



The Week Ahead

What makes you
unique and stand
apart from the rest?
Why is this
important?

Monday:

Tuesday:
KS1 Multi-Skills

Wednesday:
KS2 Multi-skills

Thursday:
No choir on 8th June
KS2 Run Club

Friday
No Clubs

“Success is no
accident. It is hard
work,
perseverance,
learning, studying,
sacrifice and most
of all love of what
you are doing or
learning to do.”
~Pele~

Weekly Newsletter

Faith ♦ Service ♦ Integrity ♦ Responsibility ♦ Truth ♦ Excellence

25th May 2017

Learners of the Week:

Foundation: Edward
Year 1: William Divall
Year 2: Gracie Howes and
Ellen Townsend
Year 3: Eleanor Walker
Year 4: Sophie Cooper
Year 5: Faye Buckley
Year 6: Jasmine Boddey

Summer Fair and Thames Run

We had another brilliant turn out for our annual Thames Run and the Summer Fair. A massive thank you to all the parents who help organise the Thames Run and those who help coordinate the Summer Fair. You are all amazing and your support for our school is truly phenomenal. Thank you. Special thanks for your support for the School Council competition too.

Parent Questionnaire

Please follow these links to this year's governor survey for parents. We have included two links so that parents may complete the survey for their individual children if they wish. Please read the questions carefully. Thank you!
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3J6WP69>
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3QLPZNT>

Parent, Child, Teacher Consultations

Thank you to those parents who took the time to fill in the online survey with constructive feedback. We have now closed the survey and will take steps to see how we can further improve these sessions for the future.

Half Term Projects

Can we please remind you of our Sunflower competition? We are hoping that all of you have some very tall sunflowers in September when we come back to school. Prizes for the tallest!

Also, if you see your children being phenomenal readers and writers, snap a picture and Tweet it @CrowmarshSchool or send it in on the first day back!

Newsletter Feedback

Many of you will have noticed that we are including different features within our newsletters. This has been in response to feedback from parents and we hope that the changes have been positive. If there are any other things you would like to see included, please let us know. We welcome feedback and ways in which to always improve our communications.

Pupil Premium – IMPORTANT!

A reminder that the government makes extra grants available to support some pupils: service children, those adopted from care and those entitled to free school meals due to a low level of family income. On the last point please note that this entitlement is separate from the “Universal Infant Free School Meals”, so, even though all pupils up to Year 2 are offered a free meal, it may be in your interests to make a specific application for free school meals in order to secure the Pupil Premium. Under current government policy, once secured, the pupil premium funding remains in place for six years, although a subsequent application could extend that period. Details about the entitlement to Free School Meals is found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-freeschool-meals> and more generally on the Pupil Premium here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2016-to-2017/pupil-premium-2016-to-2017-conditions-of-grant>

Governors’ Email Address

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at

lgov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Choir Practice

There will be no choir practice on Thursday 8th June as Miss Zimmerman has to attend a meeting. Choir will start again on Thursday 15th June.

St Mary Magdalene Church Flower Festival

A reminder of the Church Flower Festival which will be taking place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June. Do go along and look at the arrangements. The school will be participating. At 6pm on Sunday 11th June there will be a Songs of Praise service.

On Sunday 28th May at 11am there will be Family Communion and on Sunday 11th June at 11am there will be a family service.

‘Purple Learning’ by Andrew T. Hewer

Perseverance
Understand
Really push yourself
Purple zone is good
Learning Yay!
Easy = bad.

Learn, Learn, Learn
Examine your work
A new challenge
Really try hard
Never give up
Is it your best?
New day, new challenge
Get better. Try.

PTA NEWS

Bag2School

Crowmarsh School is organizing a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA on Tuesday 27th June 2017. Bags have been sent home with your child. Please start sorting now and see details on the bag for accepted items. Any questions please contact Sarah Lowe (Child in Year 1 and 4) Email: s.lowe@cabi.org.

Film Night on Friday 16th June

The PTA are running a film night on Friday 16th June from 3.15 – 5.00pm. The cost per child is £3 (popcorn, crisps and a drink provided). Please complete and return the attached slip if your child would like to attend.

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

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.

Action Medical Research Cream Teas

Mrs Winifred Lay is raising money for Action Medical Research by selling boxed cream teas at £6 each. The teas may be delivered to school on 22nd June. If you would like to order please send £6 to school no later than Friday 26th May in an envelope marked with your name.

Hill End Education Centre Ffennell festival Saturday 24th June 10.00 am to 10.00pm.

The centre will become a charitable trust from 1st July. Join them in celebration and exploration. Have a go at music and craft, building a raft and bushcraft. Evening music with Andy Williams of Hot Chocolate. £5 per person if paid in advance. 16 and under free admission. www.hillend-oec.co.uk

Full Circle Sports Half Term Workshops

At Wallingford School OX10 8HH

Thursday 1st June Forest School for KS1 children

Tuesday 30th May Cricket for KS2 children and Wednesday 31st May Archery for KS2 pupils. 9.30 – 3.00pm £35.

www.fullcirclesports.co.uk

Oxfordshire Young Farmers County Show

Sunday 28th May 2017 10.00 – 5.00pm at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham OX14 4QZ. Under 5's free, 16 and under £5. Adults £7.50. Family £20. Fun Dog Show, Motorcycle Display, Pony Rides, Animal Farm Corner.

Wallingford Cycle Festival Sunday 16th July

This year there is a great family ride route (5 miles) setting off in the middle of Wallingford, snaking round parts of Crowmarsh Gifford and then riding along the Thames Path and through Castle Meadows in Wallingford before finishing back in the centre. For more details check out the Cycle Festival website at www.wfoc.co.uk

Performing Angels Stage School

Wednesday 31st May
Wednesday 9th August
Wednesday 23rd August
9 – 3pm.

Dance workshops, drama, singing, art and crafts.

£25 per day 1st child and £18 siblings, includes lunch, snacks and drinks.

To book email

angelsstageschool@yahoo.co.uk

Henley Literary Festival

Story Competition Age categories 4-7 years, 8-11 years and 12-15 years.

Word limit: 500 words. Win £50 book vouchers for yourself and £100 book vouchers for your school. Entry free at

www.dragonflytea.com.

PTA FILM CLUB ON FRIDAY 16TH JUNE 3.15 – 5.00PM

Name of Child Class would like to attend film club on Friday 16th June.

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I enclose £..... (£3 per child) to include popcorn, crisps and a drink.
If paying by cheque please make it out to Crowmarsh Gifford School PTA.

Signature of Parent

Dates for the Diary

May 2017

Thursday 25th Open Classroom for Reception Class

Mon 29th – Fri 2nd June Half Term

June 2017

Friday 9th June Class 4 outing to Sutton Courtenay

Monday 12th June Class 1 outing to Oxford Castle

Wednesday 14th June Class 3 Tennis Festival

Friday 16th June PTA Film Night for pupils

July 2017

Mon 3rd Inset Day (School closed for pupils)

Wednesday 5th July SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 12th July RESERVE SPORTS DAY

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Year 6 Residential Visit to Isle of Wight.

Wednesday 19th July Open Classrooms 3.15 – 3.45pm (to be confirmed)

Friday 21st July Term ends.