



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 3

Term 1

September 20th, 2019

Settling In

It's been fantastic to watch all the children settling in so well. Children enjoyed watching 'The Little Princess' last Monday – if you haven't yet sent in your contribution for this, we are still taking them in the office.

Everyone is working very hard, putting in loads of effort and showing what incredible Purple Learners they can be. We have a phenomenal year ahead of us – as I keep saying, this is going to be the best year yet! Keep an eye out for parent sessions and school events. We look forward to welcoming you into school very soon.

PTA

Next Wednesday Eve, 25th 6-7pm. **Mexican Fiesta Meet & Greet** other parents evening. Refreshments of Mexican chips & dips with drinks. Everybody welcome. This is the chance to meet and put a name and face to the people who make our school the wonderful learning place it is. The PTA will be introducing the planned dates for activities over the coming year & what they have agreed to spend last year's funds on.

We will have a film showing to keep the kids occupied... so no need for childcare.

Snacks

A reminder that all children should only have fruit or vegetables for their morning snack. All children in KS1 and EYFS receive free morning snacks, but you are welcome to

send in something else as long as it is a fruit or vegetable. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Parking and Car Park

Can we please remind all parents and visitors that you should not be walking in the staff car park. You must use the pedestrian path all the way out of the school.

What small goals have you set for yourself this term? What do you need to do to achieve these?



You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.

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Week Ahead:
Clarinet Year 5
Gardening Club
Judo Club
School Vision Screening Year R
Travelling Books Fair
Choir
Football Club
French Club

Also, please be mindful of your parking around school – our neighbours are very patient with us, but we ask that you do not block pavements or driveways. Also, there have been several near misses as cars have been reversing out of Newnham Green – please be aware that there are small children often running, riding bikes, scooters, etc – and they are very small and can often not be seen. We must be vigilant about this! You will be spoken to if we see cases of dangerous driving or parking. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 Lunch Orders

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 safely and confidently be deposited that way.

School dinner menus will be emailed weekly separately out on a Wednesday. – Please ensure you order your lunch requirements, especially

As part of re-writing our curriculum – you will notice in your children's classrooms titles such as 'Think like a Mathematician, a Scientist, a Geographer...' etc. This is to get children to focus on these skills and to further understand the traits and behaviours necessary for thinking in all of our learning. Through this we continue to get children to understand why being a Purple Learning is so important. Look out for dates in the future where parents will be invited in to learn all about Purple Learning!

jacket potatoes in advance.
Please see flyers and adverts for community events at the end of this document.

***Gardening Club –**

Please visit Waitrose and pick up a green token for each shop as there is a Crowmarsh School collection box and our club will greatly benefit. As at the end of the month the money is split according to popularity – let's get collecting!!!

Choir News

Choir met for the first time this week, there are spaces available so if your child is interested in joining please speak to Miss Zimmerman or Mrs Bowden. Choir runs straight after school until 4pm and children can be collected from the courtyard.

PE News

Wallingford School: We are running two community clubs this year.

Fencing – Tuesday 4:30-6pm
Age – 9-18; **Taekwondo** – Friday 6:15pm 7:45pm Age – 7-18.
Free Trial sessions are available. Please email leisure-centre@wallingfordschool.com

for more details or a space. We run these club at the absolutely lowest prices for the community. Fencing averages £4.00 for 1.5 hours; TKD averages £3.50 for 1.5 hours. Wilson Chong, Leisure Centre Manager, Wallingford School

Grey's Court Cross Country -

Saturday, 14th September 2019. Will Andrews in Year 6 came 1st in the Year 6 Boys race – ****"WELL DONE WILL!"**, it was a good morning's racing on a challenging course. It gets easier now as we move to the playing fields of Maiden Erleigh Chiltern Edge on Saturday 5th October. Remember all the start times go back 1 hour from last Saturday so it is a 10.00 start. Remind parents to share transport and be reminded that the "cafe" will be open. We need 6 Adults to help with car parking. 3 from 08.50 - 10.00 and 3 for 10.00 - 10.45. If you can help please contact: Kevin Nutt knutt@kidmore-end.co.uk

Language News

Afterschool French Club: there are still a few places available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for this exciting club. For more information

please contact the school office. Please note, that French Club will start again on 23rd, 24th & 25th September 2019.

FRENCH Please encourage your child to use Linguascope to practice their French language skills and support what they learn in school or to try and new topic. Crowmarsh School has paid for our subscription – so let's all use it! Go to:

<https://www.linguascope.com/>

Username: Crowmarsh

Password: poire

Music News

Rocksteady: We hope you have had a fantastic Summer break, as usual Rocksteady lessons will start in the 2nd week of term to give pupils a chance to settle into their new classes. Rocksteady Bursary Space - if there is anything at all that we can help with please get in touch with us using

schools@rocksteadymusicschool.com

Rocksteady offers each school we teach at a bursary space free of charge. This space can be changed termly so if you would like to begin using your space or change the child it is assigned to please email us on pupilpremium@rocksteadymusic.school.com so we can ensure the child is ready for when lessons begin.

Governors' Email

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

Crowmarsh Pre-school News

Car Wash Saturday 5th October 1-4pm in the school car park. From £5 per car. Tea/coffee and cake to purchase whilst you wait. Everyone welcome.

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.

Amy Roberts one of our wonderful TAs (Totally Awesomes), is embarking on a half marathon to challenge herself and raise money for Kidscape Children's Charity. This is the biggest physical challenge I've ever set myself so please make it worthwhile and help me reach my goal of £300!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Amy-Roberts333?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received

- [nth_donation&utm_content=4ea4ce0a-2751-423e-877b-ae7be0205879&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1563473290570](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Amy-Roberts333?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received)

Didcot Greek and Roman festival - is free this year. It is on Saturday 5th Oct at Didcot Civic Hall from 11.30-4.30. There will be, amongst other things, a blacksmith, a Roman cook, a mosaicist - and the children can make free mosaics to take home, a Roman soldier, some animated Greek vases etc. There will also be talks for adults. Melissa Mallows: stretchdidcot@gmail.com

1st Wallingford Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association - We have been hard at work preparing for under 11s' and have a new exciting programme to offer with new activities and new opportunities. Activities for Girls and Boys including: Games, Football, Ten Pin Bowles, Uni-

hoc, Swimming, Cooking, Art, Crafts, Music, Challenges, Puzzles, Acting, team building, leadership skills, First Aid meet new friends, enter competitions, camping, kayaking and much much more. For more information please contact: tarlingchris17@gmail.com

Tutoring Offered - Primary School - Key Stage 2 / SATS and 11+ / Common Entrance Individual, personalised tuition offered at my home in Dorchester or I can visit pupils from Dorchester, Benson, Wallingford areas. I aim to make learning enjoyable! Rosie Southon (BA Hons) - experienced teacher and 1:1 tutor Tel: 07447 691219 rosieKS2tutor@gmail.com

Give driving a miss for a day and be in with a chance to win a prize

Sunday 22 September is World Car Free day and South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils are offering drivers in the districts the chance to win a prize – if they give their vehicle a rest on that day.

World Car Free Day has been running for 25 years. Cities, towns and villages take the opportunity to raise awareness of air pollution and air quality by encouraging people to leave their cars at home for the day and choose alternative forms of transport.

Since Clean Air Day on 20 June both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils have been urging drivers to turn off their engines if they are stopped for a minute or more as part of their joint anti-idling campaign called Turn It Off. Now the councils are suggesting that drivers turn off their engines for a day!

If drivers in the districts pledge not to use their cars on World Car Free Day on 22 September and then tell the councils how they got around instead – on the train? bus? cycling? walking?

kayaking? - they will be entered for a draw for travel vouchers worth £50.

TO ENTER

People simply click on <https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/Worldcarfreeday/> and show (using words and photos) what they did on 22 September without their cars. Deadline for entries is 5pm Monday 30 September.

The competition will be drawn on 1 October – there will be a top prize for each district to be chosen at random. The prize will be given as a voucher and no cash alternative will be offered.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils:
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