



The Week Ahead

What have you reflected on this week?

Monday:

KS2 Run Club
Parent's Evening

Tuesday:

KS2 Football
Karate @ 5:00

Wednesday:

Mr Lemaire's Choir
KS1 Football
KS2 Basketball
Parent's Evening

Thursday:

Crowmarsh Young Singers

Friday

Year 5/6 Netball Club
ComputerXplorers

Put your heart, mind, intellect and soul even to your smallest acts. This is the secret of success.

~Swami Sivandanda~

Weekly Newsletter

Faith ♦ Service ♦ Integrity ♦ Responsibility ♦ Truth ♦ Excellence

5th of November 2015

Parent Evenings

As you are all aware from the assessment letter I sent out at the end of summer term, the Department for Education (DFE) has scrapped levels as a form of assessment. Therefore, the format of our parent's evening has slightly changed to reflect the updates to our overall school assessment philosophy. Your child's teacher will talk about your child's successes, their attitude to 'learning,' their challenges, their next steps and how you might be able to help at home, rather than reporting a curriculum level.

Further, another change is that we urge you to bring your child to the meeting with you. Clearly, if you have a late meeting, we understand this may not be possible, but we would like to make a move towards including the child in the discussions about their own learning. It is up to them, after all, to be independent and confident learners! After the meeting, you may then look at your child's books and have them talk about their work with you. Please keep an eye on future newsletters for dates on when we will be holding a forum to update you on the new way on reporting progress to you in light of government changes which came into effect from September 2015.

We look forward to seeing you and your children (where possible) next week and sharing their learning journey with you.

Pencil Cases for Masekane!

This year we are doing something slightly different to the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. We would like every child to fill a pencil case that will be sent to our partner school in South Africa, Masekane. After we all heard how children carry their 'one' pencil on them at all times to ensure they don't lose them, we thought that being able to send them their own pencil case would allow them to safely keep more equipment to help them at home and school. Therefore, we are asking that each pencil case be a simple plastic zip case filled with four plain pencils, one rubber, one set of coloured pencils, one pen and one glue stick (all things that can be bought in packs at a pound store and shared between a few cases or that you may have extra of at home). It would be amazing to be able to send enough pencil cases to give to every child at Masekane. If every child at Crowmarsh was able to fill two cases, they would have enough to even give future children entering the school. Our children would then be able to see where their gifts went and how they impacted the pupils at Masekane. Please bring them to school by November 27th.

Parent's Working Party!

Don't forget that on Saturday November 21st, from 10 a.m. we invite all parents to come and help us improve our outdoor area. There will be bacon sandwiches and other refreshments available. The more parents the better, as we have lots of hard work to do! There is a plan which involves digging, painting and getting your hands dirty! Come along and join the fun!

Prayer Spaces

Thank you to the parents who helped run our prayer space this week. The feedback from the children was excellent and it gave them all a chance to just think and reflect about people, things and the world around them. A huge thank you to all the volunteers from the local churches and schools who came to help during the week. We invite children to bring their parents around the prayer spaces on Friday morning from 8:30 a.m. to show you what they have been doing and thinking about during the week.

Remembrance Service

This weekend the annual Remembrance Day Service will be taking place at St Mary Magdalene. The service will begin at 10am and will be followed at 11am by the Act of Remembrance and laying of poppy wreaths at the Lych Gate. We have two wreaths, one for KS1 and KS2. It would be wonderful for as many children and their families to attend this service to represent our school and to lay the wreaths at the church gate. We look forward to seeing you there.

Crowmarsh Gifford Website

Please look at your child's class blog each week as very often teachers will post things on there that they would like the children to do. Many times there will be website links to games

and activities which would help reinforce learning at home. Thank you!

Family Photo Evening Wednesday 18th November

We have arranged a family photo evening for families, (with or without their pets) to come along starting at 6.30pm. Please return the attached slip if you would like to book. The photos will be returned in time to be used as Christmas gifts.

Christmas Cards

Christmas card proofs have been distributed this week. Please send all orders in to the school office no later than Friday 13th November. Please note that mugs and tea towels ordered may not arrive by Christmas. Cheques should be made payable to Crowmarsh Gifford School PTA please.

Running Club Cancellation

Please note that running club will not take place on Monday 9th November.

PTA News

The PTA are considering reinstating the Class Rep Role and would like to know if there are any parents interested in taking on this valuable role.

It is an opportunity to be involved in your child's school life and get to know other parents.

We understand not everyone can be available in person so sharing of information can be via bookbags/email or creating your own Class Facebook Page.

The Class Rep Role is attached. Please complete the return slip if you are interested and send back to the school office by Monday 16th November.

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.

A new yoga class aimed at over 60's, anyone recovering from a hip or knee replacement or suffering any restricted movement. Chronic pain suffers or any other ailment which prevents joining a regular yoga class.

My interest is in supporting recovery, improving mobility and offering social contact through yoga for those who most need it.

As strength and mobility improve, students may find they can progress to other classes run by myself or others. If you are interested or have anyone in mind you feel may benefit please contact me more info or discussion.

I have been teaching locally for over 10 years and have recently attended training to incorporate restricted movement and age related conditions with The Traditional Yoga Association based in Reading .

The class starts Thursday 5th November from 9 - 9.45 am in the Crowmarsh pavilion. This class will be chair based & progressing to standing. It's a drop in class priced at £5. Contact Vikki on 07729 490942 or email vikkiyoga@btinternet.com for info/registration.

Blood Donor Clinic

A blood donor clinic will be held on Wednesday 18th November from 13:30 to 15:30 and 16:15 to 19:30 at the Regal Centre in Wallingford.

Kindest Regards,

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

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