



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 1

Term 2

November 8th, 2019

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.

Grandparents' Week!

Don't forget that all grandparents are invited back into school to join us for our annual grandparents' week next week. 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!

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

A reminder that 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.

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

How can you show that you are more aware of others around you?

What does having 'awareness' mean?

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**Week Ahead:
Grandparents' Week
Flu Vaccinations
Open Morning**

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** Christmas Fayre has been moved to Thursday 5th December*

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The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. ”

– Mahatma Gandhi

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.

Poppy appeal cake sale

A couple of the Year 3 girls are organising a cake sale after school on Remembrance Day, next Monday 11th November, to raise money for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Please support them by coming along to the KS2 playground and buying a cake!

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.

PTA News

Please note that All parents, carers and staff in the school are members of our PTA so we would love everyone to come along and support our meetings. We need the whole of our school community to be involved in our PTA in order raise valuable funds. Attending meetings gives you a voice on how we spend the funds we raise.

Coming up this half term:

Wednesday 20th Nov 7-8pm: PTA meeting, School Hall. All parents, carers and staff in the school are members so please come along and let us know your thoughts. There will be obligation to commit placed upon you.

Friday 29th Nov 3.15-5pm: Film club

Thursday 5th Dec 5.30-7.30: Christmas Fayre
Getting ready for the Christmas Fayre. We need your help in 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 will be in the classroom from next week.

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 will be allocated an activity to man during the evening. So that we can all enjoy some of the evening we need all parents/ carers to help out by manning the activity for just 30 minutes. Your class rep will be in touch with what the activity is and the time slots. Each year will also need to do some preparation for the activity in advance so if you are not able to attend the evening you can offer your help with the organising instead.

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/>

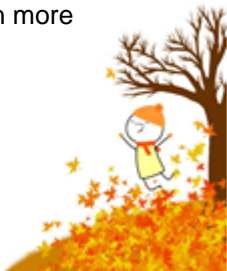
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Gardening News

Autumn in the garden

Class R have been observing the insects in the garden and making bug hotels out of recycled tubes and bamboo. Class 3 have been planting daffodil bulbs all around the school grounds. Class 4 have been building bird boxes and are looking forward to installing them in trees around the school. RAFTers and Young Carers groups have been using summer crop from the garden to make jam and chutney (This will be on sale around Christmas) Gardening Club has been very popular with children from KS1 and 2 attending each week. Lots of digging and clearing beds, planting onion sets and garlic and thinking about what we can plant to attract wildlife to the garden. Our Weekend Autumn Tidy was a success with lots of tidying and sorting the shed, painting our new garden table and even more bulb planting!



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.

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 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

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 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!!!

Brown Garden Waste Collection

On week commencing 18th November there will be a chance to put out an extra bag of garden waste with your brown bin, this is because there will be no garden waste collection over the Christmas period.

Brass Lessons available in the school with Ian Barlow from Brass in Class. Please see attachments for more information.

Festive Afternoon Tea

Thursday 19th December 2pm – 3:30pm at Crowmarsh Village Hall OX10 8EN.

Tea, coffee cake and festive entertainment. Countywide Caring will be making a Christmas donation to the Wallingford Food Bank, so all donations of food for those in need will be very welcome. For more info: dpitchers@countrywidecaringltd.co.uk or 01865 858895

Davis Tate Christmas

Colouring Competition 2019 Colouring sheet attached, please drop off completed entry to the school office or Davis Tate office in Wallingford by Friday 13th December.