



## The Week Ahead

Would you rather give or receive? How does it feel doing both? What simple thing can you give that may change someone's day?

**Monday:**  
No Clubs

**Tuesday:**  
KS1 Multiskills

**Wednesday:**  
KS2 Football  
KS2 Basketball

**Thursday:**  
Crowmarsh Young Singers

**Friday:**  
No Clubs

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

~Maya Angelou~

## Weekly Newsletter

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

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

### Internet Safety

Thank you for those parents who came to hear Mr Matt Lovegrove speak about keeping your children safe online. We hope to have Matt back in April and again towards the end of the academic year. Keep an eye out!

### Safeguarding Training

We will be holding a Generalist Safeguarding training session in school on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:00 p.m before the PTA meeting that evening and also on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at 1:45 p.m. in school. Parents who are interested in volunteering must have attended a safeguarding session every three years in order to work within our school. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Random Acts of Kindness

Your children have been amazing as always and truly go above and beyond! If you haven't yet seen our RAoK school video and read one of the thank you letters we received, please go the Headteacher's Blog to see it!

### #BePhenomenal

Don't forget that we still want to hear about all the times your children do something phenomenal! We have attached our template again! Share your stories with us!

### Crazy Hair Day and/or Free Dress

Next Friday we are helping to raise funds for two very good causes. Do something silly with your hair and help fundraise for Great Ormond Street Hospital and bring in £1 which will be donated to GOSH. Also, we will have a non-school uniform day! For this we are also asking for £1. This money will go to Masekane School to help fund their flight tickets (see below). And yes boys you can wear football kits. You may do either for £1 or you may do both for £2 – we will ensure the money goes to the correct charity.

Yours sincerely, School Council

### Unauthorised Absences

In school we monitor children whose absence levels fall below 90%. This is especially in circumstances where the unauthorised absence levels are high and where children may be consistently late into school. Clearly, there are many reasons why children may miss school. As a school, we may authorise absences for exceptional circumstances. However, where we are concerned about a child's attendance, we will always contact the parents and set up a meeting to discuss actions that can be taken to help improve their child's attendance. In this case, where follow up action is taken and attendance does not improve, we may have to issue a penalty notice. Just remember when deciding whether to keep your child at home, that all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning.

### **Welcoming Visitors**

We look forward to welcoming Elizabeth Wright, a Paralympic Medalist into school on our first day back after half term. She will be telling stories of resilience and perseverance. If you or anyone you know has a good story to share, we would love to hear about it! If you are interested, or know someone who is, please let Mrs Barton know. Thank you.

### **Mobile Phones**

Please can we remind all pupils and parents that if your child brings a mobile phone into school, they must be turned into the office to Mrs Rance and then collected at the end of the day. Thank you for your support.

### **Class Blogs**

Don't forget to see what your children are doing each week on the class blogs on our website as well as the headteacher blog.

Also, follow us on

@CrowmarshSchool for pictures and tweets throughout the week.

### **Changing Lives:**

#### **Together we can move education to a higher level**

The Kodumela Schools Link has now been set up to help improve teaching for struggling pupils across 17 schools in Limpopo by helping them set up Intervention Programmes (there were 800 Children on the programme in 2015/16).

Experience has shown that the best way to help the schools adopt the intervention class programme is to teach the teachers directly. We are, therefore, bringing a representative from each of the 17 schools to the UK to attend a training programme at primary schools in South Oxfordshire. We have raised the funds to fly these representatives to the UK and all

accommodation will be provided by local volunteers. The training will all be done by UK teachers and teaching assistants at no cost.

The South African teachers need to see, talk about and try out the new strategies to properly understand them and teach them effectively back home. School council have decided that they would like to focus the majority of their fundraising efforts on helping to raise the funds to bring the teachers here to the UK so they are able to come and learn from our school in October.

### **Free Microsoft Office**

Did you know that with a Crowmarsh Gifford School email account you can download the latest version of Microsoft Office totally free of charge?

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please let the school office know and we will issue you with your child's email address and password.

Please note that this is only available with a school email address and that email accounts are deactivated shortly after a child leaves the school.

### **2017 Thames Run**

This year's Thames Run will take place on Sunday 21st May 2017 and will again be raising money for Crowmarsh Primary School PTA and Style Acre.

The Thames Run is a multi-terrain 5 and 10k run in and around the historic town of Wallingford. It starts and finishes at Crowmarsh Gifford School, who will also be holding the summer fete, offering refreshments, ice-creams and burgers.

Whilst all the profits from registration fees are donated to Crowmarsh School PTA and Style Acre, remember you

can also run and raise sponsorship money for your own choice of charity.

As well as encouraging people to enter the run, we also need volunteers to help out. Anyone interested in helping with the set up or marshalling of the run should email [thamesruncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:thamesruncommittee@gmail.com) or complete the volunteer form on the website <http://www.thamesrun.co.uk>

Early bird discounted entries to the Thames Run are available from <http://www.thamesrun.co.uk/register> until March 12th. In the meantime, keep the date free and watch this space for further details!

#### **Basketball Club**

Reading Rockets will be giving a week's credit for next term due to the missed session on 25<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **PTA Children's Disco**

The PTA are organising a disco on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the school hall. Key Stage 1 Disco will run from 5.30 – 6.30pm and Key Stage 2's session will be 6.30 – 8.00pm. The cost per child will be £3.00 to include a drink and crisps. Please complete the attached slip if your child would like to attend.

#### **Crowmarsh Pre-school News**

##### **Vacancies**

Crowmarsh Pre-school is currently recruiting for a new pre-school manager and a part time pre-school assistant. If you have a passion for working with children and would like to join our friendly team please see the job specifications and application forms on the pre-school website: <http://crowmarshpre-school.org.uk/pre-school-assistant-job-vacancy/>

#### **On-line payment for School Meals**

In response to requests from many parents, we will be introducing the option of on-line payment for school meals after half term. Parents will be able to log in to School Money to order and pay for meals. The system can also be used to order school meals if your child receives free meals for reasons of income or if they are in Classes R, 1 and 2. The office staff have received training on the system and next week, we will send out log-in details to all parents and instructions for booking and paying for meals.

**May we remind parents that school meals are payable in advance and ask that payment is made by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February for any meals already taken.**

We will still be happy to accept meal payments by cash or by cheque payable to OCC; on-line payment is just another option.

#### **Governors' Email Address**

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at [1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk).

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.**

**Church Services at St Mary Magdalene** of particular interest to families in February are:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

11.00 Family Service

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

11.00 Family Communion.

### Health & Wellbeing Open Day

Please see attached details of the Open Day at Wallingford Medical Practice on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 1pm. To include talks on CPR & Defibrillator use, and a day in the life of a GP. Plus advice and information on topics such as Children's Health, Diabetes and Healthy Living.

### Vacancies at HMP Huntercombe

A part time admin worker is needed for a busy substance misuse team based at HMP Huntercombe. Flexible working hours that will be discussed at the interview. Agency post or you could apply for a permanent post with Inclusion / NHS.

A Recovery Worker based in HMP Huntercombe. You must have previous experience of working with drug and alcohol users in both a one to one and group setting. If you would like more information, please see Jana Edmonds (mum to Toby in class 5 and Lucas in class 2) at school pick-up.

### February Half Term Multisport and Football Courses

Ignite Sport, who supply our sports coaches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, will be running sports courses during February half term in Didcot and Berinsfield. For further information

Call 01869 220890 or email [info@ignitesportuk.com](mailto:info@ignitesportuk.com)

You can also visit the website to book and pay at [www.ignitesportuk.com](http://www.ignitesportuk.com).

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### PTA CHILDREN'S DISCO

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February KS1 5.30 – 6.30 and KS2 6.30 – 8.00pm**

Name of Child ..... Class .....

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Would like to attend the disco and I enclose £3.00 per child (cash or cheque payable to Crowmarsh Gifford School PTA.

Signature of Parent .....