



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 1

Term 4

February 28th, 2020

A Note from the Head...

Lots has been happening around school these past two weeks – Year 5 attended a choral concert with Lin Marsh at Cranford House at the end of last term, where they were commended all day on their impeccable manners and behaviour. We really stood out as a school and I could not have been prouder of the way our children carried themselves throughout the day. Cranford House were excellent hosts and we look forward to many more events shared with them – the children always enjoy the events we have when we visit their school. Just this week we also attended a KS2 football tournament that was hosted by Cranford. They are terrific hosts and ensure that we are always extremely well looked after. We are very lucky to have such a close working relationship with them.

Year 3's went on a school trip to the Dorchester Cathedral to see the Narnia exhibit, to prepare them for reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We later received an e-mail from the organisers again commending our children on their impeccable behaviour and knowledge of the story. We love having feedback like this – your children are terrific ambassadors of our school values and always model manners and leadership wherever they go. As parents, you should feel very proud.

This week year 5 and some year 6 children have been doing their Cycling Proficiency. They are very quickly becoming confident in making sure they safely can

ride their bikes to and from school.

Until next time...

Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader!

Parent's Reading Evening

Calling ALL parents to come and attend an evening with school staff here to talk to you about the importance of reading with your child. On Wednesday 1st of April at 6:00 p.m, we ask that you join us here at school for an evening that could be one of the most important to help set your child up for their primary years and beyond. Come and watch us model reading with children and see how you can help your child with their reading from reception to year 6. Learn about questioning and find out some new ways to enjoy reading with your children at home, even when there seems to never be any time! You won't want to miss this event and we encourage ALL parents to attend. We cannot stress enough that this could be one of the most important evenings for you to attend to help your child succeed now and later in life. We think it is so important that we will be providing childcare for any children in attendance. Please can you fill in the attached slip to let us know if you can make it and if you will be bringing any children with you. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the evening.

How will you 'break the mould'?

What does that mean to you?

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Week Ahead:
World Book Day
BAGS 2 SCHOOL
Football Clubs
Krav Maga
Judo
Clarinet
Guitar
Brass

*you're mad.
BONKERS.
off. your head.
but I'll tell you a secret...*



School Library

A huge thank you to Mr Hewer who gave up a weekend to come and assemble all of the new library furniture. The library is looking amazing and the librarians, led by Mrs Bennett, looks stunning. A massive thank you to Mrs Bennett for her passion for reading and our library. Finally, thank you to the PTA for helping fund the new library furniture. The children have been so pleased with how it is coming together.

Play Equipment After School

Please can we remind all parents that children should not be playing on any of the school equipment after school – especially while waiting in the EYFS area. Thank you for your understanding.

Pick Up and Collection Arrangements

Please read our policy to clarify pick up and collection arrangements. Thank you.

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March 2020 from 8am come and join your children and teachers in the school hall for stories and refreshments to celebrate World Book Day.

*Don't forget to bring in your decorated piece of fruit.

Parents Evenings

We invite all parents to pick a suitable timeslot with your child's teachers to discuss their progress. We encourage all children to also join in with the discussions. Online booking system opens up Monday 2nd March.

Science Ambassador Update (Written by the Science Ambassadors)

Gas Giants

For the second part of our journey around the solar system we will explore gas giants. Of all the planets in the solar system, gas giants are the biggest. These planets are extraordinary in both size and majesty. Let's take a look...

Uranus

- Uranus was the first planet to be discovered by scientists
- Uranus is the seventh planet from the sun
- Uranus was named after the Greek sky deity Ouranos
- Contrary to popular opinions, Uranus is surrounded by several luminescent rings
- Uranus has the coldest atmosphere of any planets in the solar system
- Unlike the other planets of the solar system, Uranus is tilted so far that it that it essentially orbits the sun on its side, with the axis at its spin nearly pointing at the star



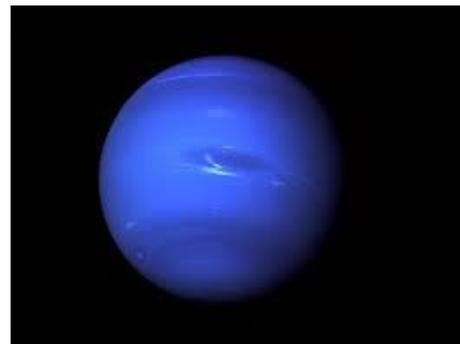
Uranus (The coldest planet in the solar system)

Neptune

- Neptune is the eighth planet from the sun
- Despite being furthest from the sun, Neptune often experiences winds

of astronomical speed and strength

- Neptune's magnetic field is roughly 27 times than that of Earth
- Neptune orbits the sun one in about 165 Earth years
- Neptune has 14 moons, all named after lesser sea gods
- Neptune's only exploration (Voyager 2) was launched August 25th, 1989



Neptune (Furthest from the sun)

Saturn

- Saturn has a nickname – The Ringed Planet
- Constructed mostly of hydrogen and helium, Saturn has a volume greater than 760 Earths
- Saturn is the second largest planet in the solar system
- Scientists first spotted Saturn's rings in 1610
- The rings are named alphabetically in the order they were discovered
- Saturn has at least 62 moons, one of the largest being Titan



Saturn (The Ringed Planet)

Jupiter

- Jupiter is the 5th planet from the sun
- Jupiter is so big; its volume is that of 1300 Earths
- Jupiter's 'big red spot' is an immense storm, blowing continuously
- With 79 known moons to its name, Jupiter is like a small-scale solar system
- Surprisingly, Jupiter does bear rings – but they're much fainter than Saturn's
- A total of 7 missions have flown to Jupiter, all bring back new and exciting discoveries



Jupiter (The largest planet in our solar system)

The science ambassadors love a good puzzle, so try and answer our latest brain stretching question, designed to get you thinking!

Of all the gas giants in our solar system, which one is most likely to hold alien life in the future?

Check out some of these useful links:

www.space.com/jupiter
www.space.com/saturn
www.space.com/uranus
www.space.com/neptune

Well, that's it for our space topic. We've had a wild ride, exploring the solar system and discovering loads about the planets within! We hope you've enjoyed learning about space as much as we've enjoyed teaching it! See you again soon with a new topic, and lots of fun facts. Keep exploring, scientists! -Harvey Brewer and Tamsin Clayman (The proud authors!)

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. Hot lunch orders can only be accepted when accompanied with the payment.

Collection arrangement – due to Safeguarding regulations, please use the lilac slips available at the school office to notify the class teachers if there is to be a different person collecting your child at the end of the day.

Recycling with TerraCycle....

What is TerraCycle?
TerraCycle is Eliminating the Idea of Waste® by recycling the "non-recyclable". With your help, we can divert millions of pounds of waste from landfills and incinerators each month. We have a collection point in our school office for the children to deposit empty crisp packets, pens, highlighters & whiteboard markers.

PTA News

Please also consider joining the Crowmarsh Gifford primary school PTA Facebook group where lots of interesting ideas get posted. In addition to the whole school group, each class has their own page too.

Bags2School Tues 3rd March 2020, so please start collecting your good quality unwanted clothing and textiles etc. – more details on the attachments. This raises considerable funds for the PTA.

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: ananas

Sports News

Saturday 29th February.

Oxfordshire County Championships at MECE. Times as per normal 10 yr 1, 10.15 yr 2, 10.30 yr 3, 10.45 yr 4, 11.00 yr 5, 11.15 yr 6.

A team event is also included with the yr 3,4,5,6 age groups so please try and get 3 runners per age group boys and girls. These results will also go towards an Overall team result.

I will need help on the day for car parking and marshalling.

knutt@kidmore-end.co.uk

Saturday 21st March RAF Benson John William Stacey Memorial race at Benson. Times 10 onwards. Please remember to check the adult requirement re ID passport driving licence etc.

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.

Ian Barlow has spaces for brass instrument lessons, please see flyer at the end of this newsletter or www.brassinclass.com/register

Pre-School News

On Saturday 28th March we will be hosting the annual [fundraising quiz night](#). It will be held at Crowmarsh Village Hall from 7pm. £10 each including food. See the poster for details. Gather your friends and book your tickets. Please email crowmarshpreschoolquiznight@gmail.com or come along to pre-school to request tickets. Alongside the quiz we will also run a silent auction and raffle. We are therefore looking for prizes and would be grateful for any donations or assistance in gathering auction lots. Thanks for your support.

Church News

St Mary's Church and Sustainable Wallingford have combined to put on an event on Saturday 7 March from 2pm till 4.30pm offering information and advice on [living a more sustainable lifestyle](#). There will be stalls from organisations and individuals with information on topics such as how much electricity you save by installing solar panels; how to avoid food waste; which insulation is most effective to install first; tips on saving water; recycling issues; the value of repair cafes and similar topics. This is a family-friendly event and there will be

no sales stalls as this is to help and inform everyone.

Wallingford Baptist Church is once again running [Easter Explored](#): Monday 30th March – Friday 3rd April.

- Sunday 1st Family Service (St. David's Day) 11am, St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh Gifford
- Saturday 14th Crowmarsh Community Café, 10:30 – 12:30 Village Hall
- Sunday 22nd Mothering Sunday Family Communion 11am, St Mary Magdalene's Church

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.

Keep Wallingford Tidy! [Annual Litter-pick](#) – 14th March. Can you spare a little time to join the town-wide team of volunteers to help tidy-up our town? (Wallingford 1155 will be organising the annual litter pick around the town with various organisations and local residents). Meet at the Regal / Town Centre entrance between 8-9am. We will supply the litter pickers, bags, gloves and Hi-Viz vests and direct you to a location or road that needs picking. If you are interested in helping as an organisation or an individual. Please email markbrett@yahoo.com or phone 07718 875822 so we can co-ordinate the event and ensure all areas of Wallingford are covered. If you would like to join us afterwards for a FREE cup of soup and bread roll, we will be

meeting at the Comrades Club at midday.

South and Vale district councils' new HQ – Crowmarsh – Exhibition

Saturday 14 March Councillor Andrea Powell will be hosting an exhibition at the Community café in Crowmarsh Village Hall with the design concepts for the South and Vale district councils' new HQ on display. Last year South Oxfordshire District Council asked its Crowmarsh neighbours and the wider community for our thoughts about what kind of building we would like to see on their former site. Our feedback, alongside that of staff and councillors, has been used to help create the design for this new building. Sustainability is at the heart of this exciting project and Andrea will be available to talk more about how this has been incorporated as well as other aspects of the design. Community Café, Crowmarsh Village Hall, Saturday 14 March 2020; 10.30am – 12.30pm

Johnathan Davey Qualified Primary School Teacher. [Private tutoring](#) (all subjects) Year 1 – Year 6 (Booster English/ Maths sessions, phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATS) Evenings 5pm onwards Mon – Fri. Email address: a.c.davey@hotmail.co.uk

[Indoor, pre-season cricket training](#) starts next week for Kidmore End Cricket Club Junior Section. For boys in years 4-7 and girls up to Year 9. We are keen to increase our membership, so would really appreciate if you are able to publicise the sessions for us please? Weekly sessions start on Tuesday 18 Feb 6.30pm - 7.30pm Langtree School, Woodcote £4 a session, pay as you go. More details: keccjuniors@gmail.com

**Carer / Care Assistant
Vacancies – Westgate House –
Wallingford (£8.63 - £10.92 per
hour)**

We are recruiting for full or part
time Care Assistants for
Westgate House Care Home in
Wallingford.

The shift times are 7:00am –
2:00pm or 2:00pm – 10:00pm.
No previous experience or
qualifications are required as full
training will be given.

For more information please
email Tom Harding, Recruitment
Lead at t.harding@osjct.co.uk or
call 07824 694341.

Wondering what we can do to live
more sustainably? Come to the...

Sustainable Living Fair



FAMILY FRIENDLY **FREE ENTRY**

Ideas for living a more sustainable life and
reducing our contribution to global warming

St Mary's Church, Wallingford

Saturday 7 March 2020
2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Contact us at sfwallingford@yahoo.com

Weighed down by debt?
Whatever the situation you are
facing, there is hope. As a
charity, CAP offer a completely
free service to help you lift the
burden of debt. Free debt
counselling in your community
from an award-winning charity
www.capdebthelp.org

On Saturday 7 March, **Oxford
Opera** are offering young people
of 4+ and their friends, family
members and carers, the chance
to see an hour-long mini-matinee
version of the opera La Boheme
which boasts an incredible line-
up of soloists and chorus of 70
local children and students. The
Oxford Playhouse has a brand-

new production of Puccini's tragic
love story. From just £5 a ticket.
More details from Sophie,
<https://oxfordopera.uk> +44 (0)
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babysitter living in Crowmarsh
Gifford. Call or text Jasmine on
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School - Key Stage 2 / SATS and
11+ / Common Entrance
Individual, personalised tuition
offered at my home in Dorchester
or I can visit pupils from
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