



## The Week Ahead

**Who have you seen that is a good 'orator'? What skills are needed to be a confident speaker?**

**Monday:**  
No Clubs

**Tuesday:**  
KS1 Multiskills

**Wednesday:**  
KS2 Football  
KS2 Basketball

**Thursday:**  
Crowmarsh Young Singers

**Friday:**  
No Clubs

**“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”**

**~William James~**

## Weekly Newsletter

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

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Generalist Safeguarding Training**

Thank you to those of you who attended our safeguarding training last night. Our next date will be 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.

### **Spring Evening of Musical Performance and Poetry**

As part of our focus on 'oracy' in school, we will be hosting an evening of poetry and music on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 at 6:30 p.m. We will have to ticket the event to ensure we have enough seating for everyone. Tickets will be available the week we return from half term. Children will be allowed to play a musical instrument individually or in groups and/or recite and perform a piece of poetry. Children may recite memorised poetry in groups, however, we will expect every child to perform a part of the poem individually. If children are interested in taking part, there will be auditions held in school the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>. The school choir will also be performing on this evening. We look forward to what should be a #phenomenal evening!

### **Crazy Hair Day and/or Free Dress**

Don't forget, tomorrow 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 Masakane School to help fund their flight tickets. 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

### **#BePhenomenal**

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

### **KS1 Cooking**

Mrs Hewer has been working very hard to keep cooking going for all children in KS1 and EYFS. If we do not have enough volunteers to do this, we will not be able to keep this activity going. The children really enjoy being able to cook with parents throughout their time in our lower school and we hope that you are able to give up just a little bit of time to help keep this going. Please see Mrs Hewer for more information. Thank you as always, for your continued support.

## **Our Vision For the School From the Chair - 10 minutes of your time!**

The Governing Body would like to share with you a link that will hopefully inspire you as parents/carers and explain precisely why we have adopted the vision and ethos we have as a school. The way the pupils are taught and assessed has completely changed over recent years because we are determined to provide a broad and stimulating education that will provide the best stepping stones for preparing children to get the most out of life going forward, and also to ensure that any gaps in their learning are filled. After all, these gaps become bigger holes later on and could restrict their ability to fully grasp subjects in the future. It is imperative that children leave primary school with the proper foundations they need to make informed choices and to succeed.

Please take the time to listen to this TED Talk (10 mins of inspirational thought) which precisely reflects this vision. The title is "**Let's teach for mastery - not test scores**" and is presented by Sal Khan. *It's definitely worth 15 minutes of your time.*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/sal\\_khan\\_let\\_s\\_teach\\_for\\_mastery\\_not\\_test\\_scores?utm\\_source=tedcomshare&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=tedsread](https://www.ted.com/talks/sal_khan_let_s_teach_for_mastery_not_test_scores?utm_source=tedcomshare&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tedsread)

## **Welcoming Visitors**

Again, like last year, we are trying to book in new and exciting visitors and speakers into school every week to come and share stories of perseverance and resilience with your children. 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.

## **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**

Cholsey has been working with 2 schools in South Africa for 11 years. 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.

## **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.

### **On-line payments for school meals**

Our on-line payment system for school meals will open on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February in time for the start of Term 4. Attached are instructions for using the system and we will send out the log-in details tomorrow. If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 you will still be able to book meals but will not be required to pay. We are still happy to accept payment by cash or by cheque; on-line payment is just another option.

### **School Chickens**

Attached is a flyer about our school chickens – please help if you can!

### **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!

### **World Book Day**

For World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, children may dress as their favourite character from a book and bring the book to school with them.

### **Governors' Email Address**

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at [lgov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:lgov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk)

### **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/>

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.

### **Do you support the building of a new children's play area and outdoor gym in Crowmarsh?**

The old children's play area in the Crowmarsh Recreation Ground is over 20 years old and in need of removal or replacement. We can apply for grants from various funding bodies if we can demonstrate community support.

Would you like to see it replaced with new equipment such as jungle climber, swings, roundabouts, riders on springs and slides? Our plan would include an outdoor gym (training aids) and facilities suitable for disabled children.

If you support this initiative, please add your name to the comment sheet either at The Village Shop, The Primary School or online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YMDV2KS>. EVERY NAME COUNTS!

Only if we have people's support can we apply for funding to pay for it. If you'd like to help us with any aspect of applying for funding please get in touch with Andrew ([ajo@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:ajo@ceh.ac.uk)).

### **Wallingford Library Children's Book Club**

Please see the attached leaflet for details of a new book club for 8 – 11 year olds.

### **Bell Boating School Day/Half Day Events**

Leavers' Parties

Birthday Parties

Corporate Events

Contact:

[knutt@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:knutt@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk) or

[kevinnutt@henleycanoeclub.co.uk](mailto:kevinnutt@henleycanoeclub.co.uk)