News from Cumnor School

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Dear Parents,

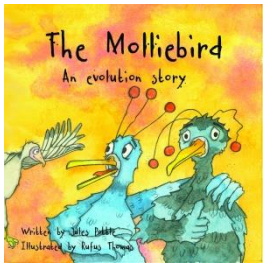
We really enjoyed Year 5's class assembly this morning. They shared with us the fabulous work they have been doing recently connected with their topic of chocolate and made all our mouths water!

Trips this week
It's been a really busy week with lots of great trips out:
Monday saw our Year 3 children enjoying their postponed trip to Hill End and had a wonderful time re-enacting Anglo Saxon and Viking invasions.
Year 6 went to the J.R. hospital on Tuesday to develop their life saving skills as well as learning how to keep safe through the Injury Minimisation Programme that is run there. (Please see Mrs Merrill's notice below.)
Year 4 had a great visit to London's West End to see Matilda the Musical and Year 1 came back with all their fingers and toes from their day at Crocodiles of The World on Thursday.

News from Mrs Merrill
Dear Parents, I have some exciting and ever so slightly daunting news!
I have been given a fantastic opportunity to run the **London Marathon** next April for Oxfordshire I.M.P.S. This is an amazing programme run by the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital that I was lucky enough to visit with our year 6's on Tuesday. Sadly they are only partially funded and to be able to continue their work rely on donations and fund raising -which is where you come in!!
If anyone is able to sponsor me and help ensure that future generations of children can learn valuable emergency first aid and lifesaving skills please visit my fund raising page with JustGiving. Every little helps (other supermarket catchphrases are available)! https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sharon-merrill Many thanks, Mrs Merrill (Yr 2 and Yr 3 teaching assistant.)

Food Hygiene Inspection.
After the work we carried out in the summer holidays, we were pleased to welcome back the inspectors from the Food Hygiene Agency this week. After a thorough inspection of the kitchens they awarded us a full 5* rating. Well done to everyone involved.

Cookie and Cake Sale
Thank you all so much for your support with the School Council's Cookie and Cake sale today. We had plenty of delicious cakes to sell, so much so that we're selling the last ones after school day. We've already raised £150 so hope to top the £200 for Tiggywinkles by the end of the day.



Congratulations to Mrs Pottle
Well done to Mrs Pottle who found out this week that her latest book, 'The Molliebird' has been shortlisted for the ASE Book of the year award. We'll keep our fingers crossed when the winners are announced in the New Year. There's a copy of The Molliebird in the entrance hall if you would like to read it.

PTA News

Next Friday is a non-uniform day. We ask that on that day, the children please bring in items for our Adult and Children's Christmas Fayre Tombolas. These could include toys, books, chocolate, wine, toiletries or any other lovely items someone would like to win. Thank you!

Our annual **Christmas Fayre** is happening on **Friday December 6th from 5:30pm**! That's just 2 weeks away! Bring the whole family along for a fun, festive evening of 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 (meat & veg), gourmet hotdogs and sweet treats, as well as a well-stocked adult bar to add to the merriment!

Please see the following link for Christmas Fayre volunteer opportunities. We really do need your help to make sure the night is a success, so if you are able spare 30 minutes, an hour or more helping in the café or at one of the stalls on the night, please do sign up ASAP. We can't do it without you!

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Christmas Fayre Raffle tickets were sent home with the children last week. Please return your completed booklets to the office as soon as you can. This will ensure we have enough time to process (and fold!) them all before the Fayre. There are loads of fantastic treats you could win and new prizes confirmed this week include a meal for two with a bottle of wine at *The Greyhound*, 2 open-return tickets to London with *Oxford Tube* and a Family Ticket to the *Buckinghamshire Railway Centre*! Additional ticket booklets are available from the office.

If you, your business or someone you know are able to contribute a raffle prize for this year's draw, please contact Tara Dixon-Chapman at tara.cm@gmail.com and let us know. Food, wine, tickets, vouchers of any kind - it all helps to make the event more exciting and all funds raised go right back into the school. Thank you!

WEEK 1 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Or Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Toad-in-the-Hole with Gravy Or Vegetarian Meatballs with Rice and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Or Roast Quorn Fillet with Stuffing	Savoury Minced Beef with Creamed Potatoes Or Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Oven Baked Fish Fingers Or Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Carrying on learning our phase 2 phonics, starting to learn tricky words and practising our number formation.
Year 1	Talking about the creation story, learning about defence in PE and writing about our trip to Crocodiles of the World.
Year 2	Melting chocolate in Science, editing writing in English and listening to The Firebird by Stravinsky and describing the music.
Year 3	Learning to arrange sentences into paragraphs, measuring in cm and mm and painting Saxon and Viking shields.
Year 4	Reading and performing a narrative poem and playscript, converting units of measure and learning about the suffrage movement in the early 20th century.
Year 5	Completing our truffle project, truffle judging, preparing for our class assembly and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers and vice versa.
Year 6	Finding out about European landmarks using French vocabulary for clothing and solving missing number problems in maths.

Next Week:

Monday 25th November	All Day	Year 6 Sports Leaders Training
Friday 29th November	AM	Non Uniform Day
Friday 29th November	9.00am	Year 4 class assembly – friends and family welcome.
Friday 29th November	2.45pm	Year 5 residential visit meeting for parents

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read
Headteacher