



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

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Week 4

Term 5

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

(Written by Jo Boaler – youcubed.com) Step 8. Encourage students to think flexibly about numbers. Research has shown that the biggest difference between elementary students who are successful and those who are not is not that the higher achievers know more, but that they think flexibly with numbers. It is critical that children develop number sense, which means that they think flexibly with numbers and can change and regroup them. For example, a student with number sense faced with a problem such as 41-17 would not use an algorithm such as: See the example

### Reading Morning

A special reading morning on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

Nor would they count up from 17 or down from 41; they would change the numbers to something like "40-16," which is a much easier question. Often when students struggle with math early on, they are given more practice with methods, facts or skills. This is not what they need. They need a more conceptual understanding of math and they need to develop number sense. Many students in the US fail algebra. The reason for this is not that algebra is really difficult, but that the students lack number sense, which is the most important foundational base students can have. There are materials on youcubed that show ways to develop number sense.

### Coffee Morning

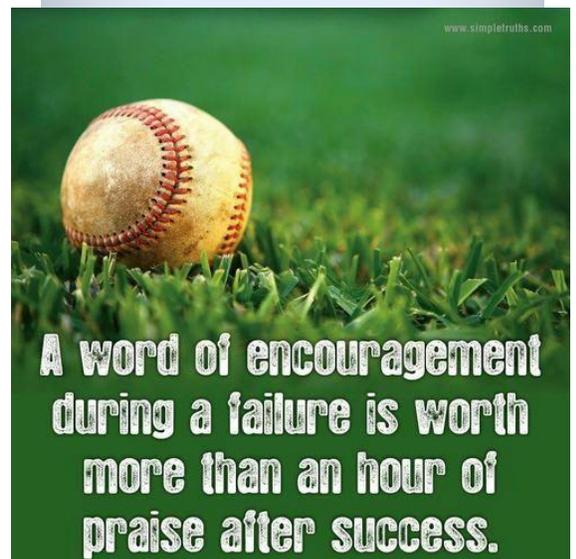
Thursday 17th May at 8.45am. Parents, Carers and Grandparents are all invited to our Coffee Morning. We will be hosting it outside in support of our weekly run Gardening Club which provides open access to gardening for all the children. It is full of fun projects and activities to keep the garden flourishing 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

How have you used your words to encourage others? What could you do to help others with their learning or in any other situation?

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Tuesday: Football Club 1 and 2

Thursday: Football Club 4,5+6  
Choir  
Basketball



Gardening Club and enjoy Jo's delicious Cakes!

### **Royal Garden Party**

A date for your diary – we are planning a Royal Garden Party for the afternoon of Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be inviting parents in from 2:00 to celebrate the Royal Wedding with us in style.

### **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.

### **PTA News**

Please return all unsold raffle tickets, money and stubs no later than Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. More tickets are available from the school office and Crowmarsh Village Stores.

Dates for your diary:

Film Club – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 3.15 – 5.00pm – further details to follow.

School Camp Out – 22<sup>nd</sup> June – further details to follows.

Human Table Football Fun – 13<sup>th</sup> July – further details to follow.

### **Church News**

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

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11am  
Family Communion.

Did you know that in year 4 we have been part of a research project with UCL? We have been using collaborative group work as a way to enhance learning and raise attainment. This project has been so successful, that it will continue to be a part of all we do with Purple Learning - ensuring children are explicitly taught how to work as part of a group to help them be more successful with their learning.

### **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.**

#### Art Exhibition and Sale

Centre 70 Goldsmiths Lane,  
Wallingford.  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>  
May 2018. 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Paintings and Crafts  
Tea, coffee and cakes in aid of  
Sue Ryder.  
Exhibition organised by  
Wallingford & District Art Club.  
Sponsored by Champion & Co.

#### CROWMARSH PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Thank you to those that got your letters of support to us in time for the first grant application (including the teachers for organising the class feedbacks for Class R through to year 5). This has all been really helpful. We hope to have news by the end of June on how successful we were.

In the meantime the Parish Council is gearing up to lodge the next grant application.

So it's not too late to voice your support.

We would love to hear more from those who would use it, so if the rest of year 6 and any older siblings in high school could have a look we would greatly value your input.

Please look at the pictures on the link below and either e-mail or use the form attached to today's newsletter to provide feedback. Mrs Rance is kindly collecting all hard copies in the school office.

<http://crowmarshgifford.org.uk/2017/07/09/crowmarsh-playground-proposals/>

Many thanks

Crowmarsh Parish Council