



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 7

Term 1

October 18th, 2019

Pearson Teaching Awards

This Sunday we will be waiting with anticipation to see if our Miss Rahman will win gold for New Teacher of the Year in a Primary School for all of the United Kingdom! The actual award ceremony will be broadcast the following weekend on October 26th at 5:30 on BBC 2 called 'Classroom Heroes'. Make sure to keep an eye out for this and look out for tweets this Sunday to keep updated. No matter what happens, to be presented with a Silver Award for New Teacher of the Year is a massive achievement – she is already a winner! Crowmarsh is so blessed to have such a phenomenal team. Go team Crowmarsh!

Harvest

Please be sure to bring all of your canned food, cereals, etc, to the school by Monday next week, so we can add it to our Harvest parcels and delivery to the Wallingford Food Bank. Harvest parcels get sent out first to local people in our community and then the rest is given to our local food bank. This is a fantastic way to demonstrate our school value of Service.

Parent and Child Meetings

Don't forget that parent meetings are running throughout next week. We hope that you were able to find a suitable time slot that worked well for your family. As you will see all meetings run for 15 minutes which is longer than normal, therefore, we must

keep to timings. We look forward to meeting with you all next week. If you would like to book a meeting with Mrs Barton about anything, please don't hesitate to call the office to set up a time.

Mornings

We have noticed lots of children being late in the mornings. Please can we remind you that children must be in their line **BEFORE** 8:40 as the teachers take children into class promptly at 8:40 ready for learning. Doors close at this time and any children arriving after this time must come through the office to be registered. Children will be marked in late after the doors close. It is really important that children arrive on time. Further, parents must not walk through the school in the mornings – any parents seen in school without signing in, will be asked to go to the office. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Are you a Change Maker?

What does this mean?

How is it possible?

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Week Ahead:
Autumn Garden Tidy
Parent's Interviews
Autumn Disco
Krav Maga
Yr 5 French Café afternoon

**"You must be the
change
you wish to see in the
World"**

- Mahatma Gandhi

#I Am A Changemaker

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Grandparents' Week!

We would like to invite all grandparents back into school to join us for our annual grandparents' week during the week beginning November 11th. 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!

Safeguarding Training

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.

Martial Art Club KS2

Wayne Bailey is offering another free after school session for his after school club this Tuesday 22nd of October. Come and try it out and see if your children enjoy it – starts at 3:15 and ends at 4:00.

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.

PE News

South Oxon Primary Schools' Cross Country 16th Winter Series Results for October 2019
Year 4 Girls - Olivia Hermesen
Crowmarsh Gifford 20th
Year 4 Boys - Joseph Hermesen
Crowmarsh Gifford 13th & James Rowley Crowmarsh Gifford 14th
Year 6 Girls - Amber Mackenzie
Crowmarsh Gifford 10th
Year 6 Boys - Will Andrews
Crowmarsh Gifford 6th
Very proud of our runners – great achievements!

PTA News

Autumn Disco in the school hall, Thursday 24th October. KS1 5:30 – 6:30 Class R children to be accompanied by an adult. KS2 6:30 – 7:30. £3 incl. snack & drink. Light up items 50p to £3.

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

Gardening News

Autumn Garden Tidy this Saturday morning 19th October, Crowmarsh School field 10-12, hot soup and cakes provided, all very welcome.

Waitrose Green Tokens..... With your help and support Waitrose have awarded us £420 towards Gardening Club! Thank you for supporting our Club this way.

Governors' Email

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

Crowmarsh Pre-school News

Car wash. It was a great success. The children all had a great time, getting wet and soaping up the cars! It was a lovely family event and we managed to raise £154. Thank you so much for your support. Anne and the Crowmarsh Pre-School Committee.

Church News

"Quiz & Chips" Friday 25th October 7pm for a 7:30 start. St. Mary Magdalene Church Crowmarsh Gifford. Why not get a team together of 6-8 or join in with another team? £10 per head – includes a fish & chip supper. *Trophy for the winners! For more information contact R'ved Kevin Beer 01491 599873 or pick up an entry form from Crowmarsh Stores.

Light & Bright Party (Halloween alternative) for primary age children. Thursday 31st October. 5-6:30pm Wallingford Baptist Church. Prizes for the lightest, brightest, sparkly'est costumes! More information: lightparty@wallingfordbaptist.co.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.

2nd Hand Teddies Wanted – Donations of once-loved teddies required for a stall at this year's Dorchester Fireworks to raise funds for Footsteps Foundation. Donations in by Thursday 24th October and dropped off at the school office.

1st Wallingford Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association - We have been hard at work preparing for under 11s' and have a new exciting programme to offer with new activities and new opportunities. Activities for Girls and Boys including: Games, Football, Ten Pin Bowles, Uni-hoc, Swimming, Cooking, Art, Crafts, Music, Challenges, Puzzles, Acting, team building, leadership skills, First Aid meet new friends, enter competitions, camping, kayaking and much much more. For more information please contact: tarlingchris17@gmail.com

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

Visit **Stonor Park** this Half Term for their Spooktacular Halloween event! Bring your family to search the garden for riddles and secret messages – work together to solve the mystery and receive a sweet treat! There is also pumpkin carving, and no-carve pumpkin decorating for the little ones. Your ticket to our Halloween event also includes Wonder Woods, where children can climb, swing, and run around

for hours. Our Visitor Centre will be open with hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, and snacks. Children (and adults!) are encouraged to come in their best fancy-dress outfit and share a selfie with us! BOOK ONLINE IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE 10% OFF ONLINE, just follow the link www.stonor.com/events@stonor.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!!!

Junior Saturday Art Club at the City of Oxford College 10am-12pm parents also welcome to come and explore the art studios and facilities to explore all sorts of creative disciplines. For full course info and to enrol www.activatelearning.ac.uk/Junior-Saturday-Art-Club