



News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

'The Strictly Nativity' and 'Bah Humbug' Performances

We are all getting excited about our Christmas performances towards the end of term. The children are rehearsing, the props are being made and some new lights bought - a spot light this year! All of the Reception and KS1 tickets have been distributed this week. (2 tickets per family per performance) Thank you for returning your requests for tickets for the KS2 performance. Larger numbers of children and less space in the hall has meant restricted numbers. (Hence the additional night.) Please can you ensure that your ticket requests are in by Monday next week so that any tickets that are still available can be offered towards the end of the week. Thank you for your support.

Individual Photos

Thank you to those who have ordered school photographs, and for your feedback. Photographs have been handed to your child to bring home today.

From Your PTA

Thank you to everyone who brought in prizes for our tombolas this morning. There will be some truly lucky winners at the Fayre next Friday night! Thank you also to everyone who has brought in books, dvds or cds. They will be used to help stock our school libraries/classrooms or sold at our **Christmas Fayre Book Shop**. The shop is going to be fantastic with so many gift-worthy titles to choose from! Further donations of tombola prizes, books, dvds and cds can be brought in to the office throughout all of next week. Thank you!

The Christmas Fayre is next Friday night from 5:30pm! Bring the whole family along for a fun, festive evening of dinner, games, crafts and super prizes. Father Christmas will be stopping by to visit the children in his Grotto. There will be plenty of yummy food available including our famously delicious winter-warmer chili, gourmet hotdogs and sweet treats, as well as a well-stocked adult bar (craft beer, ale, G&T, wine, prosecco...) to add to the merriment!

We are delighted to be able to accept card payments at events on our new **iZettle** machines. You can even use Apple pay and Android pay! This facility will be available for buying food and drink only. Please remember to bring CASH on the night to pay for your entrance ticket, tokens/stalls and any extra raffle tickets!

Please remember, we are calling on all home-bakers to bring in festively decorated **cupcakes** to sell on the night. These can be brought to school the morning of the Fayre or on the night. Thank you!

Please return your completed **Christmas Raffle** booklets back to the office ASAP. Our fabulous prizes this year include Oxford and London panto tickets, meals out at *The Bear*, *The Perch*, *The Vine*, Cinnamon Kitchen, Malmaison and Nandos, as well as a Tour & Tasting for 2 from *Cotswolds Distillery*, vouchers for *Idlewild Hair* and an Exclusive Spa Day for Two (with treatments, cream tea and a glass of fizz) at the *Macdonald Randolph Hotel Spa*! We have 35 confirmed prizes so far! Additional booklets are available from the office.

If you are able spare half an hour or more helping in the café or at one of the stalls, please do sign up. There are many spots still to fill! It's lots of fun and we would be most thankful! Here's the quick link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TFaGN6KFIFKT6umUa8NYbseHAfGGuehe4YFS1kZWNT0/edit#gid=166805205>

We are proud to announce that the Christmas Fayre will be the first of many PTA events in which we ditch plastic; no more single-use, environmentally damaging glasses, plates and cutlery. Instead you'll be given

biodegradable alternatives. You can also do your bit by reusing your glass (don't worry, it won't biodegrade that quickly!) and putting rubbish in the appropriate bin to aid recycling. And if you have any other practical suggestions to make events more ethical, please do get in touch!

To add to the festive atmosphere of the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Bah Humbug Christmas performances this year, mulled wine and mince-pies will be available to purchase prior to each evening performance. All profits will go to the PTA school fund so please do treat yourself to a sip in support of the school!

WEEK 3 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Or Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Toad-in-the-Hole Or Vegetarian Meatballs with Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Or Roast Quorn Fillet with Stuffing	Minced Beef Chilli with Rice Or Vegetable Lasagne	Oven Baked Fish Fingers Or Cheese and Onion Pinwheel

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Writing superhero stories, practising adding using a numberline and starting making Christmas decorations.
Year 1	Imagining, writing about and making dragons, investigating wheels and axles, learning about the symbols of Sukkot.
Year 2	Planning our own chapter of 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark, solving money problems and acting out the Great Fire of London stories.
Year 3	Learning about the 24-hour clock, retelling the story of Beowulf, and practising our dance.
Year 4	Using apostrophes, learning the formal method for subtraction and finding out about life in Britain in 1950's.
Year 5	Long multiplication in columns, writing descriptively and editing our writing, learning places on the high street in French.
Year 6	Writing about Victorian Christmas traditions, using ratio and proportion in maths, and investigating the differences between the lives of the rich and poor in Victorian times.

Yours sincerely,



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