



## The Week Ahead

### How do you know when something is a challenge?

#### Monday:

Street Dance 8.00  
KS1 Run Club 8:00  
KS2 Run Club 3:15

#### Tuesday:

Judo 8.00  
KS1 Multi-Skills

#### Wednesday:

KS2 Football  
KS2 Basketball

#### Thursday:

Choir with Miss Zimmerman

Friday  
No Clubs

**“Knowing is not enough: we must apply. Willing is not enough: we must do.”**  
~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe~

## Weekly Newsletter

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

15<sup>th</sup> of September 2016

### Home School Agreement

You will find a copy of this year's home school agreement with the newsletter. We ask all parents to read it with their children and then sign and return a copy to school by September 30<sup>th</sup> at the latest. These will also be discussed in class with your children. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### 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. Due to space restrictions in the hall we are unable to invite parents for this event. But please look out for pictures on Twitter!

### Coffee Morning

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 8.45-9.45am. You are invited to come and meet Katie Lucas, SENCO and Class Teacher, and Jackie Napier-Jones, Home School Link Worker for an informal meet and greet. Let us know how your children have settled back into school, share information and enjoy Emma's delicious fresh cakes with a cuppa of your choice!

### Curriculum Talks

Just a reminder about the curriculum talks for Class R and Class 1. Please come and hear all about what your children will learn this term.

Class R – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 1 – Thursday 15<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.

### 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 for an 8:00 start. 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. 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.

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### **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.

Apologies for the cancellation of the first sessions.

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

Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> – 1:45 – 3:00  
Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> – 5:15 – 6:30

### **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.

### **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.

Kindest Regards,

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

## **THAMES RUN**

On May 22nd the Thames Run, in conjunction with the summer fete, proved very successful. The weather was perfect and around 500 runners took part. The Thames Run was as a result of months of organisation by the Thames Run committee and our thanks also go to the marshals who volunteered. We raised around £5000 from the Thames Run alone, 30% of which went to our chosen charity Style Acre. The remaining 70% went to the PTA and this year, with fete money, will go towards outdoor play equipment. The Thames run (with fete) is our biggest fundraiser and we depend on volunteers, without this event it would not be possible to purchase the play equipment and other things previously bought with this money such as laptop computers. Please support the 2017 run, we are always looking for committee members and need a greater number of marshals. If you are interested in joining the committee please e-mail Pauline Bedford [paulinebedford28@gmail.com](mailto:paulinebedford28@gmail.com).  
Iain Gunn, Steve Wilkes, Andy Batt, Rachel Pollard, Nina Sarpong, Pauline Bedford (Thames Run committee)

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

There will be a second hand uniform sale, next Friday, 23rd Sept. in the hall from 3.00-3.30pm. Donations of good quality second hand uniform are very welcome.

## **Guitar Lessons in School**

### **Spaces available!**

Should your son/daughter be interested in learning to play guitar, please contact **Manu Weikert** on **01491 833715** or **manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk**  
**Church Services at St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh Gifford**

Services of particular interest to families during September are

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

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

## **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.**

## **Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis Trust**

Edward, who has just started in Class R, has a little sister who has Cystic Fibrosis and on 24th September we are holding a pamper and Charleston evening from 7.30-10.30pm at Crowmarsh Village Hall. All proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. There will be beauticians providing pampering treatments, a photographer, stalls selling gifts and jewellery and the chance to learn some simple Charleston steps. Tickets are £6. For more details visit the event website: <https://charleston4cf.wordpress.com>