



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Term 2

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## Purple Learning and Growth Mindset

One way that parents can really help their children is by carefully choosing the words that are used when they praise them. Every word parents say and action they perform sends a message to their children. These words and actions tell children how to think about themselves. Parents should always praise their child's effort instead of praising accomplishments. The following are some examples: "You are really athletic!" Instead say, "You really work hard and pay attention when you are on the field." "You are so smart!" Instead say, "You work hard in school and it shows." "Your

drawing is wonderful; you are my little artist." Instead say, "I can see you have been practising your drawing; what a great improvement." "You always get good grades; that makes me happy." Instead say, "When you put forth effort, it really shows in your results. You should be so proud of yourself. We are proud of you."

So, the next time you are ready to praise your child, stop and think about how to use that opportunity to praise his or her effort instead of accomplishments.

## Open Afternoon

Our next short open afternoon will be on Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 until 3:45. Please come and see your children's progress in their books and what they have been up to recently. As this is a shorter open afternoon, this will not be a good time to catch the teacher. Our next long open afternoon is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## Advent Calendars

Advent Calendars are for sale in the office for £5 each. They are made by the Meaningful Chocolate Company and come with an illustrated copy of The Christmas Story to be told as you open each window. Come and purchase one for yourself or even as a present.

## Family Fun Session

Don't forget to join us after school next Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>, with James Carter for a family fun session from 3:15 until 4:00. Also, please see attached an order form for James Carter's books which he will sign next week for the children.

## Parent/Child Meetings

We hope the changes outlined in the letter sent home before the end of last term, regarding parent/child meetings, will make for better communication regarding your child's progress and learning journey. We are now offering 15 minute slots for parents at varying times of the day to suit everyone during next week. Please fill in the time slot most convenient to you. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you then. Again, we encourage you to

Can you remember  
all the different parts  
of your brain?  
What is each part  
responsible for?

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Monday: Run Club 8:00

Family Fun Session 3:15

Tuesday: Multi-skills to 4:15

Family Learning 9:30

Wednesday: Football to 4:15

Thursday:

Basketball to 4:15

Choir to 4:00

Friday: No Clubs

If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don't have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.

Carol Dweck

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bring your child along where possible. Can we also remind you that if you ever would like to discuss your child's learning and progress with the class teacher you may book an appointment through Mrs Rance at any time. The online booking system will close tomorrow morning but you may still book through the school office.

### **BBC Radio Oxford**

Hopefully you were able to listen to BBC Radio Oxford's broadcast yesterday morning November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. where some of our Service children talked about our new garden and about the top children's Christmas gifts this season. If you missed it, you will be able to listen to it from their website for the next few weeks. Thank you especially to Jackie Napier-Jones for all of her work with the RAFters group, Mr Fryatt for supporting our application for the MOD grant that helped us create the garden and for continuing to help us with plans for the future. A huge thank you to all of our Service families for their continued support of our school.

### **E-Safety Session**

Thank you to all of the parents and children who attended our e-safety session with Matt Lovegrove last night. We hope that you found it informative and gave you the tools and knowledge to help keep your children safe online. As always, we will continue to offer these every big term, so please keep an eye out for the next dates.

### **Family Learning at Crowmarsh**

**Keeping up with your Children in Maths** started on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30-11.30am for 5 weeks. Assisting Parents and Carers in helping your children to have that little bit of extra support, whilst having a greater understanding of your child's

*Growth Mindset and the research undertaken by professors such as Carol Dweck, underpin our approach to Purple Learning. In school when children say they can't do something – teachers reply with, "Yet..." It is powerful to know that with effort, practice and hard work children can continue to improve and become masters at key skills. Therefore, we praise effort and talk a great deal to the children about the language they use in regard to their learning.*

homework. Find out about our school approach to making Maths fun and interesting. All Welcome!

To register an interest and for further information please contact our Home School Link Worker, Jackie Napier-Jones: T. 07375 457 512.  
Email. jnap5834@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

### **Grandparents' Week**

We would like to invite all grandparents back into school to join us for our annual grandparents' week during the week beginning November 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope as many as possible are able to join us. Grandparents are welcome to come to school from 2:00 on the afternoon that is dedicated to the house group your grandchildren are in. The dates are as follows:  
Victorians – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Edwardians – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tudors – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Georgians – Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
We look forward to seeing you then!

### **Non School Uniform Day**

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, is a non-school uniform day. Please bring in £1 donation or sweets for the Christmas Fair.

### **Children in Need**

Next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need Day and the School Council will be organizing some fund-raising. Further details will be sent by email and text when their plans are decided.

### **Church News**

Services at St Mary Magdalene which may be of particular interest to families are:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45 Remembrance Service.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 Family Communion.

### **Kidscape**

Kidscape – a great bullying charity, are asking schools to take part in 'World Friendship Day'. They are running a campaign called 'Friendship Friday'. This is being led by our School Council and everyone is encouraged to wear yellow to school and donate £1. To mark the occasion we are running this on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The idea is to host a play date on this day with one of your child's friends, but preferably with someone they've never had a

play date with before to encourage new friendships. You can use the hashtag #friendshipfriday to raise as much awareness as possible and post your friendship pictures to show support. Details for parents are here:

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/friendshipfriday>.

## **Sports News**

### Chiltern Edge Cross Country

Well done to Charlotte (Yr5), James Rowley and Olivia Hermsen (Yr2) for braving the cold and rain on Saturday for the second Chiltern Edge Cross Country race. Special mention to James who made significant improvement in his placing for the Year 2 boys race. The third race in the series is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. It would be lovely to see more runners representing the school in this event.

### Football

Yesterday was a great day for PE at our school. Following some fabulous coaching from Mr Morton, he took two Year 5 and 6 football teams to Wallingford School to play in a tournament. Both teams produced a defensive master class by only conceding 4 goals in 12 games. It was a tight league with Crowmarsh A just pipping Crowmarsh B to second place. However both teams showed plenty of desire and sportsmanship during the tournament.

### Netball

Mrs Hermsen has been working hard to coach netball for Years 4, 5 and 6. The children have improved vastly with their footwork and positional boundaries. Yesterday afternoon

we also had a friendly netball match with Ewelme Primary. This was a great opportunity to put the coaching into practice. Miss Smith, Year 3 teacher, umpired alongside Ewelme's PE teacher. The match was a fun and friendly session with lots of sportsmanship at the end. Well done girls! Photos to follow on our website. We continue to run a regular netball coaching session on a Wednesday from 12 – 12.30. If your child hasn't previously attended they are very welcome to try it out! Hopefully more friendly netball tournaments to follow.

Mrs Scott  
PE Co-ordinator

## **Governors' Email**

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

## **PTA News**

Crowmarsh School is organizing a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please bring your bags to the grassy area in front of the school gates on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November between 8 and 9am. Bags are being given out today and more bags can be collected from reception. Please start sorting now and see details on the bag for accepted items. Any questions please contact Sarah Lowe (Child in Year 2 and 5). Email: [s.lowe@cabi.org](mailto:s.lowe@cabi.org).

## **Thames Run Committee**

The Thames Run Committee raises much needed funds for the school and one other local charity. If you'd like to support the event on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>, we'd really appreciate your support.

## **Pre-School News**

Crowmarsh Pre School is looking for a Part Time Administrator to join our small and friendly team. The role is 6 hours per week (spread across at least 3 days), term time only. For a full job description and to apply please visit [www.crowmarshpre-school.org.uk](http://www.crowmarshpre-school.org.uk)

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.**

### **Davis Tate Christmas Colouring Competition**

Davis Tate Estate Agents are once again running their Christmas colouring competition. Forms have been distributed via your child's class teacher and entry forms should be returned to your local Davis Tate office by 1<sup>st</sup> December for judging. The winning entries for each age category, per office, will win art supplies.

