



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 5

Term 1

October 4th, 2019

Parent and Child Meetings

Parent meetings will be during the week before our half term break. The system will open for bookings tomorrow, so please log on and see which day and time suits you better. For any children requiring longer conversations, your teacher will contact you to book another meeting at your convenience during the week we return. Each slot will run fifteen minutes long and you will notice that teachers have given you a range of times across the week to ensure that everyone is able to attend. We encourage all parents to bring their children to these meetings where possible. We look forward to seeing you and discussing your children's progress so far!

Mornings

We have noticed lots of children being late in the mornings. Please can we remind you that children must be in their line **BEFORE** 8:40 as the teachers take children into class promptly at 8:40 ready for learning. Doors close at this time and any children arriving after this time must come through the office to be registered. Children will be marked in late after the doors close. It is really important that children arrive on time. Further, parents must not walk through the school in the mornings – any parents seen in school without signing in, will be asked to go to the office. Thank you for your understanding.

Grandparents' Week!

We would like to invite all grandparents back into school to join us for our annual grandparents' week during the week beginning November 11th. We hope as many as possible are able to join us. Grandparents are welcome to come to school from 2:00 on the afternoon that is dedicated to the house group your grandchildren are in. The dates are as follows:
Victorians – Tuesday 12th
Edwardians – Wednesday 13th
Tudors – Thursday 14th
Georgians – Friday 15th
We look forward to seeing you then!

Safeguarding Training

I will be running our annual parent safeguarding sessions after the half term break. If you would like to volunteer in school as a reader or to come in and help with school trips, activities, etc, we ask parents to have completed this training as well as reading our safeguarding pack. When you have completed the face to face training you will receive a certificate that can be used in other establishments for up to three years in Generalist Safeguarding. The first session will be delivered on Monday November 18th at 1:30. More dates will be released shortly.

Can one person change the world? Explain your reasoning.

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THE ONES
WHO ARE
CRAZY ENOUGH
TO THINK THEY
CAN CHANGE
THE WORLD

ARE THE ONES
THAT DO

Martial Art Club KS2

A new after school club will begin on Tuesdays for year 3 and up. Please see the attached flyer. You must book with Wayne Bailey and not through the school. Even though the time says that the club starts at 3:30, he will supervise children from 3:15 getting changed and ready to begin at the start time. Currently Wayne Bailey is coaching our key stage 2 sports afternoons on Tuesdays up until Christmas, doing multi skills, cardio games and teaching children a range of different techniques and strategies to keep themselves safe.

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.

Vacancy

We need a friendly, reliable and hard-working person to join our lunchtime supervisors, starting as soon as possible. This will involve 1 hour a day, 5 days a week, term time only. The requirements of the role are to assist with lunchtimes serving food, clearing away, playground duty, supervising children to and from the dining hall and assisting with returning the children to class when playtime is over. Pay rate £9per hour. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Communication for school office

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 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. 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.

PTA News

Bags2School collection raised £196! Thank you for all the donations and a massive thank you to Sarah Lowe from the PTA for co-ordinating this valuable fundraiser.

Language News

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

Gardening News

Waitrose Green Tokens..... With your help and support Waitrose have awarded us £420 towards Gardening Club! Thank you for supporting our Club this way.

Family Gardening Day on Saturday 12th October from 10-12pm. Our school garden needs a bit of a tidy!! Please can you spare a little of your time to help us with a few essential garden tasks. Hot soup, cakes and refreshments provided. For more information please contact the school office.

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.

Donated football kit – whatever happened to it? We have had news from our contact in Ghana. “When the first shipment arrived, we got some team members from my children’s club to come help sort it. We arranged for a formal presentation in a church hall, and the kids put together a story of their journey to Oxfordshire, we showed Crowmarsh School with accompanying pictures of the kind donators – that’s you all! We gave out kits/equipment to the club and a few carefully selected other clubs who are needy. Each child who attended (around 100) also left the event with something for themselves. A TV news crew come and filmed a piece to air! This weekend we received another shipment of kit this time from the Premier League and some more Crowmarsh kit, both the adult and youth clubs (more from you - yeah!) so more donations will take place. Thank you for sharing this news with your school, everyone is enormously grateful. When driving around Ghana, I recently saw CYFC kit in action on the field. It’s so good to see randomly. Enormous thanks to all at Crowmarsh Primary school, such a great place to visit, they made the kids so welcome. And, we simply can’t thank you enough!

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. Kidscape work directly with children and families experiencing bullying, across the

UK. Please make it worthwhile and help me reach my goal of £300!

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

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

Britain’s Best Home Cook with Mary Berry & Claudia Winkleman want you!!!

Keo Films are currently producing the third series of Britain’s Best Home Cook and are looking for passionate and talented home cooks to apply. Over eight episodes, ten contestants will need to demonstrate their skill under pressure as they’re asked to serve the most perfect version of dishes that define modern home cooking, as well as create their special take on well-loved classics. If you would like more information, and on how to apply please visit this website: <https://britainsbesthomecook.co.uk/> Or email us to request an application form on: cooking@keofilms.com.

Visit Stonor Park this Half Term for their Spooktacular Halloween event! Bring your family to search the garden for riddles and secret messages – work together to solve the mystery and receive a sweet treat! There is also pumpkin carving, and no-carve pumpkin decorating for the little ones. Your ticket to our Halloween event also includes Wonder Woods, where children can climb, swing, and run around for hours. Our Visitor Centre will be open with hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, and snacks. Children (and adults!) are encouraged to come in their best fancy-dress outfit and share a selfie with us! **BOOK ONLINE IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE 10% OFF ONLINE**, just follow the link www.stonor.com
events@stonor.com/