do you need to take to reach your goals?**

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**A goal should scare you a little, & excite you A LOT.**

Joe Vitale

page will be accepting donations for a month after the marathon, so there is still time to give to Sue Ryder – a truly incredible team right on our front doorstep. All donations please to: [www.justgiving.com/Flora-Barton1](http://www.justgiving.com/Flora-Barton1)

Or there is now a collection tin at the front desk in school. Thank you again! You are all phenomenal!

### **Mobile Phones**

Can we please remind all parents and visitors that mobile phones are not to be used or visible on the school premises? We have had some reports of parents on their phones at school pick-up. As we don't have members of staff outside at this time we cannot 'police' this, so please help us by reminding parents that phones must be put away whilst inside the school gates. Thank you.

### **School dinner helper required.**

If you know of anybody who may have an hour a day to help supervise lunches, please can they make contact with the school office. We are in need of additional adult supervision.

We do need **lunch orders** to be submitted to the school office on the date specified on the order form. Jacket potatoes are very popular and when ordered on the day it is not always possible to guarantee getting one.

The green post box at the start of the pedestrian entrance to school and the green box in school reception are emptied daily. All school communication can be deposited that way.

*School dinner menus will be emailed weekly separately out on a Wednesday. – Please ensure you order your lunch requirements, especially jacket potatoes in advance. Please see flyers and adverts for community events at the end of this document.*

**A Reminder: Did you know that our Performance Evening is for all children in school? Any child can come and perform a poem, a song or a piece of music they have been playing. Any child who is interested just needs to speak with Miss Zimmerman. It's all about building up confidence in front of an audience. That is why we have a maintained focus on Oracy across our school.**

**Car Parking** around school is at a premium and we ask you to please be sensitive to the residents who will need constant access to their properties. Also, we have had a report of cars blocking the footpath leading from the Queens Head car park.

### **Guitar Lessons - Spaces available!**

Should your son/daughter be interested in learning to play guitar, please contact: Manu Weikert on 01491 833715 or [manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk](mailto:manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk) (Applicants should be at least 7 years old).

Learn Brass with **BRASS IN CLASS! – Spaces available!** Lessons at school, play with friends. Tuba, Euphonium, Baritone, Trombone, Horn, Trumpet or Cornet. For more detail: [ian@brassinclass.com](mailto:ian@brassinclass.com) or 07766616162. Application form and flyer in attachments at the end of this Newsletter.

### **Choir News**

### **PE News**

**Can you help?** We are wanting to help support two very enthusiastic and promising children's football teams based in Ghana. The volunteer run club is in desperate need of old football boots, trainers, sports kits and equipment. The players come

from homes where the family income is very low, so purchasing new kit is out of their ability. Any unwanted or outgrown kit can be brought to the school office. Thank you for your help.

**Martha Nicholls** recently took part in the County Cross Country Finals, the event was held Abingdon, when it rained continuously. It was very well attended, and estimated, there must have been around a hundred girls in Martha's race. The course took her around the park, over slippery bridges, and through a narrow-wooded section, ending in a long looping sprint. Martha got off to a good start, worked her way towards the front of the pack, and finished twelfth. We as a school are extremely proud of her efforts and achievements showing true Crowmarsh School spirit and values.



Recently we took 2 **netball teams** from Year 3 & Year 4 to a local schools' netball tournament. Charlotte Hermson from year 6 supported a team as part of her sports leader responsibilities. Both teams did incredibly well scoring many goals and showing super footwork skills. We came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - well done Teams Crowmarsh!

**Wallingford School Athletics Club** is going to start to run again straight after Easter as the clocks change. Start Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Start Time: 6:00pm, End Time: 7:30pm, Age: 7-16. The Athletics Club is run for the community by volunteers who are qualified coaches. It's only £20 for the whole term until the end of the academic year. To book email [Leisure-Centre@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:Leisure-Centre@wallingfordschool.com)

## 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)

## PTA News

**PTA Summer fête meeting**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30-8.30 school hall.

Donations required for Summer fête: **Lucky dip:** Very Small unwanted toys for luck trip (see attached poster). **Craft activity:** 1-pint plastic milk bottles for craft activity; **Adult & child tombola:** Unwanted gifts, alcohol, very good condition toys, books, games, puzzles etc

## Pre-School News

Crowmarsh Pre-school are holding a quiz on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Crowmarsh Village Hall to raise funds for a new climbing structure. Tickets are £10 which includes food and there will be a silent auction and raffle during the evening. For tickets please

email [crowmarshpreschoolquiznight@gmail.com](mailto:crowmarshpreschoolquiznight@gmail.com) pop along to pre-school or see Anne Churchill. Bring your friends for a fun evening. We would be really grateful if anyone has any raffle and silent auction prizes that they would like to donate to help us boost the fund raising and give out some great prizes.

## 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](mailto:blast@wallingfordbaptist.co.uk)

**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.**

**2019 Thames Run.** The Thames Run is a multi-terrain route along local footpaths and the banks of the River Thames, and back through the historic market town of Wallingford. This year's Thames Run will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 09:30. Last year's event was a huge success, raising money for Crowmarsh Gifford School PTA and Style Acre. Online entry to both the 5k and 10k runs is now open at [www.thamesrun.co.uk](http://www.thamesrun.co.uk) with early bird reduced rates for anyone entering before 31<sup>st</sup> March. Enter now and set yourself a goal for 2019. Why not aim for a personal best! **Can You Help?** If you are able to marshal this year, please email [stevenson.rob@gmail.com](mailto:stevenson.rob@gmail.com) as soon as possible. If you know anyone else that can help out please ask them too! Marshalls are there to ensure that everyone safely gets round the course and to provide encouragement for the runners. It's a fun morning and

the school fete will be the same day so there will be plenty going on afterwards, with stalls, food and refreshments available. Thanks again to all that helped out last year. We couldn't do it without you! Online entry to both the 5k and 10k runs is now open at [www.thamesrun.co.uk](http://www.thamesrun.co.uk) with early bird reduced rates for anyone entering before 31<sup>st</sup> March. Enter now and set yourself a goal for 2019. Why not aim for a personal best!

Our lovely caretaker **Jay Anderson** is a professional photographer! He has a brand-new photography studio in Benson offering wedding, family, portraits, headshots, passport and commercial photography. [www.jayandersonphotography.co.uk](http://www.jayandersonphotography.co.uk) or 07464945466 Great present ideas!

**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](mailto:stepintimepa@gmail.com); [www.stepintimedance.co.uk](http://www.stepintimedance.co.uk); Instagram: *timestepin*; Tricia: 07565 349 523

**Children's Art Club** returns Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Hop - Easter Theme. Stewart Village Hall, Brightwell cum Sotwell. 10.00 - 11.30am. £8 per session - siblings half price. Once a month - Following session - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - The Greatest Showman - Circus Theme. Please contact us for further details of session times E: [arthausclub@gmail.com](mailto:arthausclub@gmail.com) • T: 07040 909 920