



Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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

Week 1

Term 3

January 10th, 2020

Parent Survey

As always, we seek the views of parents and carers to help improve our school for all involved. We ask that you please take five minutes of your time to respond to the link below. We aim to close the link on Friday the 24th of January. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CYFTW95>

Winter Reading Morning

Come and enjoy a story and a coffee with your child on the morning of Wednesday January 22nd at 8:00 in the hall. Can we remind you to bring in your own travel mugs? We look forward to seeing you then!

Twitter

Our school Twitter account has been a bit quiet lately. However, starting from next week we will be back up and running! Keep an eye on updates to see #LifeatCrowmarsh and to see what is happening across the school throughout the week! Our Twitter Handle is: @CrowmarshSchool. We have to allow you to follow us, so if your Twitter name does not allow us to recognise who you are, please can you contact the office to let us know so we can accept you. Thank you and look forward to sharing our pictures with you!

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.

E - Safety Day and Parent Internet Safety Session

On Tuesday February 11th, it is Safer Internet Day – the theme is: Together for a better internet. Mrs Corrigan will be leading a whole school assembly and children will be focusing on e-safety more throughout the week than normal (e-safety is already a large part of our computing curriculum) Following this, on February 27th at 7:00 p.m in our school hall, we will hold another Parent Guide to the Internet Session with Matt Lovegrove. These are always very popular sessions, so please can you RSVP to the school office if you are able to attend. Matt is a Google certified teacher and CEOP trainer. As always, we urge all parents to put this date in their diaries and to attend even if you have come to previous events in the past as things continue to change rapidly. We cannot stress how important this issue is. Please note this session is suitable for parents from

How can you make this year better for someone else?

What can you do to be more aware of others?

...

Week Ahead:

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"

– Martin Luther King, Jr

ALL year groups.

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.

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.

Drop off and Pick up. Some cars are being left to idle next to the queue of waiting children most mornings when it's cold for up to 10mins. (Being one of the early arrivals I'm witnessing this on a fairly frequent basis). Is it possible to have a polite request sent out to ask those who do so to move away from the school gate?

Communication for the school office. 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.

School Places for Reception age children.

We are nearing the closing date for parents to apply for a Reception place for September 2020. The deadline to submit an application is Wednesday 15th January 2020. If your child is born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, they should submit an application form for a Reception place to Oxfordshire County Council, either on-line which is the most secure method, or by paper, by 15th January 2020. Paper forms need to be received at County Hall by 5.00 pm on the 15th or can be handed in to the school office on that day, (Please date stamp any applications

handed into school and forward them to us). Unless there are very exceptional circumstances, we will NOT accept late applications.

Fifteen apps parents should know about – please see additional information at the end of this document.

PTA News

Next Wednesday 15th Jan the PTA warmly invite you to join in with their next meeting in order to hear your thoughts and make plans for the forthcoming new events 7-8pm school hall.

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.

The next PTA Film Club is planned for Friday 24th January – more details on separate email.

Bags2School is coming around again, so please start collecting your unwanted clothing etc. – more news to follow

A massive thank you to all those parents and pupils who accompanied Santa's Sleigh through Crowmarsh on Monday 9th. The bucket collection raised £309.40 which will be shared between school and Pre-school.

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 a 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

Sports News

Primary Cross Country 2019 - Rupert House won the overall Team Championships.

The event is designed to encourage youngsters to take part in some form of Physical activity and it is great to see so many turn up on the Saturday mornings.

Moving on to the next races.

- Saturday 8th February - Oratory Prep School. Yr 1 - 6 as per normal. 10.00 start. Details out in the New Year.
- Saturday 29th February. Oxfordshire County Championships at MECE yr 1 - yr 6 10 start details to follow. (Oxfordshire Schools only)
- Saturday 21st March. RAF Benson Yr 1 - yr 6 10.00 start. Details out in the New year. (Open to all schools)

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

Church News

Wallingford Baptist Church - Sunday 12 January - 10:30am Join us for family worship as we begin the year 'Discovering your 2020 vision' from Revelation 1. *Evening Service – Please note the earlier time as we share our vision for a new monthly 6 O'clock service. Join us to discover what we are planning, to pray with us, to be inspired to invite people and perhaps to help

us make it happen. We will also be sharing communion together.

*Saturday 18th January 5:30pm TOUGH TALK at South Moreton Boxing Club. A great event to invite non-Christian family and friends to.

*Monday 20th January 8pm ALPHA at WBC. Alpha is a fantastic course that has led many people to become Christians as it is an open forum in which to ask questions.

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.

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

Creation Theatre are currently offering throughout Oxford bursaries/taster session places for Spring term in their drama clubs. They want everyone to love telling stories and enjoy exciting theatre as much as they do. They have a bursary scheme for their Drama Club, which allows them to bring their passion for theatre to more children across Oxford. Each term the drama club is over a 12-week period, you can expect to play exciting drama games, develop

your acting and storytelling skills for an end of term production for an audience of parents and loved ones. You'll make new friends, develop your confidence and get performance training from our excellent teachers. We'll introduce you to lots of interesting stories, characters and texts in an imaginative and unique way. Bursary Scheme - How Does it Work We're offering two different bursaries – one at 50%, and one fully-funded by Creation. Each bursary will last three terms, and then be reviewed. There are a limited number of bursary places per club. How to Apply - To apply for either bursary, please download and complete an application form on the Creation website Drama Club Bursary Form, Post: Print it out and post back to us at The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury, OX14 5QE, Scan and email: Print and fill in then scan and return by email. Fill and email: Open the file in adobe reader and use the 'fill and sign' menu on the right, then return by email to education@creationtheatre.co.uk. If you do have any questions, or just want to chat about it, do give our Education team a ring on 01865 761393. Taster Sessions - Please note that booking a taster session doesn't guarantee a place in the group – Drama Club groups are limited to 16. We know that joining a new club can be a little bit daunting, so we offer free taster sessions at the start of every term. You can come along, meet the group and the teachers and choose the play, then join following your session. If the above interests, you please don't hesitate to contact us. General enquiries - 01865 761393, Education enquiries - 01865 761393