



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 3

Term 5

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **Poster Competition**

We have two poster competitions for you to get involved! I would like children to think about our core school values and about what they mean to them. I would like children to create a well-designed poster that brings to life our values of; Faith, Service, Integrity, Responsibility, Truth and Excellence. The other poster I am looking for is one that highlights our key vision of, 'Let Your Light Shine...'. Be creative with your entries, I don't just want the words on the paper – I want you to think carefully about what the values and the verse from Matthew mean to you and to our school. A winning poster for both will be selected from KS1 and KS2. The winning entries will be used on our school website. Deadline for completed posters is: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Please hand them in to Mrs Barton.

## **Miss Rahman!**

We are delighted to announce that Miss Rahman has been shortlisted by Pearson Teaching Awards for the award of New Teacher of the Year! This is so exciting and as you know she has been shortlisted from endless entries from across the United Kingdom! The judges will be in to talk to parents, children, colleagues and to observe Miss Rahman in action on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please refrain from posting anything on social media about this as it has to stay within our 'school family' until further notice. Please help us in congratulating her for a fantastic achievement! What a truly phenomenal team we have at Crowmarsh!

## **Summer Performance Evening**

A reminder that on Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Thames Run Marshalls Needed!**

We need more Thames Run Marshalls for Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please ask your friends and colleagues to come and help us out! It's a great morning where you get to help motivate the runners to finish the course. Come enjoy the day and be a part of the team!

## **Thank You Mrs Barlow!**

We are sad to announce that Mrs Barlow will be leaving Crowmarsh at the end of this academic year. However, she is moving to another school for new adventures - so we wish her well in her new endeavours and know that she will continue to achieve great things! We thank her for all of her time and commitment she has given our pupils over the past few years. Please help us thank her and congratulate her on the new opportunity that has come her way.

## **The Explorer Dome**

What do our values mean to you?

How does 'Let Your Light Shine...' reflect in everything we do at school?

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**DON'T ASK IF YOUR DREAMS ARE CRAZY, ASK IF THEY ARE CRAZY ENOUGH.**

JUST DO IT.  
-NIKE

**#TAFTALKS**

COME  
PLAY  
YOUR  
PART

We have an exciting opportunity for our children and parents this year. 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 about the Explorer Dome 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.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.justgiving.com/flora-barton1)

**Did you know that as a Church of England School your children have collective worship everyday at 10:00? At Crowmarsh this is key to 'collecting' everyone in the same room to reflect on a lesson or key message. This is a time where our school ethos is built upon – where children hear stories of resilience, perseverance and bravery. Parents are welcome to attend these sessions, but please call ahead just to ensure it hasn't changed times for any reason.**

### **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

### **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.

### **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.*

## Choir News

## PE News

## 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

**ICE CREAM FRIDAYS** - Ice cream and Lollies selling every Friday in KS2 playground. Cones £1 and Lollies 50p. (Under shelter of class 3 and 4 if raining).

**Donations required** for Spring Fair: 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

**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

**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)

**LONG WITTENHAM 5km FAMILY FUN RUN** - June 2nd 2019. Download an entry form: [www.longwittenham.com/events](http://www.longwittenham.com/events) or [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**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.

**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 Spring Fair 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!

**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](mailto:hendriette.knouwds@southandvale.gov.uk). To sign up to one of the community rides <https://www.wallingfordfestivalofcycling.co.uk/take-part/fun-rides-and-sportives/>