



The Week Ahead

What mistakes have you made this week and what have you learnt from them?

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

**“To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.”
~Joseph Chilton Pearce~**

Weekly Newsletter

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10th November 2016

Christmas

Please see the dates for the diary for all of our Christmas dates. Every child will be performing in a Christmas production, so please keep the dates free.

Children in years 3,4 and 5 will be performing their own written version of A Christmas Carol. The children will need to wear all black for this production. We will also need a collection of hats and scarves and will start collecting them in from next week. If you have any items that you don't mind being used and shared, we would really appreciate them. Please also ensure all items are named. Please also note that just for year 3, 4 and 5 we have two different performance times. We request that only parents who really cannot attend the daytime performance come to the evening performance as it gets very busy. All dates are now listed on the Dates for your Diary.

Grandparents' Week

We have had a wonderful time with the grandparents who have been joining us every afternoon this week. A short survey will be sent out next week to help us plan for next year! Please remind all grandparents that they too are a part of our PTA and we would love to have them more often in school.

#BePhenomenal

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

Parking

Please can we remind all parents that they must not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside of the school. Also, we have had complaints as parents are parking along Newnham Green and the corner of Old Reading Road and children are being forced to walk along the road rather than the pavement. Please can we be considerate when parking for the safety of our children? Remember that you are welcome to park in the pub car parks and walk to school. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent and Child Meetings

We are looking forward to seeing you next week for your parent and child meetings with the class teacher. We hope you found the online booking system useful. Booking online will close tomorrow morning (Friday) so if you have not yet booked, please contact the school office.

If you are unable to attend next week, please do book in another appointment with the teacher. As last year, where possible, please bring your children along so that they can be a part of the learning conversation. Thank you.

Christmas Reading Morning

We will be having our Christmas Reading Morning on Wednesday, November 30th from 8:00 until 8:40 a.m. Please come and enjoy some refreshments and a good Christmas story with your children. A great idea, is to wrap enough Christmas stories to read up until Christmas Day and to have your children open one each day and then share it together. Let the 30th help kick this tradition off!

Remembrance Week School Mosaic

A huge thank you to the parents who have been helping David Bowers and Mrs Beckett with the mosaic this week. They are looking brilliant and we look forward to finishing them next week.

Governor E-mail

If you have any correspondence that you would like to share with the governing body, you may contact them on: 1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

PTA NEWS

Thursday 15th December School Christmas Fair 5.30pm – 7.30pm

This will be a fantastic event for all the family; siblings, grandparents, friends, all welcome.

We'll be serving delicious turkey and stuffing rolls, pizza, mulled wine and other refreshments.

The school choir will be singing carols and there will be a brass band too. There will be festive crafts and games for all ages, and even a Santa's grotto. This year we will also be running a children's tombola and a raffle for all ages. Don't miss the fun!

Christmas Picture Competition – starting now!

For all those budding artists we are looking for a festive picture to appear on the School's Christmas Fair poster. All ages can enter, simply draw your best Christmas picture and hand it in to your teacher, or to the school reception.

The closing date for the competition will be Friday 25th November.

Hopefully the winner will enjoy seeing their work displayed around the school throughout December!

Christmas Card orders

You should have received your child's sample Christmas card and order form yesterday.

The deadline for all orders is **NEXT Thursday 17th November**.

Please return all completed order forms with cheques payable to **Crowmarsh Gifford School PTA** to the School Office.

Finally, a reminder to return your slips and money for the autumn disco next Thursday 17th November.

Church Services at St Mary Magdalene Crowmarsh

Sunday 13th November
10.45 am Remembrance Service

Sunday 27th November
11.00am All Age Communion

Kindest Regards,

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

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

CROWMARSH PRE-SCHOOL PART TIME ASSISTANT

Crowmarsh Preschool are looking for a part time assistant. They must hold minimum Level 2 in Childcare or alternatively have minimum of 2 years' experience.

For more information and an application form please visit the pre-school website <http://crowmarshpre-school.org.uk>. Alternatively you can see Dilys in Pre-School, or contact her on 07951 599623 or via email: manager@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

We are happy to include community items when space permits but readers should be aware that events and activities advertised have not been researched by the school.

Give as You Live

It's that time of year again! Christmas shopping is looming, or may have already begun if you're organised! If you're doing any shopping online, please remember to click through to the shopping website from Give as You Live and everything you buy online will then automatically generate a free donation to school. It's so simple! Just click on the link below to register. Just think how much we could raise from school collectively from our armchairs! Please feel free to share the link with friends and families.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/refer/R9UvZQExgXFKlOfCZIH6xT-2F3vEynNtsdKw9LEi691QpqMzrAicsxFPAXdcPD>

What's more, if you register using the link above and then raise just £5, the Give as You Live team will donate a further £5 to us!! There's even a reminder tool you can download onto Internet Explorer which will prompt you to sign in to Give as You Live as you shop!!

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

For anyone wanting to do a shoe box this year, Ridgeway Church (behind the Fountain Bookshop in Wallingford) is a drop-off centre for Shoe Boxes.

Deadline is Saturday 19 November. If you need flyers for information on what to include, or a shoe box, pop into the Fountain bookshop and they'll be glad to help.

Alternatively see the below website for more details.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>