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Week 3

Term 5

May 3rd, 2018

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

(Written by Jo Boaler – youcubed.com) Step 6. Encourage drawing whenever you can. The whole of mathematics could be taught visually, which would help millions of children, but few classrooms encourage drawing and some students believe it to be babyish. Yet mathematicians draw all of the time, they do this because sketching a problem helps them really see the important mathematical ideas. Drawing and restating problems both help children understand what questions are asking and how the mathematics fits within them. **Step 7:** Encourage students to make sense of math at all times. Children should never think that math is a set of rules that they need to follow (although they often have good reason to think this). As they work, keep asking “does that make sense to you?” “Why” or “Why not?” Discourage guessing- If children seem to be guessing, say “Is that a guess? Because this is something we can make sense of, not guess about.” Mathematics is a conceptual subject, and students are only successful if they think conceptually about math. Here are some questions you can ask children to keep them thinking conceptually: • What is the question asking you? • How could you draw this question? • How did you get that answer? (ask this whether the answer is right or wrong) • Can you share your method with me? • Can you try a different way of solving this?

- What does addition/probability /ratio etc mean?
- In what other situation could we use this?
- Would this method work with different numbers?
- What is important about this work?

Sun Safety!

Please don't forget 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

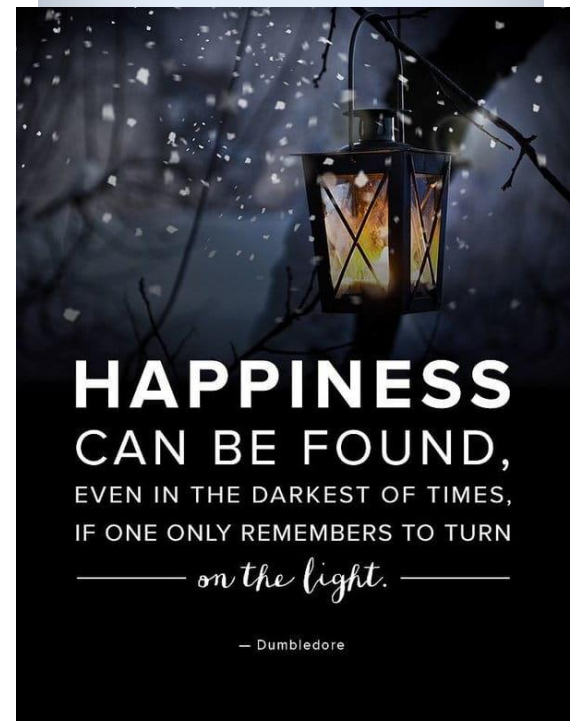
Thursday 17th May at 8.45am. Parents, Carers and Grandparents are all invited to our Coffee Morning. We will be hosting it outside in support of our weekly run Gardening Club which provides open access to gardening for all the children. It is full of fun projects and activities to keep the garden flourishing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

What makes you happy? Remember to focus on your blessings everyday – gratitude for what you have is so important to increasing your happiness.

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Tuesday: Football Club 1/2

Thursday: Football Club 4/5/6
Choir
Basketball Club



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!

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.

Dance Club

There will be two more sessions of our Dance Club for KS2, Wednesday 9th and Wednesday 16th May 3.15 – 4.15pm. On 16th May parents are invited to watch the dance being performed at 4.15pm.

Secondhand Uniform Sale

On Wednesday 9th May at 3.15pm there will be a sale of secondhand uniform. Please come along to pick up a bargain or two!

Sport Relief

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sport Relief event. A total of £632.50 was raised.

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

Open Afternoons will take place on Wednesday May 23rd and Wednesday July 11th. Both of these afternoons will run from 3:15 until 5:00. We hope you take the opportunity to come and see your children's learning and how they are progressing. It is clear from the positive parent feedback, that the changes we have made to the communication of your children's progress has been very useful. As always, if there is anything you think can be improved in this area, we would love to hear your thoughts. Thank you for your support.

taking money). If you can help us during the event on the barbecue stand please visit this online rota (<https://doodle.com/poll/45p6azybqkdb78z6>) 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).

A reminder to return your raffle tickets and money please. Additional tickets are available from the school office. We have some great prizes coming, including Cotswold Wildlife Park, Crocodiles of the World tickets and Wallingford Bookshop vouchers.

Bag2School

A reminder about the 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

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 with Baptism.

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 12th and Sunday 13th
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.

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Bishopstoke

Near EASTLEIGH

Hants

SO50 8QE

Dan Housego Cricket Camp

29th May – 1st June for boys and
girls aged 7 – 13. Suitable for all
abilities. £20 half day, £35 full
day £120 all four days. Get 15%
discount, apply coupon code
'DHCC'

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g.com](mailto:info@danhousegocricketcoachin
g.com). Mobile: 07916 804 605.

Summer Sports Course at Stadhampton School

Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th

August 2018.

9.00 – 3.00pm £15 per day.

Open to boys and girls aged 4 –

11. Email

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07846 012 858.