

Crowmarsh Primary School News

"Let Your Light Shine..."

5/10/2020



Harvest and other things...

Thinking outside of the box...

As we have settled into our new routines in school, we have begun thinking about how to do some of our annual events in slightly new ways. This year for Harvest, we are not asking children to bring in donations of food, rather we will be doing a whole school assembly which we will invite parents to, where some classes will be sharing different Harvest art/poems or songs. We are encouraging all families to make donations to the Wallingford Food Bank – be sure to talk to your child about why this is so important and how it links to our value of 'Service'.

As we approach Christmas, we are thinking about how to do the 'normal' festivities such as Nativities, Plays and Christmas Dinner. We are 'thinking outside of the box' and know that children will enjoy our new approach to our usual traditions. If you have any unique ideas, please do share them with us!

Congratulations....

Please can you help us congratulate Miss Zimmerman on the announcement of her pregnancy! We are so excited that she will finally be a mum! You can read more about Miss Zimmerman and her team below.

Parent and Child Meetings

A reminder that we will be doing online Zoom parent and child meetings. Your class teachers will be sending out further information regarding this soon, however for your diary, these meetings will take place during the last two weeks of term – Weeks beginning October 12th and 19th.

For Harvest this season, we encourage your families to take food donations to the Wallingford Food Bank or help with funding here:

<http://www.wallingfordfoodbank.org.uk/>

Assemblies

This week's assembly theme is: Kindness and Gratitude. Last week we looked at Hope and I know many of your children practiced making their paper boats!

Last week we read a beautiful story called, 'Wisp, A Story of Hope' written by Zana Fraillon. This week we have read the book, 'The Giving Tree' written by Shel Silverstein. See if your children can retell what these stories were about and how they linked to the themes of our assemblies.

Virtual Tours

In usual times, we would begin doing our open mornings and events where we welcome in new parents to come and see our school in action. As we are unable to do these in the usual way, we are putting together a 'Virtual Tour' for parents to watch, that hopefully highlights all the things that new parents want to know about a school. We will share information about this virtual tour when it is ready and able to be shared on our website.

Class Spotlights

Class R Spotlight.....

Well the children have come to the end of their second full week in school, what a busy week it has been!

This week during phonics, the children have started to learn the letters sounds that they will need to start reading and writing. They have learnt s, a, t, and p. The children have learnt the Joly phonics action that corresponds to these sounds and have been shown how to write the letter. We have played lots of small group games including; 'Ant is lost in the Jungle' and 'Cross the River' as well as creating alliterative phrases using children's names in the class

While sharing the story of Owl babies this week, we have talked a lot about speech bubbles and thought bubbles. The children used their imagination to think about what the characters in the story could be saying and took in turns to share their ideas.

Last week we used our hands for printing. We created a border for our 'Class R display'. This week all the children have looked carefully at their faces in a mirror. They looked at eye colour, hair colour and the shape of their face. We talked about making sure they were choosing the colours for a particular purpose and talking about the purpose, "I need green for my eyes".

Miss Zimmerman

Hello, My name is Miss Zimmerman I am the Early Years Foundation Stage teacher (class R) at Crowmarsh Gifford Primary School. This is my eighth year working at Crowmarsh and I absolutely love it! When I am not at work (I promise I do not live at school!) I enjoy walking Tilly, my cocker spaniel, Irish Dancing as well as spending as much time as I can with my fantastic family that I have around me. I am a Beavers Scout leader for the Scout group where I grew up, I enjoy passing on the skills and knowledge that I learnt as a scout. I love to sing and am very much missing all those beautiful voices from choir at the moment.



Books make me smile. I have a very large collection, especially picture books. I love to share new titles that I find with my class. I have so many favourite books but one always springs to mind and I often share it on World Book Day. Class Two at the Zoo by Julia Jarman.

I feel my purpose is to support and encourage all children to be independent learners who are ready for the challenges that life may throw at them.



Mrs Conway – Class R

Hello, I am Mrs Conway.

I have been working in Education for many years and have specialised in Early years. I have been lucky enough to be at Crowmarsh for just over 6 years, and within that time I have had 2 little ones. Working in Reception means I am able to inspire and help build the foundations for the children's start in school life. When at home I love nothing better than spending quality time with my family exploring the outdoors on many adventures.



Mrs Mathews

I have been in education for many, many years, starting when my own (now very grown up!) children started Nursery/pre school. I am honoured to care and help nurture your children, hopefully preparing them to be independent and ready for year 1 and beyond. My life outside of school still evolves around my children: watching my son play rugby and my daughter dance/perform (in the old pre-COVID world). I own and run a dance school that takes up my "days off". To relax I love to read or do mind puzzles; anything to keep the grey matter going!



Year 1 Working Together

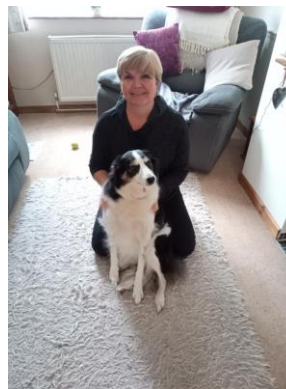
Mrs Bowden - Class R

I have worked over 30 years in Early years. Trained at Chiltern Nursery training college. Spent the last 6 years working alongside Miss Zimmerman. Our purpose children

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I am Mum to two big boys and a hairy daughter(my beloved border collie) Married for nearly 30 years to Mr Wonderful!



is to provide our the first introduction to life. When they they will have to be independent, ready to their learning at their own



Class Spotlights

Class 1 Spotlight.....

Year One have got off to a flying start this term. Not only have they impressed us with how well they have adjusted to being back at school, they have been responding really well to the different learning environment in Year One. As a class we have been exploring the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and the children have thoroughly enjoyed using the book as our learning focus for many different conversations. The children loved making the class display to show that we may all look different but we should not be fooled, as we are all people. A key message taken from the book. We also loved listening to 'What a wonderful world' by Louis Armstrong and writing our own version of the song as a class. We further appreciated our planet and all that it does for us by writing notes to Earth on how we can all work together to help the planet and look after our world. Class one also loved using Google Earth to explore our local area.

In phonics we have been revisiting a lot of Phase 2 and 3 sounds with a focus on reading for purpose in everything we do in class. The children have learnt how we can use phonics fists to segment and blend words together as well as using sound lines and sound buttons to help us read. The children have also been introduced to Alien words and really enjoy playing the word sorting game to identify the right words. Furthermore, children in class one have been practicing the use of phonics in their writing. For Maths we have explored numbers 0-20 by counting forwards and backwards, making numbers using one to one correspondence and identifying and representing one more and one less from a given number within 10. This week we have really enjoyed playing Numicon face off to identify the different representations of numbers and explore one more and one less.

We are so impressed with how the children have settled into Year One and their positive attitude towards learning and the changes that have taken place recently. A HUGE well done to all of the children and parents in Class One!

Mrs Hewer

Hello!! I am Mrs Hewer. I moved to the area in 2012. I have 3 children, Andrew, who is 12, Oliver, who is 11 and both who came to Crowmarsh, but are now at secondary school. I also have a daughter called Sophie, who is in year 3 here. I started



Miss Rahman

Hello I am Miss Rahman, I started my teaching career at Crowmarsh 4 Years ago and have been teaching in Year One since then. I LOVE teaching in Year One because I feel like it is a year group that lets you truly see how much progress the children make as individuals and learners. I moved to the UK when I was 9 years old from Bangladesh and have always wanted to be a teacher since secondary school. For me the purpose of my role as a teacher is to enable the children in my class to have a positive experience at school every day, even if it is small. I have always believed that education plays an important role in the development of young children and having personally seen how children from different parts of the world struggle to access basic education inspires me even more to motivate the learners in my class in a nurturing environment. I have currently enjoyed reading *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini and have loved sharing the book *Ruby's Worries* by Tom Percival. I feel my purpose is to support and encourage all children to be independent learners who are ready for the challenges that life may throw at them.



Mrs Roberts

Hello! I'm Mrs Roberts, I've worked at Crowmarsh since 2016. Before School I managed nurseries in and around Oxford. During my time at Crowmarsh I have been lucky enough to work in every single year group. I went back into Reception in September 2018 doing a slightly different role (that I love) This has allowed me to move up into Year 1 with the same class which I feel very grateful for as we missed a chunk of time together and they're a wonderful class! My purpose is not only to ensure children feel happy and safe but to inspire them to care about their World and the people in it. I previously ran our School Council where we raised money for several different charities. We also provided Christmas



working in Crowmarsh a couple of years ago as a lunchtime supervisor, then last year joined the team as a teaching assistant.

I love reading, although I don't get much time to enjoy books at the moment!! My family and my cat take up most of my time!

Mrs Garland

Hello! My name is Mrs Garland. I have two grown-up sons, whom I adore. At present my husband and I are renovating a house, exhausting but fun! I have learnt many new skills and made many DIY mistakes along the way! Hopefully it will all come together in the end.

I have been privileged to work in education for 28 years and still

truly love my job!



presents to those in need, we had a 'Friendship' Day and a 'Culture' Day and I loved being involved in our 'Random Acts of Kindness'.

I live locally with my two girls, husband and doggy. We enjoy riding our bikes and going for picnics by the river.

I like to set myself a challenge, my most recent was running 50 miles over September for 'The Children's Society' raising £220.

I also love singing, I've done a few open mic nights and a couple of local gigs.



Going Out From Home...

Check out the Autumn Events from Care for the Family – ALL ONLINE and ALL FREE! Go to www.cff.org.uk

Wisdom House, Run the Race Free to Be and Raising Faith, all online to book now! Watch these incredibly powerful sessions to help navigate life, family and your own wellbeing.

Events in the Area:

Live Jazz Concert

Saturday 14th November - Doors: 6.45pm, show 7.30pm

Fleur Stevenson Quartet

Crowmarsh Village Hall

Fleur Stevenson: vocals Pete Billington: piano Raph Mizraki: double bass Simon Price: drums

Tickets: (£15) limited availability Booking and info:

www.fleurstevensonjazz.co.uk/shows

Following COVID guidelines. Free parking. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

Crowmarsh Village Hall, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh, Oxon OX10 8ED

