



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 5

Term 3

February 7th 2019

Pearson Teaching Awards – THANK THEM!

It is that time of year again to nominate all the fantastic staff that work at Crowmarsh. Every member of staff you thank receives a special thank you card straight from Pearson. I can tell you, when they receive these, it lights up their day. It only takes a few minutes and you can do it here:

<https://www.teachingawards.com/thankateachercard/>

Valentine Reading Morning –

Don't forget that our next Reading morning will take place at 8:00 a.m. next Wednesday February 13th. Come and enjoy a story, coffee and cake with your child. We look forward to seeing you then!

Visit from China!

We had a great time last week showing around our visitors. We hope your children came home with lots to talk about. In the end the children and teachers from China were only here for two days so that they could get home for Chinese New Year.

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.

Bikeability

Avanti Cycling will be delivering Bikeability in our school on 12-15th March for year 5 pupils. Since the Department for Transport has now allocated funding this is a free service and Avanti have the tender for Oxfordshire. A special thank you to Mrs Baroni for her fabulous support in ensuring funding from our PTA to cover the cost of Bikeability in previous years, it is very much appreciated.

Children will need a mechanically sound bike with two working brakes and good pumped up tyres along with a helmet that fits their head. Consent forms and further information will be sent out soon. If any children do not have a bike Avanti can provide one for the duration of the course, Please contact [JackieNapier-Jones](mailto:JackieNapier-Jones@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk) on 07375457512. E. jnap5834@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Can one person actually change the world?

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Week Ahead

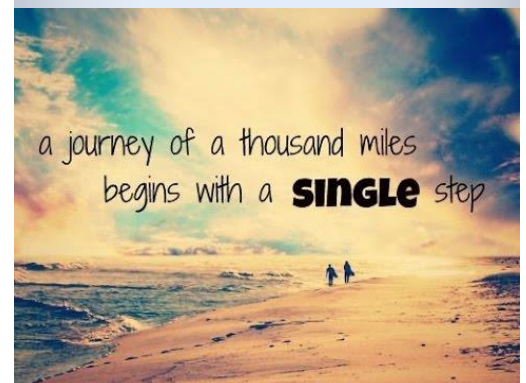
Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Choir
KS2 Football Club

Friday:



a journey of a thousand miles
begins with a **SINGLE** step

Pets for Therapy Dog

We have a new dog for children to read with in school. 'Boo' and his owner Miss Clarke will be coming in once a week to listen to readers. If you would prefer your child to not read with Boo, please can you let the class teacher know. Reading with a dog often opens up a whole new world with reading for children. We are so excited that we finally have a new dog to read to again.

Safeguarding and Pick Up Arrangements

Please can we urge all parents that if you regularly have someone else picking your children up from school, that you let us know in writing?

Further, if parents do not call in to confirm changes to pick-up, we cannot let children go home with someone else until we have confirmation from their own parents. Also, please expect the office to ask if they can call you back, just to ensure we are speaking to the correct parents.

Where possible, if any changes to collection can be written down, it would help us out tremendously. Please understand that this is all to help safeguard your children.

Also, a reminder that you must call the school office by 9:00 every day, if your children are not in school. After this time, the school office will contact you to find out where your child is.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parking

We have had many complaints from parents regarding cars that are parking without any awareness of pedestrians. Can we please remind you that cars

Did you know that on Friday's during our 'Praise' Collective Worship, we now reward classes with being 'Purple Learners' rather than handing out 'Learner of the Week' certificates? This is not only based on parent feedback, but also research. We now praise classes of children who model effective learning behaviours and discuss this with the whole school on Friday – just another way of embedding our Purple Learning ethos. Children can receive special certificates throughout the year in different subjects and for demonstrating our values.

must not be parked on the zig zag lines outside of school – these are kept clear for emergency vehicles only. Also, photos have been brought to the office of repeat offenders who are always parking across pavements or roads, which block children and parents from walking along the pavement safely. We have been in touch with the Community Support Officers who will be patrolling the area during morning drop off and school collection times. A reminder that parents can park safely in the pub car parks and walk into school – this is the preferred and safest option.

Winter Walk with Mrs Barton

Don't forget – if you'd like to join, I have organised a Winter Walk in support of Sue Ryder! Don your wellies and bring your dogs for a short walk along the river. We will be starting at the Boathouse Pub in Wallingford and will walk to the Riverfront Café in Benson and back again. Families can take a break at either venue for lunch or a cup of coffee. A short, brisk walk for all members of the family! All donations please to:

www.justgiving.com/Flora-Barton1

We will meet at 10:30, this Saturday, February 9th outside of the Boathouse Pub in Wallingford. Hope to see you there! It's very informal, so you may decide to stop for a drink at the Boathouse before we begin, stay behind at the Waterfront for coffee and cake, make your way to the Cartshed in Preston Crowmarsh, or stop for your own packed lunch along the river. Whatever you decide to do, it would be great to see you for even a short distance along the river. Hope to see you there!

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 document.

Open Afternoon Wednesday 13th Feb 3:15-3:45 – come and have a look through the work books at all the wonderful learning your child has been doing.

With Valentines Day approaching we're asking you to show your friends/family that you love them by purchasing one of our beautiful **handmade cards** made by some of our talented pupils. The cards will be available to purchase from School Council during the week of 4.2.19 at 50p each. They will also be available for parents to purchase at school Reception and on the Reading morning of the 13.2.19. All proceeds raised will be handed over to our PTA to put towards School activities/equipment.

Any unwanted new Christmas gifts (but not Christmas themed) can be brought into school and will be donated to the Pre-School's Quiz Night's Raffle – thank you. (date to be confirmed)

Guitar Lessons - Spaces available 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 (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 or 07766616162. Application form and flyer in attachments at the end of this Newsletter.

Christmas Jumper Day, we played our part! Together we were able to support the work of Save the Children by donating £135, Thank you so much.

Choir News

This term Year 5 & 6 are participating with various other schools in the '**Primary Pop Concert**' on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at Oxfordshire County Music Service. The

children will learn, from memory, nine pop songs to perform and will be accompanied by a live rock band, additional instruments and backing singers.

PE News

On Friday 25th January students from Years 5 & 6 walked to Wallingford School Sports Hall to compete in **the indoor athletics** competition against other local schools including Benson, Brightwell, Cholsey, Fir Tree & St. Johns. Events included an obstacle relay, long jump, vertical jump, chest push, javelin, the under and over as well as running events. Crowmarsh were victorious in one event, the 2 by 6 relay where 2 boys ran a total of 6 laps. Over all, we came 4th, not far behind the 2nd and 3rd teams, Thank you to Mr Morton and Mrs Barlow for taking us to the event. Will Andrews.

RAF Benson Community Primary School Annual Cross-Country Event. Saturday 23rd March 2019. The event is held on the field adjacent to the School and the races are open to all pupils in Years 1 to 6. The first race will start at 10am and registration will take place on the field and will open from 9.30am. All pupils are warmly invited to this event and are eligible to run in one race appropriate to their age and year group. There is NO entry fee and the children just need to wear their PE kit and trainers. Please register your interest by Friday 15th March with Mrs Hallam in the school office if you intend to compete, as we need to give prior notice to RAF Benson school before the event.

Half-Term Cricket Camps are being run at the following locations available within the Berkshire area: Eagle House Prep School (GU47 8PH): 18th-20th February; Forest School (RG41 5NE): 19th-21st February; St Johns Beaumont Prep School:

18th-20th February. All days are 10am - 3pm and can be booked via the link below: <https://www.danhousegocrickechoaching.com/cricket-booking-form/> Please note that a 10% early bird discount expires on the 08.02.19

Oxfordshire **Primary Schools Cross Country** Championships. A great atmosphere for parents to enjoy with a friendly cafe with lovely bacon sandwiches/hot chocs to warm the kids up after their run. Saturday 2nd March, Reades Lane Sonning Common RG4 9LN. For more information email knutt@kidmore-end.co.uk

Governors' Email

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

PTA News

Winter Disco Thursday 14th February. Face paints and reusable lights for sale from 50p - £2. Going to be a great time!

Pre-School News

General knowledge Quiz Night TIME! on Saturday 9th February – **POSTPONED NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.** For more information email crowmarshpreschoolquiznight@gmail.com or Clare Walker 07817 758 033

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

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.

Crowmarsh Playground

Update The Playground work commenced 7th January as planned. The old playground has been cleared (except for items to be recycled) and new equipment delivered and some partially installed already. For those wondering about the big pit being dug on the far side of the field, it is for flood compensation. For anyone interested in following the progress of the New Playground and Outdoor Gym there are two options -
1. The Village Website - www.crowmarshgifford.org - under facilities/new Crowmarsh playground/playground progress
2. The Facebook Group - Crowmarsh Gifford Community
All work is on track and we are still looking to an Easter opening.

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 19th 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 with early bird reduced rates for anyone entering before 31st 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 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!

Sue Ryder South Oxfordshire

Winter Walk On Saturday February 9th Mrs Barton will be starting a walk from outside The Boathouse at 10:30am in order to support and raise funds for our local hospice. Donations on: www.justgiving.com/Flora-Barton1

St Mary's Church Newnham

Murren has a short history booklet available for copying at the school office, for those of you who are interested in our village's history.

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

South Oxfordshire Music

Centre at Wallingford School. Saturdays 9:30am-12:00pm. To apply contact jemma.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk or visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/southmusiccentre

The Rumble Museum's Our

Planet Season are holding a Stargazing Evening on Monday 11th February 5 - 7pm, at

Cheney School. The event will open at 5pm with a talk by Professor Allan Chapman. Allan is a University of Oxford lecturer and fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, who has presented TV programmes and lectures on topics such as astronomical religion in early civilisations and great scientists. All ages are welcome. To book, please email info@irisproject.org.uk You can find out more about Our Planet Season of events at <https://ourplanetseasonrumblemuseum.home.blog/2019/01/01/the-journey-begins/>

City of Oxford College, are offering a 5 week, Creative Junior Saturday **Art course** for 8-12-year olds. The art studios and facilities are second to none and will provide an inspiring and creative environment for each young person to explore all sorts of creative disciplines, including photography (darkroom and digital), graphic design, animation, printmaking, textiles, fashion, ceramics, 3D, painting and drawing. The course takes place on Saturday mornings from 10am-12pm and parents are very welcome to attend with their child at no extra cost. Full course information and how to enrol can be found using the below link. <https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/courses/art-design/junior-saturday-art-club-for-9-12-year-olds>

Easter Singing Course at

Worcester College, Oxford on the 8th - 10th April 2019. Our courses are for children (aged 7-13) who love to sing! All our courses are devised to include whole group singing, singing lessons in small groups to improve technique, music appreciation, music history, music theory in the form of games and exercises. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us Samantha Wickham: The Oxford

& Cambridge Singing School:

www.oxbridgesingingschool.com

This coming half-term, 18-22 Feb,

Space Store is launching a new two-hour space experience, Fascination Space. We will be running three sessions per day at the Satellite Applications Catapult, Harwell Campus.

Please see the flyer attached.

Adults and kids of all ages are welcome! BOOK HERE:

www.spacestore.co/fascination

For 18-22 Feb, there is a 10%-off promotion, so don't forget to use the coupon code HALFTERM10 at checkout.