



## The Week Ahead

### What are you thankful for this Harvest Season?

#### 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

“You can be whatever you make up your mind to be.”

~Robert Collier~

## Weekly Newsletter

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

22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2016

### Homeschool Agreement

Please be sure to read, sign and return your homeschool agreements. Thank you.

### Harvest

Thank you to those children who have already brought in food for our Harvest Festival. Don't forget to bring in your food by Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> as this is when we will be holding assembly.

### Coffee Morning

Don't forget! 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!

### Applying for Secondary School Admission in 2017

Parents of Year 6 pupils are reminded that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. On-line applications may be made at

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions).

### Curriculum Talks

Thank you to parents for attending our curriculum talks. Please see the class pages for any handouts if you were not there.

### Alice in Wonderland

A huge thank you to the PTA for funding the performance of Alice in Wonderland this week. The children really enjoyed it. Make sure to see all the photos on Twitter @CrowmarshSchool

### PTA AGM – Mexican Fiesta!

Hope to see you all tonight for the PTA AGM and Mexican Fiesta night. Come for food, drinks and a warm Crowmarsh welcome. Look forward to seeing you there!

### Flu Vaccinations

Parents of pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 are being offered a flu vaccination in school this year. **Invitations and consent forms have been distributed and completed forms will be collected by the School Nurse Service next week.** If you need another copy of the form please contact the school office or download it from the school website. Immunisation will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Parent Governor Election**

We received two nominations for our two parent governor vacancies and so are pleased to announce that Mrs Nicola Rogers, parent of Betsy in Class 4, has been elected and Mrs Laura Millbourn, parent of Oliver in Class 6 and Edward in Class 4 has been re-elected for a further term of office. Thanks and congratulations to them both.

### **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:

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

### **Prayer Spaces**

We look forward to our Prayer Spaces beginning next week. Please do come and visit the Prayer Space with your family on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning or straight after school on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **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.

### **School Portrait Photos**

The school photographer will be visiting to take the children's portraits on the morning of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Book Fair**

We will be running a book fair in school during week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The book fair will be open after school during that week. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Starting School in September 2017**

If you have a child due to start school in reception class next September, please note that the closing date for application is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Applications may be made on-line at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

There will be an open morning at Crowmarsh School for prospective parents on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, from 9 – 10am.

### **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.

### **Vacancy for a School Cleaner**

The school has a vacancy for a school cleaner to assist Mr Hannigan each day. The hours are 2.45 – 6.00pm Monday to Friday (£7.52 per hour). If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact the school office.

### **Oxford Half Marathon**

Mrs Barlow and Miss Hustwayte are running their first half marathon this year at the Oxford Half on October 9th. Please show your support by donating money to Child Bereavement UK

(<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Frances-Barlow1>)

Or

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-edit/Peta-Hustwayte>

Miss Hustwayte is fundraising for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

We hope you will agree that these are both good causes.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

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

Kindest Regards,

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

### **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 are

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

11am Family Communion

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

### **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)

## **PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

### **CROWMARSH PRE-SCHOOL PART TIME ASSISTANT**

Crowmarsh Preschool are looking for an enthusiastic, passionate and motivated individual to join our team as a Part time Pre-school Assistant. Working within an experienced and friendly team, candidates for the role should have a passion for childcare and a desire to take on specific roles and responsibilities.

This individual should have excellent communication skills, a calm professional manner and be a friendly and motivated team player. They must hold minimum Level 2 in Childcare or alternatively have minimum of 5 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](mailto:manager@crowmarshpre-school.org.uk)

Applications close 7th 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.**

### **New Homes Public Exhibition Invitation**

September 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 3pm – 8.30pm at  
The Fountain Centre, Howbery  
Business Park, Benson Lane,  
Crowmarsh OX10 8BA.

An opportunity to view proposals for a housing development on land to the west of Old Reading Road.