



News from Cumnor School

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4th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Reading Meeting.

It was good to see a number of parents at our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Reading meeting this week. I hope you found it useful. If you weren't able to come, or simply want a reminder of what we said, the PowerPoint we used is now on the school website: www.cumnorprimaryschool.co.uk Information – curriculum information – English including phonics.

E-Safety meeting

Along with our partnership primary schools and Mathew Arnold Secondary School, we have organised an E-safety awareness evening for parents on Thursday 17th October. This will be an opportunity for you to listen to a variety of short presentations covering the benefits, and many positives, of internet use as well as the related issues that children can face. We hope to provide practical advice that is easy to apply on issues such as personal information, social networking, downloading, cyberbullying, gaming, digital footprints, online reputation etc.

The event is aimed at Key Stage 2 parents (Years 3 – 6) and will be held at Matthew Arnold School at 5pm and then repeated at 7pm. I do hope you will be able to come along.

PTA AGM

I am sure that lots of the children are really looking forward to the PTA disco tonight. Many thanks to the PTA for organising this event and making sure that all these social opportunities for children and parents go off without a hitch! I know that you appreciate the work they put into these and the impact the events have on the children and the school as a whole through their fundraising.

Please remember that the AGM is tonight too; 6.15pm in the Key Stage 2 kitchen. Please to try to come along. It will be a good opportunity to pass on your thanks and appreciation to the PTA members and also to consider joining. We always need and welcome new members, both for generating ideas for events and also for helping to organise and run them. I very much look forward to seeing you there.

Cross Country Running competition

Many congratulations to all 24 of our cross country runners. We managed to enter 4 teams into the partnership competition and all did really well. Our Year 3 / 4 girls team did particularly well coming in second place overall and qualifying for the Vale finals next week. Good luck to them!

Clubs next week

I'm afraid that all our staff will be attending additional training next Thursday and so there won't be any Choir or Chess Club on the 10th October.

Soup Share

Following the success of Kitchen Garden Club's RHS soup share, Year 6 are planning to make it an even bigger event this year. They will be making soup using the produce from our school garden as well as other edible goodies and selling them after school on Friday 11th October. There will be a discount if you bring your own cup or mug. Not only will it raise funds, but the sale will also help us work towards RHS level 5 as part of the campaign for school gardening. Please come and support us.

School Photos

Individual and family photos were taken in school on Thursday. These will be sent home for ordering in the next week or two.

Governors News

We held our first Full Governing Body meeting of the year this week. Mrs Voirrey Carr remains the Chair and Mr Tom Christophers has been elected Vice Chair. The agenda covered a variety of topics including the annual SEN report and policy, an in depth look at our safeguarding policies and a review of the latest assessment results. We discussed ways of working with the Parish Council to reduce congestion around the school and improve road safety around the village. We also looked at the responses that we received from the summer term's parent survey. All the comments were read and some follow up actions implemented. Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires, they are very helpful.

From Your PTA

Have you got your dancing shoes on? The School Disco is TONIGHT! KS1 Disco from 5-6pm and a KS2 Disco from 6:15-7:15pm! There'll be a professional DJ on the decks, neon face-painting, pizza, snacks & drinks for sale and an Adult Bar serving a fantastic selection beer and wine. Tickets are £2 per student (adults go free!) and include unlimited free squash! **Please remember that every child must be accompanied by an adult (aged 18+) who will remain in the school & be responsible for them at all times during the disco. KS2 children will not be allowed in to the school during the KS1 disco, and will be asked to wait outside until 6:15pm.** Tickets on sale at the door. See you there!

Our next AGM will be held in our School Disco Bar at 6:15pm tonight. Come join the committee or join us for a drink or both! Everyone is welcome. An updated committee and class-liaison list will be posted on the PTA board late next week. Please have a look!

WEEK 3 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Turkey Meatballs with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Creamed Potatoes Or Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Bolognese Or Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake with New Potatoes	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding Or Roast Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding	Teriyaki Chicken with Rice Or Neapolitan Pasta	Oven Baked Fish Fingers Or Cheese and Onion Pinwheel

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Learning p, i, n, and counting up to 10 and beyond. We had our first trip to forest school which we loved.
Year 1	Recording simple addition number sentences, rhyming words and naming the planets in order.
Year 2	Making and eating fruit salad, solving pizza fraction problems and learning how to use a website.
Year 3	Solving word problems, learning about clauses and mixing different colour tones using poster paints.
Year 4	Reading and writing about Roald Dahl's plane crash, finding equivalent fractions and exploring the Dirty Beast poems on National Poetry Day.
Year 5	Exploring the features of effective advertisements, deciding on the names for our truffles and starting to understand the origins of Islam.
Year 6	Solving Multiplication problems, writing poems in the style of Ogden Nash and finding out about Empress Matilda and her escape from Oxford Castle.

Yours sincerely,



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