



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 5

Term 5

May 24th, 2019

Poster Competition

We will be announcing the winners of the Values Poster Competition after half term.

Miss Rahman!

Thank you to all the parents and governors who came in to speak to the Pearson judges who came in last Friday to see Miss Rahman in action. They went away extremely impressed and we will await June 19th when the Silver Award Winners will be announced. Just the fact that she was shortlisted is such a huge achievement and we could not be more proud of her!

SIAMS Inspection

On Wednesday we had our SIAMS inspection - The SIAMS inspection focuses on the impact of the Church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision, and asking the central question: 'How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?' This inspection happens every 5 years the last report being written in 2014. The report should be released shortly after half term, but we wanted to thank all the parents who came in to speak to the inspector. This school wouldn't be what it is without the unending support of our parents. Thank you.

The Explorer Dome

Don't forget that we have the Explorer Dome in school for parents on Saturday June 22nd.

For the first time, parents will have the chance to experience an Explorer Dome session with their children at school.

Thanks to NAPE, we have secured a Saturday booking with the Explorer Dome. Sessions are offered first to parents at Crowmarsh and then they will advertise it more widely to local schools – so if you want to experience it, you must act quickly! I have ensured it coincides with our school camp out, so families at the camp out can book their sessions for first thing in the morning. What a fantastic weekend! We have also organised it so that all children in the school will have their Explorer Dome sessions on Thursday and Friday to coincide with their Science learning. So come and see what all the excitement is about. The show on Saturday is 'The Earth Show' – a completely new show to every child in school – they will not have ever done this session before. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity! (Please also note that the subject covered would also be interesting to any older children studying for GCSE's based on the content covered). Please see flyer attached and book now to avoid disappointment.

Half Term Reading

As usual, over half term we will be having another reading challenge. All children who successfully read a new book and complete a book report can bring it to Mrs Barton on the Monday we return. Ensure

Can one person change the world?

Justify your answer.

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Don't forget that next week is half term. We look forward to seeing you for our final term on Monday June 3rd.

You have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

– Harriet Tubman

all book reports are written well and in your best presentation – take time and please do not rush as you may be asked to do it again. All book reports handed in, will be returned with a book from Mrs Barton's library. Get reading everyone!

Summer Performance Evening

A reminder that on Wednesday July 10th we will be having our final performance evening. I am challenging pupils to memorise certain poems and perform them on this evening, so if you'd like to get them involved please let us know! Let's make this the best and biggest performance evening yet!

Summer Walk

We said we would do another walk in aid of Sue Ryder. This time it is a summer walk, but the same beautiful walk we did last time. We will meet at the parking lot near the bridge in Dorchester again and walk up the Wittenham Clumps with the opportunity to stop for ice creams and snacks at the end. Please join me on Saturday July 6th, at 10:30. Let's make this the biggest walk yet! You have plenty of time to round up friends, family and pets to join us! Collection buckets will be available on the day or you can still donate online at:

www.justgiving.com/flora-barton1

Adult Krav Maga

It's not too late to 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

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.

Uniform

Please can we remind you that all children should be wearing a full school uniform. We are noticing that more and more children are coming into school with trainers and big colourful bows in their hair. All children should be wearing proper school shoes and if children are wearing headwear it should be in our school colours.

Sun Safety

As the weather becomes warmer and the sun continues to shine, please send your child in with a sun hat, bottle of water and sun lotion. Thanks to the school council yesterday, all children should have lots of information about sun safety. Ask your child what message school council shared with them in Collective Worship.

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.

PE News

Tag Rugby Tournament – On Wednesday the year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Team set off to the Oxford University Rugby ground. The team was led by Captains Alexa Morgan and Annabella Baroni. After our first 6-3 win against the Windmill School and then a 7-3 win against St. Johns, Crowmarsh was off to a good start. Then through to the semi-finals, Crowmarsh faced the BATTs, their most difficult team yet. After a 4-5 defeat Crowmarsh were disappointed but happy with their 3rd place victory. Fantastic tries scored by: Chris O'Reilly, Alexa Morgan, Luke Hudson, Will Andrews & James Vine. Superb team sportsmanship displayed by: Timothy Dunn, Enya Wilson, Archie Wheeler, Freddie Hendy & Annabella Baroni. (*Alexa Morgan*)



As with all our sports teams we are incredibly proud of each of them showing true Crowmarsh School values; perfect ambassadors, each and every one.

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.

Governors' Email

Parent Governor Elections

1. My name is Charlotte Shepherd and I have children in years 2 and 5. My background is in primary education and I currently work with special needs children. A lot of my work involves mental health and well-being support and I believe this is an area I can offer help with as well.

I would like to continue offering support to the school by being re-elected to the governing body. During my four years as a governor I have attended meetings and support with safeguarding, SEN and curriculum standards.

2. I live in Wallingford with my wife, Erin, and our two children, Oliver (class 5) and George (class 3). Crowmarsh Gifford school has provided a positive and happy learning environment for my children and the staff have always been caring and supportive.

I see the role of parent governor as an opportunity to support the work of the school and decided to stand for election...I wasn't expecting such a swift appointment! My professional background is in management consultancy. I run a business providing procurement and contract management services, primarily to NHS Trusts, so I have a broad understanding of how public sector organisations are run and, to some extent, the

governance obligations they need to meet and adhere to. I hope my experience can bring a positive contribution and help support the other governors in making the school the best it can be for all its pupils.

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

PTA News

Spring Fête - If you would like to feedback anything about the Spring Fête in order to help next year's planning please email or message us in the usual way.

Ice Cream Friday - This will continue every Friday this term. Let Caroline Rowley know if you can ever help with the selling to spread the load. Ice cream and Lollies selling every Friday in KS2 playground. Cones £1 and Lollies 50p. (Under shelter of class 3 and 4 if raining). Great News!

The sale of **second-hand uniform** held just before Easter holidays raised ... £118.40.

Bags to School raised £172!! Well done everybody and thank you for your valuable contributions.

Update on **Ice-cream Friday** sales so far you have raised £120 ... roll on this good weather!

Spring Fête. Thank you to everyone for helping make it a success. We don't have final figures yet but the fête alone has raised around £2,000 for the PTA.

The kids run raised £41 for Oxford children's hospital.

Coming up.....

PTA AGM. Tuesday 11th June 7.30-8.30 school hall. Planning for the year ahead. All invited to come and have your say.

Carnival. Saturday 15th June. Thank you to Chloe & Helen for organising. Help is required to get everything ready for the day so please do contact them if you are able to assist & if you would like your child/ children to be involved.

Film Club & Camp Out. Friday 21st June. Further information & forms will be out next week.

Sports Day. Friday 28th June. PTA will be selling refreshments all day. We will need help making/ preparing as well as selling. Please let us know if you can help.

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.

Church News

WBC Holiday Club is proud to present, for one week only... Circus Adventure! Mon 29 July - Fri 2 Aug 2019. 9.30am to 1pm each day. For anyone of Primary School Age (including children who will have just finished Year 6) Fun, games, craft, singing, Bible stories... The suggested contribution is £20 per child (Payable to Wallingford Baptist Church). Bring your own packed lunches. Places are limited so book soon! For further information please email holidayclub@wallingfordbaptist.co.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

LONG WITTENHAM 5km

FAMILY FUN RUN - June 2nd

2019. Download an entry form:

www.longwittenham.com/events

or www.eventbrite.co.uk by

Friday 31st May.

Wallingford Festival of Cycling

is returning for the fifth year and

they have just announced their

action-packed weekend

programme from 12 – 14 July

2019. Just let them know you're

coming along by emailing

hendriette.knouwds@southandvale.gov.uk.

To sign up to one of

the community rides

[https://www.wallingfordfestivalofcycling.co.uk/take-part/fun-rides-](https://www.wallingfordfestivalofcycling.co.uk/take-part/fun-rides-and-sportives/)

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The Oxford & Cambridge

Singing School Summer

Courses 2019, open to children

aged 7-13 on: 25th & 26 July,

29th - 31st July 2019 (2, 3 or 5

days available), at Magdalen

College, Oxford. Bursaries are

available on all our courses.

Booking is via our website -

www.oxbridgesingingschool.com

or for more information, please

email Samantha Wickham on

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On 27 and 28 May, Space Store

is delivering our two-hour space

experience, **Fascination Space**.

We will be running up to three

sessions per day at our new

premises: 48 Orchard Street,

Orchard Centre, Didcot. Please

do come along to see us in our

new Space Store premises.

BOOK HERE:

www.spacestore.co/fascination

OVO Energy Women's Tour

cycle race coming through

Crowmarsh on Wednesday 12

June. This is the UK's biggest

and most prestigious women's

bike race, attracting the world's

top cyclists, including Olympic

and World Champions. And

please be aware that there will
be significant number of cyclists
using the roads in our area.

Decorated bikes and bike trails
will be adorning the route – why

not show your support by

decorating a bike and adding to

the carnival feel for the

competitors. Communications

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Summer sports course

at Stadhampton School on 12, 13

and 14 August and is led by

Michael Hopkins. Sessions run

from 9am – 3pm. Open to boys

and girls from 4 – 11 year olds.

The cost is £15 per day.

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