News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter **Number 13** **7th December 2018**

Dear Parents,

'The Strictly Nativity' and 'Bah Humbug' Performances
I hope that you have now received your tickets for the performances over the next two weeks. If you have any queries, please do pop into the office.

Year 4 visit to Matilda the Musical
Our Year 4 children had a fabulous day out in the West End on Wednesday to see Matilda the Musical. The performance was fabulous and our children were brilliantly behaved. I hope they really enjoyed seeing the show as well as the Christmas lights in London!

Choir visit to Wytham House
Our choir spent Tuesday afternoon down at Wytham House at the Oakenholt care home. They sang a selection of traditional and modern Christmas songs to the elderly people there, who I am sure really appreciated seeing and hearing the children. There was a lovely treat for them at the end of the day as the staff of Wytham House had arranged for some reindeer to come and visit!

Parking
I'm afraid there are still a handful of parents who consistently park in the bus bay at the start or end of the day. Please do remember that the school bus does pick up and drop children here and needs to be able to pull in safely. Please also be mindful of safe parking with all the evening events happening at school over the next few weeks, starting with the Christmas Bazaar tonight. The Vine usually allow parents to park in their car park at the start and end of the day, but have asked that we don't use their car park in the evening as it prevents their customers from parking at the pub. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Christmas Post Box
The School's Christmas post box will be in operation from Monday. Please ensure that your children address the envelopes clearly with the full name and class of the child the card is being sent to. Our Year 6 children will be making deliveries every day between now and the end of the term.

Christmas Dinner
On Wednesday 19th December we will be having our Christmas dinner at school. The meal is free for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. It will be £2.30 for all Key Stage 2 children. If your child does not normally have a school dinner, to avoid sending an invoice for one meal, it would help us if you would send in the payment in advance of the meal. Just about all the children join in and there is always a fabulously festive atmosphere in the hall. This year we want to make it even more fun by adding a little festive cheer to their school uniforms. If the children would like to add a little Christmas flourish to their uniform they certainly may, perhaps some Christmas socks, a Father Christmas hat, Christmas hairbands, or a Christmas jumper would all be appropriate.

Clubs Next Week
Please note that all clubs have now finished for the Autumn term. A clubs list for the Spring term will be sent out before the end of term.

From Your PTA

The Christmas Fayre is tonight 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!

If you are able to spare half an hour or more helping in the café or at one of the stalls. Please do let us know when you arrive. There are many spots still to fill! It's lots of fun and we would be most thankful!

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 1 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mild Chicken Curry Or Bean Burger	Spaghetti Bolognese Or Sweet and Sour Quorn with Rice	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Or Vegetarian Toad in the Hole	Sausage Plait Or Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese	Oven Baked Breaded Fish Or Mediterranean Vegetarian Tart

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Writing Christmas lists, reading captions and making Christmas tree decorations.
Year 1	Starting our times tables, writing questions and making carriages for Cinderella.
Year 2	Writing our own story chapters, printing wrapping paper and making Christingles.
Year 3	Improving our punctuation, creating bar charts and pictograms and creating timelines using Google Docs.
Year 4	Creating and interpreting pictograms and bar charts, making mince pies for the Christmas Fayre and enjoying our trip to London to see Matilda the Musical.
Year 5	Adding fractions with different denominators, rehearsing and performing the narrative poem "The Walrus and the Carpenter".
Year 6	Finished reading 'A Christmas Carol', created number sequences in maths and lots of rehearsing for 'Bah Humbug!'

The last 2 weeks of term:

Wednesday 12th December	6pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Thursday 13th December	2pm and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Tuesday 18th December	2pm and 6pm	Reception, Yr 1 & 2 Nativity. Parents and friends welcome.
Wednesday 19th December	PM	Christmas Dinner and Afternoon Cinema
Thursday 20th December	9.30am	Christmas Service. Family and friends welcome.
Thursday 20th December	1.15pm	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Monday 7th January	8.50am	Children return to school

Yours sincerely,

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