



# News from Cumnor School

Summer Term Newsletter

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**Dear Parents,**

We had a lovely treat from our Year 3 children today as they shared their work on Tudors with us in class assembly this morning. They all looked great, produced some amazing work, particularly on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, and shared their knowledge in a very creative way.

We will also be saying goodbye to our two students this Wednesday. Mr Beckley has been with Year 3 and Miss Mundy in Year 1. Both have been a real asset to the school and we wish them well in their future careers.



## **Trips this week:**

We have certainly made the most of our minibus this week! Our cricket team went out to Chandlings School at the beginning of the week. They played really well, winning most of their games and behaved brilliantly. The choir went out to Dorchester Abbey on Wednesday for the 'Festival of Voices'. They sang beautifully and when combined with the voices of 9 other children's choirs from around the county, the atmosphere in the Abbey was quite special. Our Year 6 children had a lift to Matthew Arnold and back today as well for their Primary Schools Sports Morning. I hope they enjoyed the morning.



## **Year 5 Transition Meeting**

A reminder that Mrs Katherine Ryan will be coming to school on Tuesday afternoon, from 3.10pm next week to meet with parents and children in Year 5. Mrs Ryan will talk a little about Matthew Arnold School, explain how the transition process works and answer any questions you may have.

## **Teaching Assistant Required**

We are currently advertising for a Teaching Assistant to work one to one with a new child joining us in Reception next year. The post is from 8.30 – 3.00pm 5 days a week. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact the school office.

## Photographs

If you have ordered any school photographs, your child will be bringing these home today.

## The Great Science Share!

Many thanks to Mrs Pottle for organising a really successful Great Science Share on Tuesday this week. We were delighted to welcome scientist and TV presenter Dr George McGavin for the day. (look out for him presenting 'Nature's Turtle Nursery' on BBC4 this Monday.) George McGavin spent the day leading science lessons; telling us of his first hand experiences, helping collect bugs from the field and recounting anecdotes of his adventures in far flung lands. The day finished with a wonderful 'Science Share' where the children in Year 4 shared some of the scientific discoveries they have made, with the rest of the school and our parents.



## Chess finals

We were lucky enough to host the Oxfordshire Chess League final against Emmanuelle Christian School on Monday. Our six players, Luke, Toby, Sebastien, Jake, James and Tom, all played really well; being very thoughtful and careful in their play. Unfortunately we came second to a very strong ECS team, but everyone who played either this time round, or in the matches which got us through to the final, should be very pleased with their achievement.

## Safety on the Driveway

We have had a couple of 'near misses' on the driveway this week where children have almost been hit by children scooting at high speed down the drive. Please remind your children that with all the people coming down the drive in the morning, they should get off their scooters or bikes at the top gates. Thank you.

## From your PTA:

### We need your help:

Our Summer Fete is tomorrow from 12-3pm. Thank you so much to the people who've signed up to help man the stalls but we need lots more of you! Please click on the link below and man a stall for just 30 mins (your children can help!). I have had a special plea that we need more Barbecuers, so any apron-wearing sizzlers who can help please contact [pitts.adrian@gmail.com](mailto:pitts.adrian@gmail.com)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10W5jXr3N21rFn9F1wtQKnwZn0LoXFjbK5i-sbyfm0hY/edit#gid=0>

### Competitions:

Please do bring all your contributions for our Gardening Centre, Miniature Garden Competition and Best Looking Cake Competition along with you. Please make sure all entries are clearly marked.

### Water Wars:

We are having parent supervised water fights on the field in a designated area with water barrels for refills and bubbles to shoot at (as well as each other!) Slots will be aged based. Water pistols will be provided, please don't bring your own so everyone has the same. Do bring a TOWEL and CHANGE of CLOTHES! Also goggles if you'd like your child to wear them.

### Our Amazing Raffle:

Thank you for all the fabulous books and tombola prizes donated! The children will have already brought home Summer Fete raffle tickets. We have some really fantastic prizes to give away again this time! Please take a look at our list of generous sponsors below.



- ✓ ALDI, Botley - 2 Bottles of Wine & 2 Boxes of Chocolates
- ✓ ANDREW'S DRYCLEANING, Botley - £25 Voucher
- ✓ ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM - Tickets to Current Exhibition
- ✓ ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM – Bottle of Ashmolean Dry Gin
- ✓ ASHMOLEAN ROOFTOP RESTAURANT - £100 Voucher
- ✓ BEAUTY WITHIN, Botley - £25 Voucher
- ✓ BILL SPECTRE'S OXFORD GHOST TRAIL - Family Ticket
- ✓ BONNERS FRUIT & VEG - Box of Strawberries
- ✓ COGGES MANOR FARM - Family Day Pass
- ✓ CO-OP, Botley - Picnic Blanket
- ✓ CROCODILES OF THE WORLD - 1 Adult & 1 Child Admission
- ✓ DAVID LLOYDS CLUBS - 2 Week Membership
- ✓ DUNELM, Botley - Portable Bucket BBQ
- ✓ THE FISHES, North Hinksey - Dinner for 2 & a Bottle of Wine
- ✓ GOAT - West End Show Tickets for 4 *Choose from 7 shows!*
- ✓ THE GREYHOUND, Besselsleigh – 2-course Meal for Two
- ✓ ICELAND, Botley - 3 Bottles of Wine
- ✓ IDLEWILD HAIR SALONS - 2 x £50 Vouchers + Kerastase Products
- ✓ JUNKYARD GOLF CLUB - 2 Rounds of Golf & 2 Drinks
- ✓ MARK HEWITSON PHOTOGRAPHY - Family or Pet Portrait Experience
- ✓ OXFORD SPORTS LAWN TENNIS CLUB - 1 Week of Summer Tennis Camp
- ✓ OXFORDSHIRE SKILLS ACQUISITION ACADEMY - 1 Week of Summer Football Camp
- ✓ PARTYMAN WORLD OF PLAY - 2 adults & 3 Children Admission
- ✓ THE PERCH FREEHOUSE - £25 Voucher
- ✓ PHOENIX PUBLISHERS – Book
- ✓ RIVERFORD VEG - £15 Voucher
- ✓ SUPER CAMPS - Free Day
- ✓ TESCO EXPRESS, Botley - Wine, Prosecco & Chocolate
- ✓ ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMPS – Free Day
- ✓ THE VINE – Voucher
- ✓ WAITROSE, Botley - 2 Bottles of Prosecco
- ✓ WHITE HORSE LEISURE & TENNIS CENTRE - 1 Month Membership
- ✓ WHITE HORSE LEISURE & TENNIS CENTRE - Family Swim Voucher
- ✓ WYEVALE GARDEN CENTRE – 2 x £15 Vouchers

**School dinners next week:**

WEEK 1 menus: Munchy Bunches or

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Carbonara or Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Minced Beef Moussaka or Cauliflower Cheese and Broccoli Bake	Roast Pork with Yorkshire Pudding or Road Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding	Mild Chicken Curry with Rice or Vegetarian Meatballs with Gravy and Rice	Oven Baked Breaded Fish Fillet or Vegetarian Moussaka

## What has my child been doing this week?

Reception	Continued to learn about sea creatures, carried out an experiment about ocean currents and painted seascapes inspired by Turner.
Year 1	The children have written letters, sung a sea shanty and gone on a wild plant hunt.
Year 2	We have been revising arrays and multiplication, planning a garden party and tasting caterpillar cupcakes!
Year 3	Continuing to work on our stories, learning more about symmetry and practising for our class assembly.
Year 4	Working out the area and perimeter of rectangles and other shapes, editing and improving explanation texts and playing quick cricket.
Year 5	Researching about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the SS Great Britain in preparation for our residential visit. Practising single point perspective in art and multiplying fraction by whole numbers.
Year 6	Writing recounts about our trip to Woodlands, designing hybrid plants to survive in extreme environments and enjoying a sports morning at Matthew Arnold School.

### Next Week:

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	12 – 3pm	PTA Summer Fete
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	3.10pm	Year 5 transition meeting with Matthew Arnold School
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	Year 2 village walk
27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 5 residential visit to Somerset
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Reception class assembly, friends and family welcome
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	From 2pm	St Michael's Church Fete

I hope to see you at the fete on Saturday.

Yours sincerely,



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