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Week 2

Term 5

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

(Written by Jo Boaler – youcubed.com) Step 5: When you help your children, do not lead them through work step by step, as this takes away important learning opportunities for them. We often help children by doing the hard part of a problem, such as working out what the problem is asking, and then get children to do something easier, such as a calculation. Consider this scenario: Book question: Carlos started with 12 sweets, he gave some to Janice, then he had 8 sweets, how many did he give to Janice?

Child: I don't know how to do this.
Parent: Well, Carlos started with

12 and now he has 8 so what is 12 take away 8?

Child: 4

Parent: that's right.

In this scenario the child may feel good but the parent has done the hardest part of the problem, which is making sense of the situation. It would be more helpful to ask your child to draw the problem out, including, if they wish, pictures of Carlos and Janice and the sweets, or restate the problem in their own words. Try not to lower the cognitive demand of a problem when helping, or do the thinking for your child.

Sun Safety!

Now that the sun looks like it will make an appearance, we would like to remind you to ensure your child always has a sunhat and water bottle in school please. If you know it will be a hot day, we ask that you apply sunblock in the morning. Children may keep sunblock in their bags to reapply throughout the day.

Reading Morning

A special reading morning on Wednesday 23rd of May. Every adult who attends will receive a free book to celebrate World Book Night. Come along at 8:00 a.m. to read with your child before school. Coffee and cakes will be provided to start your day off right!

Coffee Morning

Thursday 17th May at 8.45am. Parents, Carers and Grandparents are all invited to our Coffee Morning. We will be hosting it outside in support of our weekly run Gardening Club which provides open access to gardening for all the children. It is full of fun projects and activities to keep the garden flourishing throughout the year. If your feeling inspired and have any seeds/plugs/plants spare please do come along and get involved, alternatively you are welcome to meet and chat with other parents, meet Anna who is running our weekly Gardening Club and enjoy Jo's delicious Cakes!

What have you learnt from Nick? Share his message and story with someone else and see where the conversation takes you.

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Monday:

Tuesday:

Thursday: Football Club
Choir
Basketball Club

Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude.

Zig Ziglar

BrainyQuote

After School Clubs

Please note that we are no longer using Ignite Coaching, rather we are training up existing staff with coaching credentials in a range of sports. This means that we are looking to change the after school clubs we offer. More information will be sent out about this shortly. However, if there are any parents who would be interested in running an after school club, please get in touch.

Royal Garden Party

A date for your diary – we are planning a Royal Garden Party for the afternoon of Friday May 18th. We will be inviting parents in from 2:00 to celebrate the Royal Wedding with us in style. More information will be sent out shortly, but please save the date!

Data Protection

As you may know, the way data is handled within organisations is changing. As part of this, you will be receiving letters regarding consent for photography as well as other issues.

Please also know, that you may contact the office at any time if you would like to opt out of receiving newsletters.

Governors' Email

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at 1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

PTA May Fete

The May Fete is less than a month away now and we would be very grateful for some more volunteers to help serve food on the barbecue stand (no cooking help require, only serving and taking money). If you can help us during the event on the barbecue stand please visit this online rota (<https://doodle.com/poll/45p6azv bqkdb78z6>) where you can insert your full name and click which times you are available. We will need three volunteers per shift

and a 30 minute stint will go a long way to helping us make this a great event. If you can assist with the set up on the event the day before (May 19th) then please let Lyndsey Webb know (Class 2).

Raffle tickets are being sent home today but if you don't receive them or you need more, please see Mrs Rance. We have some great prizes coming, including Cotswold Wildlife Park, Crocodiles of the World tickets and Wallingford Bookshop vouchers.

Don't forget the AGM next week (1st May, 7.30pm) where a new committee will be appointed along with further discussions concerning the May Fete. Children are welcome to attend.

Bag2School

There will be a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the PTA on Wednesday 9th May 2018. Bags have been sent home with your child. Please start sorting now and see the list on the bag for accepted items. Any questions please contact Sarah Lowe (child in Years 2 and 5) email s.lowe@cabi.org.

Safeguarding Training

For any parents who are interested in helping in school, we will be running a Generalist Safeguarding training course on Friday 27th April from 1.30 – 2.50pm. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend.

2018 Thames Run – Can You Help?

The 2018 Thames Run will take place on Sunday 20th May at 09:45. Last year's event was a great success, raising money for Crowmarsh Gifford School PTA and Style Acre.

If you are able to marshal this year, please email bob@helenandbob.com as soon as possible. If you know anyone else that can help out please ask them too!

Marshalls are there to ensure that everyone safely gets round the course and to provide encouragement for the runners. It's a fun morning and the school fete is the same day so there will be plenty going on afterwards, with stalls, food and refreshments available. Thames Run Committee

Church News

One service of particular interest to families at St Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh is:

Sunday 6th May at 11am
Family Service.

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.

Neighbourhood Policing News

The Didcot & Wallingford Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be holding a 'Cover it live' online chat session on Wednesday 16th May at 1900 – 2000. We will be looking to discuss and answer any questions or concerns you have surrounding your child's use of the internet and advice on how to monitor and protect them from harm. All questions can be anonymous and all you need to do is log on with the following link:

<http://thamesvp.coverpage.coveritlive.com/>

We look forward to hearing from you.