



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 5

Term 3

February 8<sup>th</sup> , 2018

## Steve Lomax Maths Evening

Thank you to those parents who attended our Maths evening last night. We hope that you enjoyed hearing Steve talk about maths and the journey our school has taken with maths over the last two years. We hope you found his passion for maths inspiring and you came away with new ideas to challenge and question your children in maths. For those who attended we will be sending you the slides of his presentation. There were a few websites that Steve mentioned, which are all under the Parents Link section of our website. The 21 tables he referred to is also on our website under our curriculum tab for Maths.

## Piano Lessons

Thank you to those of you who expressed interest in piano lessons. You will have received a separate e-mail with the contact details of Ms. Sandy Hubble. First come, first served and she will begin lessons on Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Phenomenal Readers

Over the half term, we are challenging you to take pictures of you reading in your favourite places – or perhaps a place that some might find a strange place to read! Tweet us your photos or bring them into school when you return. The challenge this half term, is to read a new book and then write up (in a well-presented way) a book report that we can put in our library to entice other children to read your book. All children who complete a book and book report by the Monday we return will receive a special certificate and prize from Mrs

Over the next few weeks we will be sending home a new maths poster to remind you of the key mathematical and mind-set principles we teach the children in their learning. Please read them and even look at some of the links that they refer to. These will help you better understand the approach we take at Crowmarsh and help you support your children at home. If you were unable to attend last night, we are looking to hold another maths event later in the year.

Barton's office. Parents – why don't you join in as well! We need to model to all of our children that we are a community of readers!

## Home Learning

A reminder that your children all have access to Linguascope, an online programme to help them learn languages. Use this over the half term and throughout the week to strengthen your children's language skills.

Also, one of the websites that Steve Lomax referred to last night is very useful for repetitive practice. This is key to ensure children can recall key calculations quickly and fluently. Why don't you have a look over the half term and get your children to practice their key skills?

<https://uk.ixl.com/math/>

Practice for ALL year groups.

In the book, “Salt in His Shoes,” what was it that allowed Michael Jordan to succeed? What traits did he model?

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We hope you have a wonderful half term!

Enjoy and relax!



### **PTA Film Club**

The next meeting of Film Club will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please complete the attached slip if your child(ren) would like to attend and circle which film they prefer – Despicable Me 3 or Captain Underpants. The cost per child will be £3 to include popcorn or crisps and a drink. The timings are 3.15 – 5.00pm.

### **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)

### **Church News**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at the Village Hall 10 – 12 noon.  
Crowmarsh Community Café

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11am  
Mothering Sunday Family Communion at St Mary Magdalene

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Brightwell  
10.15 am Palm Sunday Procession (with donkey) from St. Agatha's to St James'.

### **Crowmarsh Playground and Gym**

Have you seen the latest plans and pictures? They are up in the school hall for you to view.

Manners are extremely important to us at Crowmarsh.

We talk about going above and beyond with our manners. Key to this is talking about 'awareness' – being 'aware' of others and understanding when people need our help, or knowing when to allow someone to pass, and always trying to be aware of what is going on around us. We expect children to say please and thank you, but manners at Crowmarsh means stopping and making eye contact, giving people 'time' to show them that we care about what they are telling us. Visitors always tell us that our children are the most well-mannered children they have ever met. As Maya Angelou said, "...people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

### **Community News**

#### Cranford House School Activity Camps

Activity Day Camps will be held from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April and from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. For more information and to book, call 0330 111 7077 or visit [www.ultimateactivity.co.uk](http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk)

You can also see some of these pictures in the attached letter which gives you an update on the project and a special request for letters of support to help us get the grant funding we need to achieve this goal of a great new play and exercise space for our community.

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### **FILM CLUB FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 3.15 – 5.00PM**

(Please circle your child's preferred film)

Name of Child ..... Class..... Despicable Me 3/Captain Underpants

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I am happy for my child(ren) to attend the Film Club and enclose £3.00 per child for refreshments (Cash or cheque payable to Crowmarsh School PTA).

Signature of Parent .....

