



The Week Ahead

What is the difference between 'trying' and 'doing'?

Monday:
No Clubs

Tuesday:
KS1 Multi-skills

Wednesday:
KS2 Football
KS2 Basketball

Thursday:
Choir Practice

Friday:
No Clubs

“There are no short cuts to any place worth going.”

~Anonymous~

Weekly Newsletter

Faith ♦ Service ♦ Integrity ♦ Responsibility ♦ Truth ♦ Excellence

March 16th, 2017

Teaching Awards

The team at Crowmarsh is truly phenomenal. Did you know that you or your children can enter teachers for the Teaching Awards? Please take time to celebrate and support the exceptional effort that they put in every day to ensure your children can be their very best.

Please see below further information as to how you can recognise your teachers.

The Pearson Teaching Awards - the “Oscars for Teachers” - recognise and celebrate the exceptional and life changing work of teachers across the country. Teachers change young people’s lives, often in the most challenging circumstances, and their work cannot be valued highly enough. The

Pearson Teaching Awards create a moment where we celebrate their work on a UK-wide scale. www.teachingawards.com

Our Awards give **you** an opportunity to celebrate with your peers, students and parents the brilliant work that takes place in schools across the country. **The deadline for entries is March 24th**, winners are announced in June, and the process culminates in a glittering UK Ceremony in October, broadcast to the nation on BBC2. We’d love to see you there, so nominate a colleague today who you see making an exceptional contribution to children's lives.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday the 24th of March is Red Nose Day. The children would like to dress up in red for £1.

Throughout next week, we will be selling red noses in the office (£1 each) for children to wear on Friday.

Easter

Don’t forget we will be holding another Easter reading morning on Wednesday the 29th of March in the hall from 8:00. Please come and enjoy some refreshments and a story with your child before school. The following week on Wednesday the 5th of April, we will be holding our Easter crafting morning in the hall from 8:00. Come and enjoy making Easter crafts with your children and enjoy a small bite to eat while you do. Hope to see many of you there!

Coffee Morning

Please come and join us for coffee and croissants on Thursday 23rd March at 8.45am. It’s a great opportunity to speak with the First Step Forward Learning Hub team who will be sharing information on a variety of courses available, from Maths and English to Internet Safety and more. If enough parents are interested and book on a course they would conveniently run from school!

Class Photo Orders

Please could all photo orders be handed in to the school office by Friday 24th March.

Parent and Child Consultation Evenings

Our parents' evenings this term will be held on Monday 3rd April from 5.00 – 8.00pm and on Wednesday 5th April from 3.30 – 6.00pm. We will be using the on-line booking system again and will contact parents with log-in details when this has been set up.

Alternatively, paper forms will be available from the school office.

Book Report Part One by Harvey Brewer

Title: Blob. Author: David Walliams

Basic Story: Blob has a funny face. He loves going to the zoo to see the other animals because they have funny faces too but he only gets to go on his birthday. One year his grandpa can't afford to take him to the zoo. So Blob sneaks in ... (find out the rest in Part 2).

Review: I would rate this book 4 out of 10 stars, only because I haven't finished it.

Comment: "I love it, I can't wait to see what happens next!"

Many thanks to Harvey for this report. We are hoping to make book reports a regular feature and would welcome contributions from any pupils who would like to participate.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a sale of second-hand uniform on Wednesday 22nd March from 3.15pm in the school hall. Please come along as we have a good stock of uniform items.

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.

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.

Playground Project

Don't forget to sign up for the new village playground campaign on the sheet in the entrance hall. We need as many signatures as possible.

Being Mum and Dad!

Practical tips and a reminder that we are not alone; best-selling author Rob Parsons is presenting another inspiring and empowering talk on Parenting, the highs and lows and everything in between. Care for the Family Parentalk is in Reading on 14th June. Early Bird tickets are £4.00 until 28th April.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk>

2017 THAMES RUN

This year's Thames Run will take place on Sunday 21st May 2017 and will be 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 or complete the volunteer form on the website <http://www.thamesrun.co.uk>

Register for the Thames Run at <http://www.thamesrun.co.uk/register>.

Church Services at St Mary Magdalene

Mothering Sunday is on 26th March with a special service at St. Mary Magdalene's Parish Church at 11am. There will also be a working party to make posies of flowers on Saturday 25th at 1.30pm in church, so we invite especially fathers to bring their children to make the posies for all the mothers (daffodils and greenery will be provided but any other contributions welcome).

On Friday 24th March, there will be a **Quiz 'n' Chips Night** at St Mary Magdalene Church. Doors open at 7.00pm, first round 7.30pm. Trophy for the winning team. £10.00 per head to include meal. £7.50 per head with no meal. Licensed Bar. Suggested team size is 6 to 8 people. Forms are available from Crowmarsh Stores or the school office or entries by email to Sarah Nesbitt at sjn62@icloud.com

Governors' Email Address

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at 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.

Energy Kidz Job Vacancies

Energy Kidz, who run our Breakfast and After School Clubs, are looking for a manager and a playworker to join the team at Crowmarsh School. Hours are 3pm until 6pm. Level 3 childcare qualification is desirable for the manager role. Full training provided for playworkers. Manager's hourly rate is £9 - £10 per hour. Playworker's hourly rate is £7 – 8 per hour. Staff need to be willing to have fun and enjoy working with children.

Visit www.energy-kidz.co.uk for an application form or call Melissa on 07496962449.

Welcome to Nowhere: Book launch to aid Syrian refugees

Where do you go when you can't go home? That's the question at the heart of an evocative children's novel about Syrian refugees, whose author will be coming to Brightwell cum Sotwell in March.

Elizabeth Laird, the much-travelled author of *Welcome to Nowhere*, will be speaking in the village hall on 24 March, 6.30 for 7pm. Her novel is aimed at children aged nine and over, but readers of all ages will appreciate her vivid portrayal of life in war-torn Syria and the Za'atari Refugee Camp in Jordan. Macmillan Children's Books will be donating 50p per hardback copy sold in the UK to the Mandala Trust, which supports the education of Syrian refugees.

Born in New Zealand, Elizabeth Laird taught in a Malaysian school aged 18; she travelled deep into Ethiopia to collect folk tales, and many other experiences – in India, Iraq, Beirut at the height of the civil war, Palestine, Khazakhstan, Iran and Russia – have found their way into her writing.

Brightwell Supporting Refugees, a group of villagers who want to help people displaced by conflict, hopes that local pupils, their friends, parents and staff will aid Syrian refugees by coming to hear Elizabeth Laird speak, and donating at this event. Tickets (free) will be available from the Brightwell cum Sowell Village Stores or Wallingford Book Shop, and there will be refreshments after the talk.

The Elms Holiday Schemes Easter Sports Camp 2017

Dates: 10 – 12th April
Open to children aged 4 – 12 years
Whole Day £31 (£28 early bird price)
Half Day £18 (£16 early bird price)
3 day camp £84 (£69 early bird price)
Booking hotline: 020 8954 8787 or
book online:

www.elmsholidayschemes.co.uk

Full Circle Sports

Easter Holiday Workshops

Forest School, Football, Climbing
Lacrosse and Dance.

For 8 – 14 year olds

£35 per day 9.30 – 3.00pm.

See website for booking form or email

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