



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 5

Term 2

December 6th, 2019

Christmas Reading Morning

Come and enjoy a story and a coffee with your child on the morning of Wednesday 18th at 8:00 in the hall. Can we remind you to bring in your own travel mugs? We look forward to seeing you then!

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 to 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.

Safeguarding Training

I will be running another Generalist Level Safeguarding training for parents on Thursday January 16th 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.

Open Morning

We will be holding our final open morning for prospective parents on Wednesday January 8th. 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.

We now have our quote wall up in the hall – what is your favourite quote and why?

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Week Ahead:

Dress Rehearsals
Christmas Performances
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner
Music & Poetry Evening



This Christmas season, let us all give the best gifts. ... Let us give the gift of love, the gift of service to those around us, and the true gift of forgiveness.

Sister Christina
B. Franco

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 Robertson 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.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a quantity of unnamed lost property which will be available to be claimed from Monday 16th December in the school office. Please come and find your 'lost items'.

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.

Children in Need update - A massive THANK YOU for your wonderful fundraising efforts and contributions – we raised £201.07 to support this worthy charity.

Choir News

There will be choir practise on Thursday 12th Dec but no rehearsal on the 19th Dec.

17th Dec - **Music & Poetry Evening**, Crowmarsh School 6:00pm – Please complete and return entry form asap if your child would like to showcase their skills and talents at this event.

PTA News

Santa Sleigh is coming to Crowmarsh on Monday 9th! This is a charity fundraiser where all profits can be shared between Preschool and PTA, but most importantly it's always a very special event for the children (and elderly) of the village. It would be great to have some other volunteers to help knock on doors. It's great fun, and anyone up for it (robust kids with a parent welcome), please meet by traffic lights by bridge at 5.30 on Monday evening. Progress of

the sleigh can be tracked via Wallingford 1155 Facebook page.



Gardening Club

Festive Family Wreath

Decorating Workshop – Friday 13th December 3:30 – 4:30. Come and join us for some festive fun, refreshments will be provided £5 per family. Book your place through the school office.

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

Music News

Guitar lessons – Spaces available from January. Should your son/daughter be interested in learning to play guitar, please contact Manu Weikert on 01491 833715 or manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk Children should be at least 7 years old.

Brass In Class - Ian Barlow has spaces for brass instrument lessons, please see flyer at the

end of this newsletter or
www.brassinclass.com/register

Rock Steady Music School has spaces from January. ½ hour music lesson taking the form of a small band, taking place during the school day with all instruments provided. For more details please see flyers at the end of this newsletter.

Church News

Light, Bright Christmas Party on Monday 23rd Dec from 3-4:30pm for all primary aged children. An afternoon of fun, games, crafts and food.

Accompanied toddlers welcome too. RSVP:

christmasparty@wallingfordbaptist.co.uk

* Sun 15th Dec 7pm - Come and "Follow the lights" to explore the Christmas story for more information

www.wallingfordbaptist.co.uk/followthelight

*Tue 17th Dec 10am – Toddlers party at Wallingford Baptist Church

*Sun 22nd Dec 6pm – Family Carol Service, followed by Christmas refreshments

*Wed 25th Dec 10:30am – Christmas Day Celebration

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.

Visit Santa at **The Winter Wonderland** at Wallingford Fire Station on Sunday 15th December at 3pm-7pm. Raffle, teas, coffees and cakes, sweets and of course the 'big man'

himself. Supported by wonderful local businesses and in aid of the Fire Fighters Charity.



Toy Bank, could you buy an extra gift this year for a child who may not get anything? The presents will be donated to local children and families who may be struggling financially this Christmas. Donations by 12th December can be left at the school office. Please contact Sarah on 07828 198693
sarah@southmortonfitnessclub.com

A Festive Evening of Carols with Chelsey Silver Band hosted by Wallingford Town Council on Wed 11th December 6:30pm at Wallingford Market Place. Refreshments by Wallingford Scouts, late night shopping PLUS a visit from Father Christmas!



WALLINGFORD 1155 have great pleasure in having exclusive use of Santa's reserve sleigh (the real one is being loaded up in time for Christmas!) for a whole week in December, the big man himself even takes this time out of his busy schedule to say hello to the children of Wallingford and surrounding villages. As the sleigh makes its way around the streets of Wallingford with Santa and his Christmas music, an ensemble of adults and children from local organisations collect donations

from those who come out to see the spectacle. This money is in turn given straight to the organisation or charity helping Santa and the WALLINGFORD 1155 team that evening, each organisation or charity takes it in turn to walk the route alongside the sleigh. Volunteers needed to organise the Wallingford Fireworks and other superb events! If you are free for a beer once a month and want to be involved in our local community, please contact markbrett@yahoo.com

Davis Tate, the estate agents are running a colouring competition – please see flyer at the end of this newsletter.

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

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.oxbridgegingschool.com