



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 3

Term 2

November 22nd, 2019

## **Whistle**

In the mornings, we are increasingly finding ourselves losing learning time as classes are coming in later than what they should due to children coming into the playground late, or parents talking to the teachers. We will now be blowing a whistle at 8:38 to signify that all parents should leave the playground. We will then promptly leave for the classrooms at 8:40. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Toy Bank**

Please support the toy bank – please see the leaflet attached. I will be bringing this up in collective worship as part of our value of service. If you would like to donate a present, we will collect presents here and then hand them over the Wallingford Baptist Church.

## **Pupil Premium**

Did you know that we may be able to claim an additional £1,320 to support your child's learning and development? If you are eligible, your child will automatically receive Free School Meals when they reach Key Stage 2. Please see the attached leaflet for more details. If your child is in EYFS or KS1, you can check your eligibility in confidence. If you would like more information please come and see us in the office.

## **Pick-Ups**

For safeguarding reasons, please can we ask that no parents wander into the school playgrounds until after 3:05. If you are on the school site

helping with an activity, etc, you must first sign in at the office. If we see you in the school playground before this time, we will ask you to wait outside of the gates. We do not have a member of staff free to open the gates at this time, so we will be relying on the parents to ensure that the barrier on the gates is not lifted until 3:05. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Safeguarding Training**

I will be running another Generalist Level Safeguarding training for parents on Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. If you would like to attend, please come and put your name down in the office. This certificate will cover you for three years and can be used across a variety of settings.

## **Lunchtime Supervisors Needed!**

Do you have an hour to spare from 12:00 until 1:00 during the week? Any day of the week? We are looking for parents or members of the community who may be interested in helping with our lunchtime hour, supervising the children with eating and during play. Training will be provided. You are welcome to come in and see what the job entails before you decide. We are looking for the right people to join our team. If you might be interested, please come to the office to find out more.

**During this season of Thanksgiving – what are you thankful for?**

**Take time to make a list of all your blessings.**

**Take time to notice the little things.**



just enjoy where you are now

## Open Morning

We will be holding our final open morning for prospective parents on Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a very short headteacher's presentation at 9 and another at 9:30 both followed by tours of the school with pupil leaders.

## 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 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.

## Poppy Appeal cake sale - update

Thank you to everybody that supported the cake sale last week. Poppy and Erin were delighted to raise £33.05 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and hope you all enjoyed your cakes!

 We are excited to welcome again the **award-winning poet James Carter** to Crowmarsh School. James is a popular and regular visitor to us, he will be giving poetry (with music) performances and workshops across the whole school. You can also buy a personally signed book! More details to follow.

## PTA News

**Wallingford Butchers** will be giving a 5% discount to all meat orders received on the attached PTA form at the end of this newsletter.

**Film club** – The Grinch 3:15 – 5pm. Please come and help the adults if you can.

**Christmas Fayre...** the 2 weeks count down has begun! The choir will be singing us in and out! We continue to need your help with the following:

1. Raffle prizes.  
We will be raffling 7 Christmas hampers during the evening. We are asking each year to collect items that will be made into a hamper. Each year group will have a different colour theme as follows:

R: Pink  
1: Green  
2: Purple  
3: Blue  
4: Red  
5: Silver/white  
6: Gold/yellow

Please can you drop any donations for this into your child class box, which are in the classroom.

### 2. Tombola prizes.

Any kid or adult unwanted gifts or very good condition items that you no longer need and you think would be suitable for our tombola. Please drop any donations into the labelled box in the reception area by the office.

### 3. Lucky dip items.

Any small unwanted toys (like you get free in magazines, happy meal toys, party bags). Please drop into the labelled box that will be in the reception area outside the office from the start of next week,

### 4. Activities on the evening

Each year group has been allocated an activity to man during the evening. The Class Reps are organising this so please track them down and see what they have planned. So we can all enjoy some of the evening we need all parents/ carers to

help out by manning the activity for just 30 minutes.

## 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

## PE News

Great event last Saturday. A frosty start with mist, a little sun and a dry morning. A good race day and we had some close races. Well done to all who took part. Thanks again go to the MECE parents' association for running their café.  
Congratulations to: Joseph Hermsen, Olivia Hermsen & James Rowley Yr 4; Amber Mackenzie Yr 6 who represented Crowmarsh School so well. Next race. Saturday 7th December. Same times as always 10.00 start.

## Choir News

This is an extremely busy time of year and we will be singing on the following dates:

- 28th Nov – The Big Christmas Sing, Town Hall Oxford 6:30pm
- 4th Dec - Lights of Love service for Sue Ryder at St. Mary's Church Henley from 6:15 – 8:00pm
- 5th Dec - Crowmarsh School Christmas Fair 5:30pm
- 17th Dec - Music & Poetry Evening, Crowmarsh School 6:00pm

## 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)

***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.***

## Village Children's Christmas Party

on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 3:00 to 5:00pm Crowmarsh Village Hall committee are hosting a Christmas party for all children aged between 4 and 12 years old who live in Crowmarsh Gifford or North Stoke. Please see attachments at the end of this newsletter.

Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire is looking for new volunteers to support local families with young children who are experiencing difficulties. Are you a parent, or have experience working with young children, and can spare 2-3 hours per week giving friendly practical and emotional support? Full training and on-going staff support given. Please contact 01235 511152 or [admin@homestartso.org](mailto:admin@homestartso.org) for more information.

**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](mailto:rosieKS2tutor@gmail.com)

## IT'S COMPETITION TIME!

This Christmas we'll be turning down the temperature and transforming The North Wall into

the frozen wastes of Lapland. In the midst of all the snow flurries and shards of ice, the Snow Queen needs your creative suggestions for her Christmas wardrobe! You'll have a chance to win a place on our one day Christmas workshop and an extra special Snow Queen goody bag! All you have to do is send your picture to [foh@creationtheatre.co.uk](mailto:foh@creationtheatre.co.uk) or post it to: Creation Theatre, The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury OX16 5QE. You can paint, pencil, or even papier mache, but make sure you get it to us by... midday on 29 November. Ryan our designer will be judging the competition in rehearsals. Get hands on, get crafty because it's all to play for. Good luck!!!

The **Oxford & Cambridge Singing School** Christmas Course on Friday 20 December 2019 (only one day), for children aged 7-13 year olds at St Barnabus' Church, Jericho. For more information: Samantha Wickham [www.oxbridgingingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgingingschool.com)