News from Cumnor School

Spring Term Number 9 *15th March 2019*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for coming along to Parent's Evenings this week. If you weren't able to make it, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher to see if other arrangements can be made. I hope the new booking in system worked well for you. Feedback seems to be very positive so far. If you have any other comments to make, please get in touch. Assuming there aren't any major hiccups, we'll be rolling out the payment element of the program after Easter so keep your login details and password safe!

Trips next week

We have our Year 6 children out all week next week as they enjoy their residential visit to Kilvrough in Wales. Year 3 are also out on Monday visiting Hampton Court Palace as part of their work on the Tudors. I'm sure both classes will have a fantastic time. The only potential problem will be at departure on Monday morning when both classes will be leaving at similar times. All Year 6 children should meet at THE BUS STOP at 7.30am whilst Year 3 children need to meet in the SCHOOL HALL for a 7.45am departure. We don't want anyone getting on the wrong bus!

Sports events this week.

On Tuesday, Bianca, Jennifer, Cerys, Emily, Freya, Björn, Amelia, Jessica, Realtin and Heidi went to the Key Steps Gymnastics competition at Abingdon Gymnastics Club to represent Cumnor School for the first time. All gymnasts performed very well at the vault. They stayed very focussed and delivered their individual floor routine in front of the judges very confidently. Well done Gymnasts!

Our Football team did really well too as they competed in the local school's tournament on Thursday. Again they played well coming third out of 21 teams and so through to the district finals. Well done Micah, Sara, Tomas, Realtin, Kelly, Onslow and Harrison and thank you to Mr Cooke and Mr Williams for taking them.

Cumnor Gardening Club – Years 2 & 3

Each year the Cumnor Gardening Club host a horticulture and craft show. Would your child like to enter? Mrs Stockford is offering an afterschool club on Monday 25th March and Monday 1st April from 3.10 - 4.00pm to make Easter craft to enter into the April show. Book a place now, first come first allowed. Limited to 20 Places. Please book through the school office by Wednesday 20th March.

Free competition to all children aged under 11.

Cumnor Gardening Club – annual Spring show: 3pm Saturday 6th April, Cumnor Village Hall.

Competitions (you can enter one, some or all) -

- *Three biscuits decorated with an Easter theme;*
- *A vase / jar of handmade artificial Spring flowers;*
- *A bug house made of recycled materials (not plastics);*
- *An Easter card;*
- *Original Lego model with a gardening / farming theme.*

Entries and exhibits must be brought to the village hall between 8.30am and 10.30am, Saturday 6th April. Questions to Show Secretary: Christopher Impey, impeys@btinternet.com"

Tennis Coaching Opportunities
The Oxford Sports Lawn Tennis Club, who are generously provide free tennis coaching in school each Wednesday afternoon this term, are also running coaching sessions as follows. Please contact Tom Wilsdon tomjwilsdon@hotmail.com for more information.

Year 1:
Thursday Tennis For Kids Sessions
£25 for 6 weeks coaching and includes free T-shirt, racket and balls!!
Oxford Sports Tennis Club- 4:00-5:00pm
Mathew Arnold Sports Hall- 5:00-6:00pm

Year 2 & 3:
Friday Tennis For Kids Session
£25 for 6 weeks coaching and includes free T-shirt, racket and balls!!
Oxford Sports Tennis Club- 4:30-5:30pm

Year 5:
Saturday Morning Tennis,
£6 a session
Oxford Sports Tennis Club- 11:00-1:00

Your PTA News
Please circle Friday March 29th 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!

If you are able to help out at Bingo or any other event – setting up, serving food, clearing up – please let us know (tara.cm@gmail.com). We are sincerely thankful for any time you can spare.

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Learning about Australia, Australian animals and Aboriginal art. Exploring repeating pattern, and making musical instruments.
Year 1	Finding quarters, writing the story of 'How The Whale Got His Throat' and investigating camouflage.
Year 2	Writing our own African folk tales, sorting materials and mixing colours in art.
Year 3	Solving real life number problems, creating drama based on Shakespeare's The Tempest, and learning about the Easter story.
Year 4	Estimating, reading and converting measures, researching Roman mosaics and retelling a Roman myth from the point of view of a goose!
Year 5	Planning newspaper reports based on the story of the Trojan Wooden Horse, comparing and contrasting Michael Rosen's poems and interpreting information on timetables.
Year 6	Using reasoning to explain mathematical thinking, discussing what it means to be resilient and writing expanded noun phrases.

WEEK 3 menus next week

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

Next week:

18th – 22nd March	All week	Year 6 residential visit to Kilvrough
Monday 18th March	All Day	Year 3 visit to Hampton Court Palace
Friday 22nd March	9.00am	Year 5 class assembly – friends and family welcome

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher