



## The Week Ahead

### How will you be phenomenal this year?

**Monday:**  
No Running Clubs until following week.

**Tuesday:**  
KS1 Multi-Skills

**Wednesday:**  
KS2 Football  
KS2 Basketball

**Thursday:**  
Choir with Miss  
Zimmerman Years 1 - 6

**Friday**  
No Clubs

**“Let your energy be purposeful, influential and determined to help someone’s day. Be Phenomenal!”  
~Ricardo Housham~**

## Weekly Newsletter

*Faith ♦ Service ♦ Integrity ♦ Responsibility ♦ Truth ♦ Excellence*

**8<sup>th</sup> of September 2016**

### Welcome Back!

We welcome familiar and new faces to school this week. We have had an excellent first few days and already the children are showing what phenomenal learners they can be. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

### School Clubs

Please note that all school clubs, will begin next week apart from Run Club which will now offer two separate sessions; one for KS1 and one for KS2. KS1 Run Club will be offered from 8:00 until 8:30a.m on Monday mornings and KS2 Run Club will be from 3:15 until 4:15, Monday afternoon. An update of clubs offered is on our school website under the ‘About Us’ tab. Please complete the attached slips if your child wishes to attend any of these activities.

### Harvest

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September in school. As in previous years, please can we ask children to bring in donations of food items such as cereals, tinned foods, etc, to be sent out in packages to local community members. Thank you.

### Curriculum Talks

Starting next week your child’s class teacher will be holding a curriculum talk to update you on what to expect over the next term. All parents will receive a curriculum newsletter and information regarding home learning, topics covered and timetables. All sessions will begin just after children are dismissed from class at the end of the day. A teacher will be available in the relevant playground to supervise the children.

Class R – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 1 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 2 – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 3 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 4 – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 5 – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 6- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

### Alice in Wonderland

We are very excited to welcome M&M productions (same company who performed Dick Whittington last year) into school on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September to perform Alice in Wonderland. A huge thanks to the PTA who have funded this experience for the children.

### Parent Governor Election

Please see the attached letter about our parent governor vacancies.

### **PTA AGM – Mexican Fiesta!**

We warmly invite you to attend our annual PTA AGM on Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7:30. This is a chance for all new parents to come and learn more about our school.

Come enjoy a build-your-own-burrito night with heapings of tortilla chips, salsa and guacamole. Wine and other refreshments will also be served.

Come listen to Mr Ian Barlow play brass instruments and hear the future vision of our PTA. We will need to elect new chairs, so please come and let your voice be heard. Childcare will be provided as well, so that you can come and enjoy a social evening out. Meet all the new parents joining our school and help us give them a huge Crowmarsh welcome. If you are able to join us, please fill in the reply slip. Come and enjoy what should be an exciting and lively evening. For more information please see Mrs Hendy or Ms Franklin.

### **Safeguarding**

A reminder that we require you to attend our Generalist Safeguarding Training in school before you come in to volunteer. This is a one hour briefing on safeguarding procedures and things to be aware of. You will be given a certificate that will cover you for three years. In addition to this, you must have a DBS check carried out by Mrs Rance as well as sign to say that you have read our updated Safeguarding Policy. Even if you have been on our training and have a DBS check, you will be required to read and sign to say that you understand our new Safeguarding Policy that can be found on our school website.

I will be holding safeguarding sessions on the following dates and times which parents are welcome to attend:

Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> - 1:45 - 3:00

Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> – 3:15 – 4:30

Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> – 1:45 – 3:00

Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> – 5:15 – 6:30

### **Lollipop Needed!**

The school has been successful in gaining funding from the Churchill Insurance scheme for a school crossing patrol officer at the beginning and end of the school day at the junction of Old Reading Road and The Street. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, please contact the school office.

### **Prayer Spaces**

Our school is very excited to welcome a Prayer Space into school during the week of September 26<sup>th</sup>. The children loved the experience of the Prayer Space here in our school last year and hope that this year will be even better. Many schools in Oxfordshire including Wallingford Secondary and Benson CE Primary, have benefitted 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.

### **Energy Kidz**

We now have a brand new breakfast club that began on Monday which is run by Energy Kidz, the same company who runs our after school club. For those who are not aware, they offer breakfast club from 7:30 and after school club until 6:00 p.m. For further info their contact information can be found on our school website.

### **End of Term Gifts**

A big thank you from all staff for the very generous gifts given by parents at the end of last term. These are very much appreciated.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Please note the dates for the diary at the end of this newsletter. New dates will be added each week so please keep an eye on it! Sports Day and other dates are already on there, so book the time off work now! We will be adding our Christmas dates shortly.

Please also note that all community notices are now on the outdoor boards – so please refer to them for any events happening in the community.

### **Website**

Please remember that class blogs will be updated every Friday evening with new information about your child(ren)'s class. Also, if you are not already, do request to follow us @CrowmarshSchool for weekly updates and pictures of events happening in school.

### **Just a Reminder.....**

Please can we remind you not to let your children play on any playground equipment or the field before or after school? We have had too many accidents occurring during these times and therefore need to be vigilant!

Also a reminder that parents and children should not enter the school premises before 8:30 unless they are attending breakfast club. You may find the gate open, but until there is a member of staff on the playground, we ask that you do not enter. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Newsletter by Email**

From next week we will be emailing our newsletter to parents. If you would prefer to receive a printed copy please let the school office know.

Kindest Regards,

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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Church Services at St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh Gifford**

Services of particular interest to families during September are

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 11am Family Service  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 11am Family Communion

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **Anna's Big Run – please sponsor her!**

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September Anna Franklin will be taking on the challenge of running the New Forest Marathon to raise money for a locally based Wallingford charity, Groundwater Relief. Groundwater Relief work to prevent and relieve poverty and sickness and promote the good health of people anywhere in the world by developing their capacity to sustainably use and develop groundwater resources.

You can find out more about this charity at <http://groundwater-relief.org/about>  
Follow the link to sponsor Anna at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/anafranklin1>