



The Week Ahead

Have you taken a moment to reflect this week? Did you take five minutes out to notice all around you and to be still? What did you notice?

Monday:
KS1 Run Club 8:00
KS2 Run Club 3:15

Tuesday:
KS1 Multi-Skills

Wednesday:
KS2 Football
KS2 Basketball

Thursday:
Choir with Miss Zimmerman

Friday
No Clubs

“Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons.”
~Ruth Ann Schabacker~

Weekly Newsletter

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December 1st, 2016

Happy First Day of Advent!

Well done to all of the children who spoke on BBC Radio Oxford this morning about Advent and what we do in school during this time of year. They all spoke with eloquence and confidence, something that is part of our development plan this year!

Christmas

Please see the Dates for your Diary for all the Christmas events happening in school. What a busy few weeks ahead!

Advent

Don't forget! During this season we focus on our value of Service – therefore, we are asking that just during the first week of December starting Monday the 5th, we are asking children to bring in an item for the Wallingford food bank each day of that week. So, in total, we are asking families if they could donate five cans or five items of food that can help local families during Christmas. Imagine if all 205 pupils brought in 5 items of food – how much we would be able to give! However, again, please remember this is voluntary and we only ask that you donate if you are able. Thank you to those parents who have already brought their five cans in!

Christmas Biscuits

Thank you to those families who have already brought in the Christmas biscuits and chocolates for the senior citizens in the village. As always, we would love to get our children to hand deliver a Christmas gift to the senior citizens (who are on our list) in our village. Therefore, if you are able to pick up an extra tin or box of Christmas biscuits or chocolates and are able to wrap them ready to deliver, we would very much appreciate it. Last year, the response of thanks was overwhelming, so they truly do appreciate it. It is lovely to let them know that we are thinking of them during this time of year. Please can all biscuits/chocolates be delivered by December the 12th. Thank you.

Christmas Tree Decorating

Would any parents be interested in helping us decorate our Christmas Tree for the St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival in Wallingford on Tuesday 6th of December after school at around 3:30? Some of the classes in school are making decorations for us to hang on the tree which we will take with us. Our theme is based on the carol: “Do you hear what I hear?” So, if any parents have any phenomenal ideas, we would love to hear them! Please let Mrs Barton know if you are able to help by Monday.

#BePhenomenal

Please keep sharing photos and #BePhenomenal sheets of your children! We love sharing them!

Young Carers

Did you know we are starting a Young Carers club in school which will be held here during school time? The club will run every other Friday afternoon and will be a time for the children to relax and have some fun. "Young carers are children and young persons under the age of 18 who provide care, assistance or support to another family member." There are different levels of caring and can be both emotional and physical.

Examples of caring roles can be to support someone with depression, substance misuse or someone with a physical or mental disability. We are not here to judge, we are here to help. Even if your child does not qualify as a young carer, perhaps the young carers club could still help them? More information can be found on the school website. If you would like more information, please see Mrs Beckett.

Christmas Reading Morning

Thank you for joining us for the Christmas Reading Morning. We had a fantastic turn out and we hope you enjoyed the morning as much as we did!

Remembrance Week School Mosaic

A huge thank you to Mr Bridges for coming in over the weekend to put up all of our mosaics around school and to cement the slabs in our reflection garden. They all look terrific! Have you been able to spot them all?

Governor E-mail

If you have any correspondence that you would like to share with the governing body, you may contact them on: lgov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Collections for Staff Leaving

We have to say farewell to Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Bailie, who are moving on to pastures new. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for either or both of them, please send your donation to the office in a sealed envelope no later than next Wednesday.

PTA NEWS

Children in Need Appeal

We are delighted to let you know that £184 was raised for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. Many thanks to all concerned.

Film Club is back!!

Save the dates: Friday 20th January 2015 and Friday 16 June 2017.

Timings: 3.15 – 5pm.

More details to follow in the New Year!!

Disco and Cake Sale

Thank you to all parents for supporting a busy week last week. The disco and cake sale were both a fantastic success and the children had a great time!

PTA Funding Votes

Thank you to all parents who voted. Parents voted in favour of all three requests from the school, so the PTA will be providing the outdoor clothing to Class R, the table tennis table for the KS2 playground, and we will be funding the production company coming into school in December to work with the children and produce

their own play in a day. Fantastic news!

Christmas Fair Helpers

We are looking for parents and grandparents who are able to help man stalls at the Christmas Fair on 15th December, 17.30 – 19.30. If anyone has an hour to spare to help serve refreshments, or to help on the games and craft stalls, please either email me Leanne.miller@outlook.com or send me a message on Facebook. Or you can add your name to the list on the PTA board in reception.

PTA Facebook page

The School PTA Facebook page has been really successful. If you haven't already, please look us up 'Crowmarsh PTA' on Facebook and send a request to join the page.

Guitar Tuition

Manu Weikert has vacancies for beginners who would like to start learning to play the guitar. Lessons are twenty minutes during lunchtime. Please ask at the office for an application form or email manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk.

Term and Holiday Dates for 2017-18

Attached is a list of term and holiday dates for **September 2017 until August 2018**. If anyone needs a reminder of the dates for the remainder of 2016-17, please ask at the school office.

St Mary Magdalene Church – Crowmarsh Gifford Village Carols

Tuesday 13th December 6.00pm.
With some light-hearted seasonal sketches, music and poetry. Home-made mince pies and mulled wine.
Everyone welcome!

Christmas Jumper Day
Don't forget our Christmas Jumper Day tomorrow 2nd December. Please bring in a raffle prize for the Christmas Fair.

Kindest Regards,

Your headteacher Mrs Barton and the team at Crowmarsh Gifford CE Primary School.