



News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

'Bah Humbug' Performance

What a fantastic set of shows our Key Stage 2 performed this week. They were all absolutely wonderful. I was really impressed with the acting and singing as well as the dances that our younger children pulled off brilliantly. Thank you to everyone involved – the costumes were really good and the props very professional. I am sure you and the children will remember it long into the future. Ian Wallman took some fabulous photos which will be available before the end of term. If you would rather your child wasn't included in the selection available for parents to download, please let us know by next Tuesday.

We're really looking forward to the Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity now!

Christmas Post Box

The School's Christmas post box will continue to be in use next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. 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 until the end of term.

Clubs next term

Today you should be receiving our offering of after school clubs for next term. Please talk to your children about any clubs they would like to join and send in your requests by the end of term. You will be notified if your child is not offered a place in a particular club during the first week of term with clubs starting the week of the 14th January.

Next week

As always it's going to be a busy final week of term:

- Reception and KS1 nativity – this is on Tuesday next week. You should have received two tickets per family for each performance. Children should be in school from 5.30pm for the evening performance and PTA refreshments will be available!
- Choir singing at Oxenford House – Tuesday morning – the choir's final Christmas outing of the year.
- Christmas dinner – Wednesday lunchtime. All reception and KS1 children are able to have a free meal with the cost to KS2 children being £2.30. Children can wear something Christmassy that day if they wish. The afternoon will be given over to our annual movie afternoon. (Refreshments provided by our PTA) Children can choose from:
 - Zootopia
 - Arthur Christmas
 - Happy Feet
 - Inside Out
 - Jungle Book (animated version)
 - Stormbreaker
 - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Miss Jones will be holding the Cumnor School Book Club for years 4,5 and 6 on Tuesday at lunchtime to discuss the book).
- Christmas Service at St. Michaels - Thursday at 9.30am. We will be having a simple Christmas service this year following the extravaganzas of the Christmas shows in school. You are welcome to join us.
- End of term – we finish at 1.15pm on Thursday. The children return to school after the Christmas break on Monday 7th January.

From Your PTA

What a wonderful week of festive events we've had, with still more to come! We are very grateful for your ongoing support and are pleased to announce that together, we have raised over £2000 for the school so far this December!

Holly jolly Christmas! Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Christmas Fayre last Friday evening and supported the school by having fun! A particularly big thank you to those who volunteered their time before or on the night. We could not have done it without you!

Baby, it's cold outside! Mulled wine and mince-pies will be available to purchase prior to the KS1 Nativity performance on Tuesday evening. There will also be a chocolate and wine hamper raffle (£1 for 5 tickets) drawn before the show. All profits will go to the PTA School Fund so please do treat yourself to a sip for the sake of the school!

Jingle bells! Jingle bells! We also invite you come along to Community Carol Singing in The Vine with St Michael's Church on Saturday December 22nd at 6pm. Seasonal refreshments will be available and it will be another lovely chance to feel festive and get together, while raising funds for your PTA.

Back by popular demand, our first PTA event of 2019 will be the Quiz Night in early February. So brush up on your trivia over the holidays and start getting your teams together. It is sure to be a fun and entertaining evening for all!

Deans Court Christmas Carols on the Green.

To be held on Pinnocks Way Green on Friday 21st December from 6pm then mince pies in the Deans Court Community Centre afterwards. All welcome.

WEEK 2 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Oven Baked Salmon Fish Cakes OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Chicken and Vegetable Pie OR Crispy Quorn Dippers	Christmas Dinner	Savoury Minced Beef OR Macaroni Cheese

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Writing Christmas cards, making Christmas crackers and learning Christmas songs.
Year 1	Making Christmas presents, using halving and doubling skills and making a castle facts poster.
Year 2	Making Christmas cards, writing the Nativity story, solving division problems and setting fire to our cardboard box London homes to replicate the Great Fire of London. 
Year 3	Working out Christmas co-ordinates, writing stories using Google Docs and investigating friction.
Year 4	Identifying the properties of 2D shapes, comparing Matilda The Musical with the book and finishing our Lowry mural.
Year 5	Retelling the story of 'The Walrus and the Carpenter' from the eldest oyster's point of view, problem solving with decimals and learning about deforestation and its effects in the rainforest.
Year 6	Calculating the area of triangles and parallelograms, writing book reviews about 'A Christmas Carol' and creating our own alternative endings to the story.

Yours sincerely,



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