



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 1

Term 1

September 6th, 2019

Welcome Back!

We are very excited to welcome everyone back after what we hope was an excellent summer for all. This is going to be the best year yet and all children and staff have come back, settled well and are raring to go!

The term has started off in assemblies with the theme 'Daring to Dream', where we are getting children to think about their goals and dreams for the future while thinking about why we need bravery and courage when setting and moving towards these big dreams. Ask your children about what they are learning in assemblies and use this as a way to generate conversation about our school ethos and culture. Again, we are using the Marianne Williamson quote as a platform for getting children to think about how they 'shine their lights' and how they allow others to shine around them. The quote can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We look forward to the year ahead and can't wait to see your children move from success to success.

Complaints and Meetings

This year we are taking a firm stance with parents and visitors. This is to ensure that our children are never affected by staff members not being where they are supposed to be during different times of the day. As usual, if you have a quick message to relay to the teacher you may pass this on in the morning on the playground. However, we have too many

instances where parents are taking the opportunity to discuss more complex issues with teachers that then makes the children late into class. Therefore, please can we remind you that if you would like to discuss something with the teacher, please call into the office to make an appointment. The same will apply to me (Mrs Barton). If you need to meet with me, please make an appointment in the office as I am no longer able to meet with parents adhoc first thing in the mornings as I will be required in the classrooms.

Further, if you have any concerns, issues or complaints you must follow the correct procedures. Please read the Complaints Policy on our website for further information.

Thank you for your understanding.

Meet and Greet Teachers

We invite all parents into their children's classes next week to meet the class teacher and to ask any questions you might have about the year ahead. All classes will have their timetables, curriculum overviews and curriculum newsletters on the school website by the end of this week, so please do go and visit the class pages.

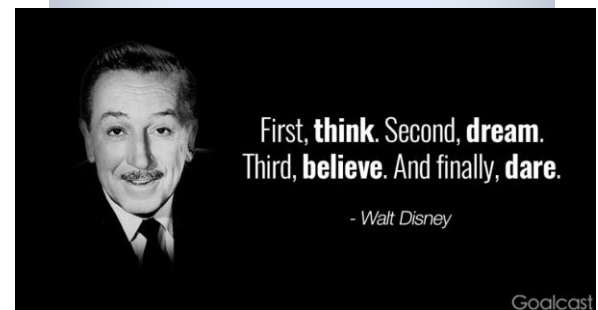
Year 3 will have their door open next Tuesday the 10th from 3:15 until 3:45 and all other year groups will have

What will you dare to dream this year?

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Week Ahead:

School clubs will start the week beginning September 16th, 2019.



their doors open on Wednesday 11th from 3:15 until 3:45. We look forward to seeing you then.

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.

OUR DEEPEST FEAR IS NOT THAT WE ARE INADEQUATE. OUR DEEPEST FEAR IS THAT WE ARE POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE. IT IS OUR LIGHT, NOT OUR DARKNESS THAT MOST FRIGHTENS US. WE ASK OURSELVES, WHO AM I TO BE BRILLIANT, GORGEOUS, TALENTED, FABULOUS? ACTUALLY, WHO ARE YOU NOT TO BE? YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD. YOUR PLAYING SMALL DOES NOT SERVE THE WORLD.

THERE IS NOTHING ENLIGHTENED ABOUT SHRINKING SO THAT OTHER PEOPLE WON'T FEEL INSECURE AROUND YOU.

WE ARE ALL MEANT TO SHINE, AS CHILDREN DO. WE WERE BORN TO MAKE MANIFEST THE GLORY OF GOD THAT IS WITHIN US. IT'S NOT JUST IN SOME OF US; IT'S IN EVERYONE.

AND AS WE LET OUR OWN LIGHT SHINE, WE UNCONSCIOUSLY GIVE OTHER PEOPLE PERMISSION TO DO THE SAME.

AS WE ARE LIBERATED FROM OUR OWN FEAR, OUR PRESENCE AUTOMATICALLY LIBERATES OTHERS.

— MARIANNE WILLIAMSON —

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 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!!!

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

South Oxfordshire Primary Schools Cross Country Races 2019/20. GRAYS COURT RACE on Saturday 14th September - all set to go! First race 09.00 yr 1; 09.15 yr 2; 09.30 yr 3; 09.45 yr 4; 10.00 yr 5; 10.15 yr 6.

Tea/coffee shop open. (If anyone has pupils that would like to be "hares for the yr 1/2 then please contact me. It could be yr 6 but we need 2 as a min).

We will need a few course marshals but will ask for them on the day. Again, this could be pupils who are racing later or who have already run. Leaflet with more details is in attachments.

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.

Choir News

Choir will again be meeting on a Thursday and rehearsing for many exciting performance opportunities including the 'Big Sing' and the Christmas Fair. Choir will now rehearse in Class R, for this reason we are limiting numbers to fifty members. If you were a member of choir at the end of last year, we will assume you still wish to keep your place, unless you inform us otherwise, in writing. All other places will be initially offered to year one and new children to the school. Remaining places will be offered in the following order, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2. Choir rehearsals will commence on Thursday 19th September at 3.10-4pm. There is a £10 admin charge payable termly. The first term payment should be paid to the office by 26th September 2019.

We look forward to another exciting year of music Miss Zimmerman and Mrs Bowden.

Governors' Email

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

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

Henley Farm & Country Show - A fun, family day out on Saturday 8th September at the Henley Showground, nr Hambleton, Henley on Thames, RG9 3AS. Once again, we are inviting all children under the age of 16 free of charge with a ticket holding adult or concession. Our online advanced tickets are very reasonable at £12.50 per adult and £8 per senior. This year we are delighted to welcome Giant Tortoises from the Seychelles. The interactive Food and

Farming marquee is a fun place for children, where they can learn where their food comes from and take part in various activities. The children have a wonderful time and leave with complimentary goodie bags and baseball caps.

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

HealthFest 2019 a family-friendly event hosted at the Warneford Hospital in Oxford on Saturday September 14, 2019. The free family festival is themed 'Living Well through Activity' and will host a variety of festivities and food stalls: there will be taster sessions in art, yoga and mindfulness and much more, as well as music and dance performances for all ages.

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/roll-up-roll-up-healthfest-is-back/>

Ten firefighters from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue's Slade Park fire station will also be bringing one of their engines along – a must for any young would-be blaze buster.

HealthFest will coincide with Oxford Open Doors, an annual event that allows the public to catch a behind-the-scenes glimpse of Oxford's many historic and unusual locations.

Erica.Lamb@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Dates for Your Diary

(The school website will soon be updated with new dates so please check it regularly)

NB Class Open Afternoons will be held on the last Wednesday before half term 3:15 – 3:45 or end of term from 3.15 – 5.00pm when parents can look at their child's work in the classroom. If you cannot make these times, please make an appointment during anytime of the week convenient to you. We want to share your children's learning with you, so please ensure you make time every small term to come in and see their books and classroom.

September 2019

Wednesday 4th	Term 1 starts back for all children
Monday 16th	M&M Theatre Production whole school
Tuesday 24th	Judo Club starts – to be confirmed
Wednesday 25th	Mexican Fiesta Night 6pm – whole school meet & greet.
	Year R children - School Vision Screening
Monday 30th	Travelling Book Fair week

October 2020

Friday 4th	Portrait photos – am
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March 2020

Monday 9th	Class photos
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July 2020

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