



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Term 4

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## Steps to Increase Your Child's Maths Achievements and to Make Maths Fun!

(Written by Jo Boaler – youcubed.com) Step 3: Always praise mistakes and say that you are really pleased that your child is making them. Recent research has shown that our brains grow the most when we make mistakes. Scientists have found that when people make a mistake in math, synapses spark, and there is activity in the brain that is absent when people get work correct. What this means is that we want people to make mistakes. In fact, making mistakes in math is the most useful thing we can do. But many children (and adults too) hate to make mistakes. They think it means they are not a "math person." It is important both to celebrate mistakes and tell children their brain

is growing when they make them. My 10 year old recently worked on 2 math problems and got one right and one wrong. When she got one wrong she reacted really badly saying, "I can't do math" and other negative things. I said to her – "do you know what just happened? – when you got that question right, nothing happened in your brain, but when you got that question wrong, your brain grew." I give this message to my children every time they are confused, are struggling or they make a mistake, these are the most important times in their learning

### Maths Poster

See attached for the seventh installment of our maths posters.

### Easter Reading Challenge

Again, we will be holding an Easter Reading Challenge. Bring or Tweet us photos of your child reading in extreme places – winners from both KS1 and KS2. Also, prizes to children who read at least one whole book and write us a book report to display in our library.

Please see the attached for information on how to support your child at home with reading.

### Survey for Parents

Final call for the parent survey! We don't have everyone's responses. Please, if you haven't already, can you fill in

this 3 minute survey at:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/92DePj9hz6JnRXdB2>

Thank you.

### Year 3

As you know, Miss Smith was only here with us for this year covering Mrs Barlow's maternity leave. Please help us in congratulating her in securing a new teaching position from September at Benson CE Primary School. We are very excited she will still be working with us through our school partnership!

How can you demonstrate our value of Service over the Easter break?

What can you do to demonstrate service both in and outside of school?

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Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

Summer Term starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"

– Martin Luther King, Jr

### **Mrs Bun the Baker**

Mrs Bun will be cooking with the children after Easter. They will be using eggs so please let us know if this is a problem for your child.

### **Guitar Tuition**

Manu Weikert has vacancies for pupils in Key Stage 2 who would like to learn to play the guitar. Please contact her on 01491 833715 or email [manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk](mailto:manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk)

### **Church News**

On Easter Sunday at 11am, there will be a family-friendly communion service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh. All welcome.

### **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)

### **Cross Country Success**

Congratulations to all pupils who participated in the cross country event last weekend. Just under 40 pupils participated from Crowmarsh School and we retained the 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall which we gained last time. Connor did exceptionally well and came third in the Year 1 race. Well done Connor!



Did you know that wellbeing for both children and staff is a school priority? As a school we focus on positive psychology and ways of helping everyone to feel happy and calm. As part of this we have Jackie Napier-Jones as our full time Home School Link Worker and support children through a variety of different ways. We also have different exciting groups that meet regularly such as our RAFTers (for children from families in the Service) and our Young Carers group. If you'd like more information about this please visit our website under the tab 'Parent Links' and then 'Wellbeing'.

### **Term Dates for 2018/19**

Attached are the school term dates for the next academic year.

### **PTA News**

Plans for the Summer Fair are well under way and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those who have offered their help so far with the class stalls.

The children have also been busy writing their own personalized letters in class to ask for donations towards the raffle. Hopefully this will lead to some great prizes that they've thought of themselves.

When we return from the holidays, requests will be going out for assistance with both the food and tombola stands but if you are not available to help during the event, then you can always assist with setting up the day before or packing away at the end. There is plenty to do and the majority of it can be done with the assistance of your children so please do come along and get involved. If you'd like to offer any specific help or only have a small window to help in please feel free to email me at

[lynn95@hotmail.com](mailto:lynn95@hotmail.com) and I'd be happy to work something out.

With the Summer Fair in mind there will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please bring in either £1 or a donation to the tombola (no alcohol please).

Hope you all have wonderful Easter holidays!

Lyndsey Webb

