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Week 14

Term 2

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Brain Truths and Myths

(Part 4 - Taken from Muncaster and Clarke, 2016 – Growth Mindset)
“The notion of a growth mindset (Dweck, 2000) has become an accessible concept to describe the way learners need to feel about themselves and their abilities in order to be successful learners. Research over many years has highlighted that we all differ as learners, being mostly fixed or mostly growth, and differing in different situations. A fixed mindset is the result of a continual focus on your ability rather than your achievement and effort. Praise to infants onwards reinforcing ‘cleverness’ or intelligence and exclaiming about the speed of mastery gives children a clear subliminal message: to get approval you need to master new things quickly and with little effort, both of which will earn you the ‘clever’ label. The more your ability, your speed and lack of effort is praised (‘Well done! You hardly needed to think about/work at that at all!’ or ‘Clever girl!’), the more you will not want to

lose that position of greatness, so the less you want to engage in tasks which require time or effort or might lead to some kind of failure, thus missing many valuable learning opportunities. Many studies (for example, Black and William, 1998, Butler, 1988; Cameron and Pierce, 1994), show that rewards (that is, a concrete version of grades given to a select few for their achievement, effort or behavior) reinforce a fixed mindset, both for those who get the reward and those who do not. Children do not need rewards when the culture is focused around all children competing against themselves and their own previous achievement.” At Crowmarsh we are constantly striving for a “growth mindset culture in which the learner’s achievement is celebrated verbally and personally,”

Next Steps

Your children will be coming home with their next steps. The sheets will be similar to the ones you were given at parents evening – teachers will either indicate a new target which your child is working on, or your child may have the same target, which means that your child has not yet fully achieved this target and will continue working towards it. If you have any questions, please do see the class teacher.

Christmas Biscuits

Thank you to all the parents who have brought in their donations of biscuits. We now have enough and are very grateful to the parents who are kindly delivering them to local residents. Thank you again!

Christingle

Our annual Christingle will be on Friday January 19th at St Mary Magdalene Church. KS1 will start at 1:30 and KS2 will begin at 2:15. Parents are welcome to attend, but there is very limited seating.

What Christmas traditions does your family have?

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We hope you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy and Peaceful New Year

Clubs will start again during week commencing 8th January, with the exception of basketball.



Valentines Reading Morning

Thank you to all those parents who came to support our reading morning. It really is a lovely start to the day. Please put the next reading morning in your diaries. It will be on Wednesday February 7th at 8:00am in the hall. Come and join your children reading with coffee and cakes!

Family Learning Crowmarsh

We would like to thank all those parents who took part in our family learning courses this year. We will be providing further opportunities at Crowmarsh after February half term. However, please see attached two fabulous courses from The Learning Hub which are open to all of you.

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Linguascope

Please encourage your children to use Linguascope during the Christmas break. They can practice the French they have already learnt or challenge themselves in new topics. There are three levels and a wide variety of activities and games. The website is www.linguascope.com and the username is crowmarsh. Password is pomme.

Spring Term Menus

Kites Kitchen are producing revised menus for next term. These will be sent out tomorrow so parents can order.

As you know, at Crowmarsh we expect children to be reading every night and that parents are reading with them – either listening to their child read, or reading out loud to their child. But did you know, “over the course of a year researching the impact that parents reading had upon their children the study leader, Dr Elisabeth Duursma, found that girls in particular benefited more when read to by a male. “The impact is huge – particularly if dads start reading to kids under the age of two,” explains Duursma.” And another fact.....Did you know....”There is a difference in reading performance equivalent to just over a year’s schooling between young people who never read for enjoyment and those who read for up to 30 minutes per day?”
Let’s get reading everyone! No better time than over the Christmas holidays.

Whole School Theatre Trip

For those pupils not going on the theatre trip on Monday there will be staff in school to look after your children. Please let us know if your child will be staying in school so we can ensure enough staff are available.

PTA News

The PTA has a stock of new toothbrushes for children which they are selling for 50p each for PTA funds from the school office.

Kidscape

Many thanks for all the donations for Kidscape, the anti-bullying charity and thank you to Mrs Roberts for organizing this. £129.40 was raised for the charity.

Primary School Admissions Deadline

A reminder that the deadline for applications for reception class admissions in September 2018 is Monday 15th January. Apply at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Crowmarsh Shopping Bags for Sale

Our brand new canvas shopping bags are now on sale from the school office, price £7.00. Please see the photo below and a sample is on display in the entrance hall.

