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Week 2

Term 4

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Mathematics in School...

In last week's newsletter we invited you to come and see Steve Lomax, Lead of the Glow Maths Hub. Steve has been instrumental in leading changes to maths teaching and mindset across the UK. We have been working with the Glow Maths Hub and Steve for almost two years now, and he will be coming in talk to parents to help explain how we teach maths at Crowmarsh and how you can help your children at home. If you haven't visited our website to look at the maths curriculum area, we really encourage you to do so. Under the curriculum tab, you will find the curriculum for all of our subjects we teach in school. Find maths and there you will find our calculation policy. On this policy you will see many of the strategies we use for all four calculations across the school. Have a look at this document and talk to your child about it. Can they explain any of the strategies they would use to solve certain calculations?

Under the maths curriculum, there is also a poster detailing the '21 Facts' helpful for parents when practising times tables at home. Further, you

Open Afternoon

Just to let you know that the first long open afternoon for this term is on Wednesday January 31st from 3:15 until 5:00. This is a chance to see your children's books, ask focused learning questions and discuss anything with the class teacher. We hope that you will be able to join us. Further, for your diaries, we will be having our next parent/child consultations during the week of February 28th. We hope that making these conversations

will find some videos that highlight some of the key principles we apply when teaching maths at school. Attached to the newsletter is Professor Jo Boaler's advice to parents. This too is on our website, however, we are aware that many parents do not access this information, therefore, we have included this with the newsletter today. If you have never looked at this part of the website, we would really encourage you to do so. We try to keep it updated with new and relevant information to help parents support their children at home with their learning. To find out more, please come along to hear Steve share the principles of mastery, mindset and approaches/expectations to calculation. The session will be on Wednesday February 7th at 6:00 p.m. Please come along and be inspired!

sooner, we will be able to keep parents fully involved with the progress their children are making and how to help at home. It was clear from parent feedback that the style we adopted was clearly a positive change, so we will keep it similar again this time. On March 7th we will have another short open afternoon for parents to see their children's books until 3:45 with a final long afternoon on Wednesday March 28th until 5:00 to finish the term.

How will you 'make your mark' on the world?

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Monday: Run Club 8:00

Tuesday: Multi-skills to 4:15

Wednesday: Football to 4:15

Thursday:

Basketball to 4:15

Choir to 4:00

Friday: No Clubs



Christingle

A reminder that 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.

Valentines Reading Morning

Don't forget our next reading morning on Wednesday February 7th at 8:00 a.m in the hall. Come and join your children reading with coffee and cakes!

Attendance

Throughout last year we continued to inform you of the changes to attendance and drew your attention on a number of occasions, to our newly updated Attendance Policy. In school it is our duty to monitor children whose absence levels fall below 90%. Children's percentages are looked at every big term and where a child has fallen below this, our policy, in line with The Education Act 1996, classes this as 'persistent absenteeism'. Clearly, there are many reasons why children may miss school. As a school, we may authorise absences for exceptional circumstances. In the first instance, where a child's attendance falls below this percentage within a term, you will receive a letter to inform you of this. We may notify you if your percentage is very near the 90% mark as well, just to keep you informed. However, where we are concerned about a child's attendance, we will always contact the parents and set up a meeting to discuss actions that can be taken to help improve their child's attendance. In this case, where follow up action is taken and attendance does not improve, we may have to issue a penalty notice. Just remember when deciding whether to keep

Did you know that in year 3 every child learns how to play the violin? As a school, we use the Oxfordshire Music Service to provide instrument lessons every week for our pupils. From year 3 upwards, if children would like to carry on playing an instrument, parents can continue to pay for this service and for their children to have music lessons in school time. Did you know we also have a guitar teacher and brass tuition during school time? If you are interested in your child joining any of these sessions, please enquire at the office.

your child at home, that all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. Thank you for your support.

Morning Snacks

Please note that only fruit or veg should be brought as a morning snack please. We have also noticed an increasing number of less than healthy packed lunches and would like to remind you that we are a healthy school. Leaflets about the Family Snack Challenge (a Change4Life initiative) are being sent home today in your child's book bag.

PTA News

Disco for pupils

The PTA are organizing a disco for pupils on Thursday 8th February run by 'Fizzical Disco'. There will be a session for Reception and KS1 from 17.30 until 18.30 and for KS2 from 18.30 until 19.45pm. Entry will cost £3 per child to include refreshments. Please complete the attached slip if your child would like to attend.

Table Top Sale

The PTA are running a Table Top Sale on Saturday 3rd March from 1 – 4pm. Tables will cost £5 each (£6 for non Crowmarsh pupils). To book a table, please put your money in a named

envelope and give to Lyndsey Webb directly or via the office.

Sports News

Netball

We are running a netball tournament at Crowmarsh recreation ground on Wednesday 24th January after school for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Letters are being sent out about this tomorrow.

Social Netball for Adults

Mrs Hermsen is organizing some social netball sessions at the netball courts at Crowmarsh recreation ground on Wednesday evenings between 8 and 9pm, starting on 31st January. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Hermsen on 07765 00 7972 or email her on flickhermsen@hotmail.com

Basketball Club

Basketball Club is running on Thursdays for KS2 pupils, starting on 18th January and finishing on Thursday 22nd March. Please complete the attached form if your child would like to participate. There are still places available.

Church News

There will be a Family Communion service on Sunday 28th January at 11am.

FIZZICAL DISCO THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Name of Child Class.....

I am happy for my child(ren) to attend the Disco on 8th February and enclose £3.00 per child for refreshments.

Signature of Parent