



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 2

Term 1

September 13th, 2018

Welcome Back!

Where has the summer gone? We welcome you all back to what is going to be an exceptional year. The children are so excited to be back in their new classrooms and you can feel the enthusiasm from everyone. Thank you to everyone who completed the end of year parent survey, we will shortly be giving more feedback in relation to this, but we were overjoyed that 100% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their children enjoyed school. That is amazing. If children are happy, staff are happy, learning will come in leaps and bounds. We cannot thank you all enough for your support.

We are very appreciative of everyone's cooperation while the building works are taking place. The temporary classrooms were only able to be occupied last Monday, so a huge thank you to all the staff who came in on Monday (not a staff working day), to ensure they looked fantastic for when your children came into school on Thursday.

Harvest

It is that time of year again! We will start collecting items for harvest – any canned items, etc, that we can add to parcels for our local community members would be greatly appreciated. If you bring any perishable items, please can you bring them in nearer the final date. Can all items please be in by Friday October 5th at the latest. All of the food will then be packaged up for local residents on our Harvest Parcel list. Thank you!

Another school year means we look forward to a new start for everyone, further embedding good practice across our school while always seeking to improve what we do. We start the year with a dynamic teaching staff who truly put the children at the heart of everything. At this time we would like to remind parents that you may request a meeting with the teacher at any time – please don't wait for parents' evenings if you have questions or concerns. Progress for everyone can only happen with open communication at all times.

So on a final note, for all those new and joining our school, we welcome you to the Crowmarsh family. Here is to what will be a phenomenal year!

Curriculum Talks

Please come along to your child's curriculum talk on Wednesday 19th of September at 3:15. Come and hear about what your children will be learning and expectations for the term ahead. If you are unable to come, we will be sure to send home a curriculum newsletter and timetable. Look forward to seeing you there!

What did you learn
yesterday and what
will you change
today?

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Monday:

Tuesday: Running Club Y1-6

Wednesday: Netball Club Y 3-6

Thursday: Choir
Football Yr 4, 5, 6

Friday: Jeans for Genes Day

"The best is yet to be"

Robert Browning

Dates for the Diary

We have already begun to fill up the diary. Please see our dates at the end of this newsletter. They will be updated regularly.

Attendance

Please can we remind you that the gates open at 8:30 in the morning. Children's lines go in at 8:40. If your child arrives after this time we ask that they register in the office. Children will be marked in late if they come later than this and we will be monitoring this very closely over the year. Please see the attached sheet on attendance. If you are five minutes late every morning that is the equivalent of missing 3.4 days of the year.

Grandparents' Week

We would like to invite all grandparents back into school to join us for our Remembrance Week starting November 5th. 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 6th
Edwardians – Wednesday 7th
Tudors – Thursday 8th
Georgians – Friday 9th

More information will follow.

Reading Morning

Our first reading morning of the year will take place on Wednesday October 17th at 8:00 a.m. in the hall. Come and enjoy a story and a coffee with your child. If you are unable to attend with your child, we will now allow children to come on their own to join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you then!

Here at Crowmarsh we use the 'Power of Yet'. This is a very simple thing. When a child says something like, "I can't do it," all adults will respond by saying, "You can't do it.....YET!" So simple, but so powerful. A really interesting TEDx talk by Carol Dweck explaining the 'Power of Yet' can be found by searching You Tube for Carol Dweck: The Power of Yet or on this link here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-swZaKN2lc>

Safeguarding

I will be running two safeguarding sessions for parents and staff. If you would like to begin volunteering in school, or need to refresh your training, please book yourself on. We love having parents come and support our children in school! The next dates are:

Thursday September 27th at 1:45 or
Tuesday October 2nd at 8:45 a.m

Reading for Pleasure

Reading for pleasure is an area we are really driving at the moment. Until children enjoy reading, the simple pleasure of opening up a book's pages, we cannot expect children to fulfil their potential in any other subject. The research tells us that reading for pleasure is the single most influential factor of achievement. Reading affects learning for life and how highly a child will achieve. It is for this reason, that we push reading with your children every night so much. At Crowmarsh we expect ALL children (from reception to year 6) to be reading every night – reading out loud to their parents, their siblings, their pets – or hearing someone else reading to them. Reading out loud is so important, especially for children to hear someone else bringing a story to life – this is where they will begin learning much of their 'fluency'.

So, we urge you, to ensure your children are reading as much as they can, to make reading a fun, exciting and enjoyable activity. It will make a massive difference to their future success.

As part of this, we are asking if every family could please donate one book – a picture book, a longer fiction chapter book, or a non-fiction book, to their class. We would like books that are in good condition. The children would really appreciate a collection of new books in their classrooms that they can share with each other or enjoy on their own. Thank you in advance!

Just to inform you based on feedback we are now sending Newsletters out fortnightly. School dinner menus will be emailed weekly separately out on a Wednesday.

Guitar Lessons - Spaces available! Should your son/daughter be interested in learning to play guitar, please contact Manu Weikert on 01491 833715 or manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk

French Club. A few places have become available in the After School French Club starting on Monday 17th 3:20 - 4:20pm. The cost is £60 per term (£6 x 10 lessons). For more information please contact Emmanuelle: emmanuellejames@googlemail.com

Governors' Email

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at 1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Prayer Spaces

Our school is very excited to welcome Prayer Spaces into school during the week of September 24th. The children loved the experience of the Prayer Space here in our school last year and know that this year will be even better. Many schools in Oxfordshire including Wallingford Secondary and Benson CE Primary, have benefited from having this as a yearly event that takes place in their schools. If you are interested in helping with our Prayer Space or finding out more about it, please see Mrs Barton.

The Jungle Book

We are very excited to welcome M&M productions (same company who performed Alice in Wonderland last year) into school on Monday the 17th of September to perform The Jungle Book. A huge thanks to the PTA who fund this experience every year for our children.

PE News

What a great start to PE this September!

Lunchtime Sports Clubs

We have started our lunchtime running club for KS2 on Thursdays. This is for any child who would like to challenge themselves to run a mile (four times around the field). This is a great opportunity for those children who are joining us for their last mile as part of the Virgin Sport Oxford Schools Challenge on Sunday 7th October. KS1's running club will start on Tuesday lunchtimes.

After-School Clubs

Running Club will start on Tuesday for Years 1-6 from 3.15pm-4.10pm.

Netball Club will start on Wednesday for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 3.15pm-4.10pm.

Football Club will start on Thursday for Years 4, 5 and 6 and run from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Cross Country

South Oxfordshire Primary Schools Cross Country's first race will take place this Saturday from 9am at Greys Court. Timings are as follows. The School has paid the fee to enable all children who are interested to run for free so just turn up!

9am Year 1
9.15am Year 2
9.30am Year 3
9.45am Year 4
10am Year 5
10.15am Year 6

P.E.

This term we will be focusing on Multi-Skills across the school. This will help all children in their balance, agility and co-ordination. Our activities will include throwing, catching, movement/spatial awareness, attacking and defending.

Mrs Scott
PE Coordinator

PTA News

Welcome to all new families to the school and welcome back to all who return after an enjoyable Summer break. We hope everyone is settling into their new classrooms and all parents and carers are settling back into the much enjoyed 'school run'! Our PTA is run by volunteers who want to help raise funds so that all our children in school can enjoy an enriched educational experience while at Crowmarsh Primary. We have a meeting

once every short term that all parents, carers and teaching staff are invited to attend so we can all share our views and ideas as well as vote on any proposals for events and spending of raised funds. The committee:

Chair: Flick Hermesen (children in yr 1, 3 & 6). Vice Chair: Becs Wilkes (Children in yr 1 & 4)
Secretary: Emma Thomas (Children in yr 1 & 4)
Treasurer: Mel Cornut (child in yr 6). Vice Treasurer: Sarah Lowe (children in yr 3 & 6)
Teacher Rep: Mrs Barton

Class Reps: We are very grateful to the following people who have kindly volunteered as class reps this year. They will be a point of contact for the PTA and parents (in each particular class) to help everyone share information and questions/ answers where required.

R: Sarah Holgate (Hermione's mum)
1: Catherine Richmond (Ingrid's mum)
2: Kairan Knight (Connor's mum)
3: Giovanna Mazzapioda (Daniele's mum)
4: Louise Bridges (Alfie's mum) & Michelle Reynolds mum (Callam's mum)
5: Rebecca Wilson (Ben's mum) & Charlotte Sampson (Oliver's mum)
6: Laura Cox (Erin's mum) & Ruth Watson (Jess' mum)

Upcoming events in September:

Tuesday 25th September, 7.30-8.30, School Hall. Meet & Greet PTA evening. All parents/ carers & teaching staff are warmly invited to join us for drinks and nibbles so we can take you through our 2018-2019 calendar.

Wednesday 26th September. Bags for Schools. Bags will be distributed shortly to all children so families can fill them with any clothing, soft toys, shoes, belts, bags that are no longer required. All donations you can make will

enable the PTA to receive money according to the weight of bags collected. The drop off point will be the grass outside the front of school by 9am.

Thursday 27th September 3.15-5pm, School Hall. Film Club. An opportunity for children to stay and enjoy a film & snacks with their friends after school. Booking forms will be emailed out next week.

The Agenda for our meeting on 25th will be in next weeks Newsletter and on the school intranet page (in the PTA section). Should you have anything you would like to add to the agenda please feel free to contact us via email: 1pta6000@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk or via messenger.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support. The PTA committee.

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.*

We hope to bring the whole village together for our **Autumn Fair and Fun Dog Show** on Saturday 15th Sept, from 1 – 4pm at the Village Hall (free entry). Come and register your dog at 1pm for the various categories (each £1 entry: Golden Oldie, Best Rescue, Best Puppy, Most Handsome Dog, Prettiest Bitch, Dog Most Like its Owner, Waggiest Tail, Best Paw Shaker, Fastest Biscuit Eater, Junior Handling, etc). With musical entertainment, bouncy castle, BBQ & bar, tombola, raffle, crafts, teas & cakes, white elephant and all the other usual stalls, we are looking forward to a fun-packed afternoon, so we hope you will join us.

Wallingford Castle Archers are excited to be starting a new

group for children aged 6-11 years old on Sunday 16th September. No equipment or prior experience is necessary. Bookings are open for our first term, find out more or book in on the website at <https://wallingfordcastle.co.uk/juniors/>.

Wallingford School Leisure Centre are running 3 new sports clubs:

Fencing – Tuesday 4:30-6:00pm
Age: 10-16 £4 per session FREE TRIAL AVAILABLE

Athletics – Thursday 6:00-7:30pm Age: 7-16 £20 per term
FREE TRIAL AVAILABLE

Taekwon-Do – Friday 6:15-7:45pm Age: 7+ £3.50 per session
FREE TRIAL AVAILABLE

All run by professional coaches who we have DBS checked. The school allows us to use the venue for free to ensure it's as cheap as possible for the kids in the community. email leisure-centre@wallingfordschool.com to book on or if they have any questions.

Crowmarsh Girls Football Club age 6 & 7.

Kevin Higgs, a parent at Crowmarsh, is looking to start a football team for girls age 6 & 7 to train at Crowmarsh Recreation Ground. We hope training can take place on Saturday mornings from 9.30-10.15am. If your daughter would be interested in finding out more, please can you register your interest at the school office.

Taekwon-Do at Icknield Community College Wednesday & Friday 5:30-6:30. Little Pumas 4-7 years, Juniors 7-12 years, Adults 12+ years. No experience needed! For further details: email watlingtontaekwondo@gmail.com text/phone 07707 532307

Football Just for Girls - Beginners Wanted!

Crowmarsh Youth Football Club is looking to grow the number of girls' teams that it has.

With over 350 children playing football with Crowmarsh Youth FC, the Club has a great track record of nurturing and developing young football players of all abilities and age ranges.

Children new to the sport are especially welcome as we aim to promote football as a fun team sport that is inclusive - shaking some of the old stereotypes that football is just for boys!

You may already know that the Crowmarsh Youth Juventus (Under 11a Girls Team) takes many of its players from Crowmarsh School Year 6. Their manager - Paul Baroni - is an FA Level 2 qualified coach (and Crowmarsh parent) will be coming in to school to offer some football taster sessions for girls who would like to give football a go.

Look out in our Newsletter for more information on dates and timings. If you would like more details about girls training with Crowmarsh Youth Football Club, please contact Paul Baroni via email -paulbaroni@hotmail.com

Left to their own devices?

Do you feel out of touch with your child's online habits? The internet has completely changed the way that we live our lives. From smartphones to social media, our children have so many positive opportunities to develop skills and build connections that were never previously possible.

Despite this, many can find parenting in the online world a challenge and are concerned about how to safeguard their family. This event was a great success in the summer and we're now looking forward to coming to Reading on 16 October.

Katharine Hill and Philip Jinadu will explore the highs and lows of the digital world and how to nurture online resilience. Book now and help your family thrive in

the digital age. LifeSpring Church, RG1 7UY Time: 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm. cff.org.uk/owndevices 029 2081 0800. Tickets: 1-3 tickets - £6 each; 4 or more tickets - £5 each; On the door - £7 each; Special Partner rate - £4 each

Anti Bullying Workshops

Free workshops for children, their parents and carers on 9th October and 6th November. These workshops aim to teach practical assertiveness skills so that participants are able deal with bullying situations effectively. Other objectives include bullying awareness and building confidence and self-esteem. The workshops are held during school time, so you would need to gain permission for children to attend. The sessions will take place at Exeter Hall, Kidlington with the session for 9-11's and their parents and carers taking place on 9 October. The session for 11-16's is taking place on 6 November. Please e-mail anti-bullying@oxfordshire.gov.uk if you are interested in attending.

Church News

Wallingford Baptist Church. **Back to Church Sunday** 16th September at 10:30am to 11:45am, starting with bacon roll and coffee, then a simple short and user-friendly church service. You don't need to believe in God to come – we promise not to make you feel awkward, guilty or embarrassed... just welcome. Creche for younger children. For more information email pastorsimonwbc@outlook.com or just turn up.

The Thames Street Living

Room. Wallingford Baptist Church, Thames Street (via the side entrance) Open Mondays 9am-4pm (from 24th September 2018). Join us for tea, coffee & cake! A place to stay a while and meet people just like you!

BLAST – Building Lives Around Sound Truth. Games, Crafts, Music, Nights out, Tuck shop - £1 entry. Wallingford Baptist Church. Open to school years 6 – 7 every Friday evening during term time 7pm – 8pm. blast@wallingfordbaptist.co.uk

Festival of Flowers, Berks Bucks and Oxon Area of NAFAS presents **Footsteps – Journeys of the Soul.** Dorchester Abbey 28-30 September 2018 Entry by programme £8.

Raising Faith – Helping our children find a faith that lasts. Care for the family charity. As Christian mums and dads, there are so many ways you can bring God into your family life. Come and explore how you can help your child find a genuine faith of their own - help them discover God in the everyday. Wed 14 November The King's Centre, OX2 0ES. Tickets: 1-3 tickets - £6 each; 4 or more tickets - £5 each; On the door - £7 each; Special Partner rate - £4 each; Time: 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm. To book : cff.org.uk/raisingfaith 029 2081 0800

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school, they miss out on important information. The teacher then has to take time from the rest of the class to settle them in.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at entering the classroom late and will miss important social interaction with friends before school

Minutes late every day during the school year	Is the equivalent of missing:
5 Minutes	3.4 Days a year
10 Minutes	6.9 Days a year
15 Minutes	10.3 Days a year
20 Minutes	13.8 Days a year
30 Minutes	20.7 Days a year

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can disadvantage your child. Teaching punctuality will help their independence and the importance of being on time for work in later life.

School begins at 8.40.... Please help your child to be punctual.

