# Weekly Newsletter

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**29th September 2016**

## The Week Ahead

**Thinking about our Prayer Space this week, how has a time of reflection helped you?**

**Monday:**
Street Dance
KS1 Run Club 8:00
KS2 Run Club 3:15

**Tuesday:**
Judo
KS1 Multi-Skills

**Wednesday:**
KS2 Football
KS2 Basketball

**Thursday:**
Choir with Miss Zimmerman

**Friday**
No Clubs

**"Instruction does much, but encouragement does everything."**
**~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe~**

### Grandparent's Week

We would like to invite all grandparents back into school to join us for our Remembrance Week starting November 7th. We hope as many as possible are able to join us. Grandparents are welcome to come to school from 2:00 on the afternoon that is dedicated to the house group your grandchildren are in. The dates are as follows:

Victorians – Tuesday 8th
Edwardians – Wednesday 9th
Tudors – Thursday 10th
Georgians – Friday 11th
We look forward to seeing you then!

### Harvest

Our Harvest table has filled up nicely! Thank you to all the children and families for bringing in food for our community. You have until tomorrow morning to continue adding to the Harvest.

### Coffee Morning

Don't forget! Thursday, 20th 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!

### Prayer Spaces

A huge thank you to the volunteers that came to run our Prayer Space this week. The children have again clearly enjoyed the experience and benefitted greatly from a time of reflection and thought.

### PTA AGM – Mexican Fiesta!

A huge thank you to the parents who attended our PTA AGM. There was a wonderful turnout and everyone enjoyed a meal, brass band and AGM business. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Barlow for providing the music and a plan to discuss, for new music initiatives within our school. A huge thank you as always, to Cook Emma for the delicious Mexican burritos and fillings. Thank you to all of the dedicated parents who continue to help make this school such an exciting and wonderful place to be.

We hope you are able to join us for the next PTA meeting.

### Homeschool Agreement

Don't forget if you haven't yet, please be sure to read, sign and return your homeschool agreements. Thank you.

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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.

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

Tuesday October 4th – 1:45 – 3:00
Wednesday October 5th – 5:15 – 6:30

**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 occuring 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.

**PTA Christmas Cards**

Sorry for mentioning the "C" word in September but it's that time of year when we need to get your young Picassos to do their Christmas card designs!

All children will do a design in class next week, and a sample Christmas card of their design will be sent home in bookbags ASAP which you can review before you place your order.

You will also be able to buy the design on mugs, tea towels and gift cards if you wish which means the grandparents' gifts are sorted too! ☺

Please note – there is absolutely no obligation to buy anything!

If you would like to do an additional design at home, please use the attached template or pick up one from the school office.

Please return any templates done at home by **Tuesday 11 October.**

Tips for artwork completion:

Recommended art materials are felt tips, coloured pencils (firm pressure), wax crayons or paint. You can also use paper collages.

Please do not use glitter, metallic paper or 3D objects on the drawing templates.

Please make sure that drawings are within the black lines of the template (anything outside the border will be cropped and will not appear on the design).

Please make sure that any names/writing incorporated in the design are clearly readable on the template and are 3mm from the border.

Please make sure that you complete the child's name and class fields directly underneath the template to help us process your order

Please keep the templates dry and as flat as possible so they don't get damaged

**School Portrait Photos**
The school photographer will be visiting to take the children's portraits on the morning of Friday 7th October.

**Book Fair**
We will be running a book fair in school during week commencing 3rd October. The book fair will be open after school during that week. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

**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 31st October. On-line applications may be made at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

**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 15th January 2017. Applications may be made on-line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.
There will be an open morning at Crowmarsh School for prospective parents on Wednesday 12th October, from 9 – 10am.

**Jazz Evening at Cholsey School!**

**(See attached flyer)**

Please support this event with Mr Barlow and Mrs Stevenson, mother of Theo in Class One, to raise money for the Kodumela School Project, which includes our school link with Masekane School. Help raise money to change education in South Africa.

**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.

Kindest Regards,

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

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

Services of particular interest to families are
Harvest Festival 11.00am on Sunday 2nd October
Family Service 11.00am on Sunday 9th October.

**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 a 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
Applications close 7th October