



# News from Cumnor School

*Spring Term Number 8*

*8th March 2019*

Dear parents,

Thank you to all our Year 4 children and staff who shared with us their work on The Stone Age through to The Romans in assembly this morning. They performed really well; singing, acting and speaking clearly. They have obviously enjoyed their topic and looked great in their Stone Age costumes too.

## **World Book Day!**

We all had a wonderfully creative World Book Day on Thursday. The children and staff all looked fantastic in their costumes and dressing up clothes. The staff stuck with a theme of 'Julia Donaldson Characters' as it was 20 years ago that *The Gruffalo* was published. The school looked brilliant too as we spent Wednesday evening decorating as many of the internal doors as we could with book themed covers. We're hoping that these will last until parents' evenings next week so if you haven't had a chance to see them all, have a good look around then.



I am so pleased that there was lots of enthusiasm for our story writing competition too. Most children wrote a story and it was a really hard job to select the winners. Well done though to James, Charlie, Zahra, Kate, Joshua, Joshua and Jay. Their stories will be up the entrance hall if you would like to enjoy them.

And finally we were pleased to have the Scholastic Book Fair this week too. Thank you so much for your support of this. We have managed to raise enough money to buy almost £1,000 worth of books for our class libraries.

## **Year 1 trip to Crocodiles of The World**

Our Year 1 class had a great day coming face to face with alligators and crocodiles at Crocodiles of The World this week. They met a variety of animals including meerkats, otters and tortoises, and learned all about the differences between reptiles and other animals.



Parents' Evening Booking System

## **Parents Evenings meeting – New Sign up program!**

We can see that most parents have signed up to Parents Evenings next week. There are, however, still half a dozen or so from each class who haven't managed it yet. If you are having difficulties, please do pop in or email. If you still can't login, then please give the office a call and they can book a time for you.

## **Governor news**

Our school governors met this week. We looked at the progress we are making with our annual School Improvement Plan and the quality of teaching and learning. The budget was briefly discussed (we have managed to maintain a small carry forward this year and avoided going into deficit as a result of some fundraising opportunities that came our way during the year). The resources sub-committee will meet next month to set our budget for the next financial year. We also began to explore the school's overarching vision and values which we established about 5 years ago. These are now due for a revamp and so a sub-committee has been set up to begin this process.

## Clubs Next Week

Due to parent / teacher meetings on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March, some of the clubs organised by staff will not be running. Other clubs will run as normal.

| Club Running                  | Clubs Cancelled  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Engineering Club              | Revision Club    |
| Gymnastics Club               | Lego Club        |
| OSAA Football Club            | Board Games Club |
| Netball Club                  | Archaeology Club |
| Karate Club                   |                  |
| Sketching Club – Science Room |                  |
| Athletics Club                |                  |
| Chess Club                    |                  |
| Tennis Club                   |                  |

## Your PTA News

There will be a **Second Hand Uniform Sale** in the school hall during parent/teacher meetings next Tuesday and Wednesday. There is a huge selection of uniform and all items are just £1 each.

Please circle Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> on your calendars right now because that night is **BINGO NIGHT** here at Cumnor School and you don't want to miss it! All the family is welcome to join in 6 exciting games of classic Bingo, called by our compere extraordinaire, Year 3 teacher Mr Cooke! Enjoy a delicious dinner of pizza or famous 'Pitts Pulled Pork' on a bun. Doors open at 5pm. Games start at 5:30pm and will run until about 7:30pm. Then stay for drink and a chat with the bar open until 8:30! It's sure to be a super-fun night for all!

Our next PTA Committee meeting will be Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8pm at The Vine. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. The more suggestions, ideas and support we have, the better our events will be!

## What's my child been doing this week?

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| Reception | As part of our topic on transport and travelling we have been exploring Japan and Japanese culture, we have had a story read to us in Japanese and learnt about the magnetic bullet train and created a collage based on 'The Wave' by Hokusai. |
| Year 1    | Adding the prefix un to change meaning, writing 2 digit numbers, and listening to animal poems.   |
| Year 2    | Using ÷ to solve problems, researching African animal facts and creating our own e-books about Africa.  |
| Year 3    | Checking calculations using inverse operations, studying play scripts and discussing the Last Supper and Passover.  |
| Year 4    | Learning about the expansion of the Roman empires, creating electrical circuits and practising for our class assembly.  |
| Year 5    | Presenting our independent Greek project work, using the properties of rectangles to work out missing lengths and angles and revising prepositions.   |
| Year 6    | Writing formal and informal letters, calculating percentages and painting our Shabti dolls.   |

**WEEK 2 menus next week**

| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Friday</b>   |
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| Oven Baked Salmon Fish Cakes<br>Or<br>Cheese and Tomato Pizza | Chicken and Vegetable Pie<br>Or<br>Crispy Quorn Dippers | Roast Gammon and Yorkshire Pudding<br>Or<br>Vegetarian Mince and Vegetable Cottage Pie | Savoury Minced Beef with Creamed Potatoes<br>Or<br>Macaroni Cheese | Oven Baked Breaded Fish Fillet<br>OR<br>Quorn Hot Dog |

**Next week:**

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| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March   | After School | Parent Teacher meeting |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March | After School | Parent Teacher meeting |

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher