



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 5

Term 4

March 28<sup>h</sup> 2019

## **Fortnite**

Many of your children will play the game Fortnite at home. You will be aware of how to keep your children safe online, but please read the attached guidance for parents on how to keep children safe playing this specific game. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Easter Eggs**

Thank you to those who have already brought in some Easter Eggs. Like all years, we will be delivering the eggs to the senior citizens on our list in the village. We also, would like to give a number of eggs to the Wallingford Food Bank for their food parcels. Many of the local senior citizens are alone during the holiday seasons; therefore by demonstrating our value of Service we let them know that we are thinking about them during Easter. Please bring any donations to the office. Thank you in advance.

## **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!

## **Spring Performance Evening**

Don't forget that our Spring Performance Evening is on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30p.m. We will be taking a collection on the evening for a charity called Grief Encounter.

This charity was recommended by a grandparent who explained to us the impact this charity has on the families it supports. More information can be found here:

[www.griefencounter.org.uk](http://www.griefencounter.org.uk)

## **Easter Reading Challenge**

Again, we will be holding an Easter Reading Challenge. This year there are two parts to the challenge in order to come and choose a book from Mrs Barton's office - Bring or Tweet us photos of your child reading their chosen book (title must be visible) and write a book report on a book you have read over the Easter holidays (the one you have taken a photo of). Please remember these MUST be neatly presented, not rushed, or they may not be accepted. You must be able to proudly display your report in the library. Can't wait to see what you bring in!

## **Easter Crafting Morning**

Don't forget our annual crafting Easter morning on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April from 8:00 in the hall. Come and enjoy making some Easter crafts with your children. Hope to see many of you there.

## **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

**What have you been doing for this season of Lent?**

**Has it been difficult? What challenges have you faced while doing it?**

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**Week Ahead:  
Second hand school uniform sale and lost property reclaim every afternoon.**

**School Starts back on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



Willpower and desire,  
when properly combined,  
make an irresistible pair.

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!**

Thank you to all those who have joined me in my winter and spring walks. We will do more walks in the future, possibly a summer walk in May after the London Marathon. A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored me on my Just Giving page. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the support. All the money is going to a truly fantastic charity that is just on our doorstep. We are so blessed to have such an amazing team so nearby. If you'd like to still donate, the page will be up until the end of summer. Any donations welcome.

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!

**Bikeability** was a huge success with Mr Morton's year 5 pupils. David Goodworth, Avanti Cycling Manager said, " Thank you so much to all the staff and students who made Bikeability such a rewarding experience for all the instructors who trained the Yr 5 students in March. The gale force

**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. If you aren't able to attend our Spring Performance Evening, make a commitment to sign up for the summer one. 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.**

winds added to the excitement of cycling over Wallingford bridge and it showed everyone that cycling is an everyday, all year-round activity. All the students took on the challenges of the unique road system in the town and we hope their new skill will encourage them to ride more frequently and become confident road users. For those parents whose child has just taken Bikeability, take a bike ride with them, you'll be surprised at what they can teach you".

Does anybody have a **coffee bean grinder** that they could lend the school for a few weeks?

**First Step Forward Learning Hub** - Please see attached the new programme of courses.

***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. \* New Summer Menu in attachments.***

***Please see flyers and adverts for community events at the end of this document.***

### **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**

No Choir next week (4<sup>th</sup> April) due to the Spring Music and Poetry Evening. Choir members performing must be back at

school for 6pm. Clothing = bottom half school uniform and Miss Zimmerman will provide a Choir Tshirt.

Anybody wishing to start School Choir are welcome to join the group on the 25<sup>th</sup> April from 3:15 – 4pm. Please provide your child with a small snack which they can have while the group assembles at the end of the school day. The children can be collected from the courtyard area at the end of the session.

## PE News

**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

**Film Club.** Friday 29th March. Form attached. Choices are Lego Movie or Hotel Transylvania 3.

## Pre-School News Crowmarsh Pre-School

**Vacancies** - We currently have two part time vacancies for the current academic year. Both roles are term time only:

**General Assistant role** - This role involves working as a member of the team, supporting a child with additional needs when required and carrying out some domestic duties including washing up, preparing snack and

setting up for lunch times. This is a temporary post until the end of the current school year. The hours are 8.45 – 3.00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**One to one assistant** - This role involves working one to one to support a child with special educational needs. The ideal working hours will be Mondays to Fridays from 9.00am – 2.00pm. However, it may be possible to accommodate fewer working hours (a minimum of 16) for the right candidate.

The closing date for both roles is Thursday 18th April, with interviews taking place during the week beginning 29th April. For further details, please see the website or contact the administrator on [admin@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk)

Crowmarsh Pre-school are holding a **quiz** on Saturday 27th 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 [rowmarshpreschoolquiznight@gmail.com](mailto:rowmarshpreschoolquiznight@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

In preparation for **Mothering Sunday**, we will be having a "Posy Party" this Saturday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church (St Mary Magdalene's in the centre of Wallingford). Please bring greenery and any flowers and we will enjoy making the small bunches of flowers to give out at the 11am Sunday Service – all are welcome (and don't forget

the clocks go forward!) Rev Kev, Email: [teamvicar@wallingfordcofe.org.uk](mailto:teamvicar@wallingfordcofe.org.uk)

**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.*

**Lambing Festival Weekend** at The Earth Trust. March 30th-31st, a great family day out with a range of children's activities including bale climbing, our interactive 'Be a Farmer' area and indoor craft activities. We will be opening the gates to our working farm and giving visitors the opportunity to meet the newborn lambs, as well as piglets and goats. For more information [www.earthtrust.org.uk/lambing](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/lambing)

The **UK's Air Ambulance Services** are charities which receive no government funding and rely entirely on charitable donations to continue flying and responding to life threatening medical emergency. We can recycle your used postage stamps in to funds to help these vital services. All kinds of stamps are welcome, on or off paper. You just need to leave no more than a 5mm single thickness border around them, and the perforations should not be damaged. Anyone can help; individuals, businesses and schoolchildren can all collect stamps to support the UK's Air Ambulance Services. So remember to keep all the stamps you receive as every stamp really does help!!! Stamps can be sent to: Air Ambulance

Stamp Appeal, Xchange Master, 272 Bath Street, GLASGOW G2 4JR. Freepost envelopes can be requested by emailing: [airambulance@xchange-master.co.uk](mailto:airambulance@xchange-master.co.uk)

**POOS FROM THE PAST** For many people the idea of excavating old human poo is disgusting! Not so for archaeologists. Poo is called 'coprolites' by archaeologists. Coprolites can include loads of evidence to understand what people ate in the past, and also how they prepared their food. They can tell archaeologists about past eating habits, trading of foodstuffs and much more. During the Easter holidays (9, 11, 16, 18 April), Wallingford Museum will be holding 12 one-hour workshops to explore this subject! This activity will give families a chance to gain some hands-on experience of excavation, recording and analysing the contents of fake coprolites. The challenge will be to work out from which time period they came, and share their findings with other members of the workshop. If time allows, you will also look at food timelines to discover which foods were introduced and when! Advance booking is required. This activity is suitable for ages 7 to adult, but children must be accompanied by an adult please. The workshop is free to children and season ticket holders. Adults accompanying children will be requested to pay an admission charge to the museum of £5, for an annual season ticket. For full details including online booking:- [www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/news--events.html] [www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/news--events.html](http://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/news--events.html)

**Crowmarsh Playground - Grand Opening** The time has come - the New Playground and Outdoor Gym will be opening in less than 2 weeks' time. Come and join the celebrations with the

formal opening at 12:30pm on Sunday 7th April. There will be food and drink stalls provided by local charities (including the PTA - should you want to lend a hand let Flick (PTA – Chair) know) and musical entertainment; and a chance to get guidance from our local Crowmarsh Gym instructors. The Parish Council looks forward to seeing you all on Sunday 7th April to celebrate and would like to encourage all who come down to BYO cup to support our green initiative.

**Get your car washed by the local firefighters!** Charity Car Wash in aid of The Fire Fighters Charity. Wallingford School Car Park Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 12:30pm. Come and have a look round the fire truck. Teas, coffees and cakes.

**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](http://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](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 31st 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