



The Week Ahead

What prayer might you whisper into your prayer pebble when you put it into the Pebble Prayer Dish?
Who needs your thoughts and prayers at the moment?

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 make the world a friendly place, one must show it a friendly face.”
~James Whitcomb Riley~

Weekly Newsletter

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

17th November 2016

Christmas

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

Grandparent's Week

Again, a huge thank you to all the grandparents and families that attended last week. We hope they all enjoyed their visits and we look forward to inviting them again next year. For all those who attended, we would be most grateful for feedback on our survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P5P2HXG> All constructive feedback helps us to plan any future events. Thank you.

Children in Need

Don't forget to dress up in your onesie or pyjamas tomorrow and to bring in a pound or an item for the Christmas Fayre. Also, please stay after school for the bake sale to raise money for Children in Need. All cakes much appreciated!

#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, Child Teacher Meetings

We hope you found the meetings this week informative. Based on feedback from last year, we changed the waiting areas so that the hall was quieter and you could focus on your conversations. Also, we have now tried an online system to help ensure the booking process is as seamless as possible. We are delighted that 96% of parents attended. If you were unable to attend a session this week, we encourage you to book a separate appointment with the teacher. We really appreciate your feedback in regards to these events so that we can always improve them. Please fill out our survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6MXMPQ5>

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

All of our school mosaics are now completed! A huge thank you to Mrs Beckett and parents for helping David Bowers. The mosaics will be hung shortly around school for all to see!

School Productions

Tickets for our school Christmas productions will be issued in the near future. Please see the attached letter for further details.

French Club

A few places will be available for the Monday or Tuesday French Club which is run after school. For more information please contact the school office.

Strings Concert Tuesday 29 November

There will be a strings concert for parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are learning to play the violin or cello at 2.30pm on Tuesday 29th November.

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 drawn 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!

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/R9UvZQExgXFK1OfCZIH6xT-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!!

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

Church Services at St Mary Magdalene Crowmarsh of particular interest to families in November:

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.

Rainbow Pre-School Christmas Holiday Playscheme
Rainbow Pre-School will be running their popular holiday playscheme on Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December for children aged between 3 – 9 years old. Please contact the manager via info@rainbowpreschool.org.uk for further details and an application form.

Family Workshop in aid of Groundwater Relief

On Thursday 8th December from 4 – 6pm Busy Brush are organizing a festive workshop. Book in store or contact 01491 598818. 35% of each booking will be donated to Groundwater Relief. Further details on www.busybrushcafe.co.uk

Cheese and Wine Fundraising Event in aid of Jinja Paediatric Improvement Project

Friday 25th November 19.30 – 22.45 at Crowmarsh Pavilion, Bellamy Way OX10 8FN. Tickets £15 per person including Cheese and Pate, Wine and Bread. All proceeds to JPIP to help support children at Jinja Hospital, Uganda.