



## The Week Ahead

**What was the key message you took away from Elizabeth Wright this week? What do you need to achieve your goals this term?**

**Monday:**  
No Clubs

**Tuesday:**  
KS1 Multiskills

**Wednesday:**  
KS2 Football  
KS2 Basketball

**Thursday:**  
No Clubs

**Friday:**  
No Clubs

**“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.”**

**~Albert Einstein~**

## Weekly Newsletter

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

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

### Parent Consultations

For your diary. We will be holding our parent and child meetings during the week of April 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information will be coming shortly.

### 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 next week. 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!

### World Book Day

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, on Thursday 2nd March, children may dress as their favourite character from a book and bring the book to school with them. We will also be holding an impromptu reading morning in the hall that morning from 8:00. Please come and join us for refreshments and to enjoy a story with your child before school!

### #BePhenomenal

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

### Easter Dates

We will be holding another Easter reading morning on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March in the hall from 8:00. Please come enjoy some refreshments and a story with your child before school. The following week on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Attendance Policy

In reference to the information about attendance in our last newsletter, parents may wish to view our updated policy on the school website. Thank you.

## **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)

## **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.

## **Crazy Hair/Non Uniform Day**

Many thanks for your support of our fundraising venture. We raised £271.50 to be divided between Masekane and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

### **New Spring Menus**

Attached is the three week rolling programme of menus for spring.

### **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)

### **Church Services at St Mary**

**Magdalene** of particular interest to families in February are:

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
11.00 Family Communion.

## **PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Crowmarsh Pre-school Supply Staff**

Crowmarsh Pre-school are looking to build up our pool of supply staff for pre-school assistants. We are looking for people with a minimum of level 2 qualification in childcare. If you are interested or know someone who might be please speak with Kelly Dix our Acting Manager who can provide you with an application form and an equal opportunities monitoring form. Alternatively please feel free to download the forms from our website and submit them to pre-school.

<http://crowmarshpre-school.org.uk/pre-school-assistant-job-vacancy/>

**Please see the attached letter from the Pre-School Committee about a collection for a leaving gift for Mrs Dilys Beaumont.**

Kindest Regards,

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