



# News from Cumnor School

*Autumn Term Number 12*

*29<sup>th</sup> November 2019*

Dear Parents,

It was Year 4's turn for their class assembly this week, based on their topic of The Life and Works of Roald Dahl. They shared their wonderful story telling, artwork and beautiful singing of When I Grow Up from Matilda The Musical. Well done to all involved.

## **PTA Christmas Fayre**

Thank you all for your kind donations towards the Christmas Fayre today – it looks like we'll have a great couple of tombolas and a fabulous raffle. The PTA have been really busy in the last few weeks – it's almost a full time job for some of them; requesting and collecting raffle prizes, organising stalls, getting prizes, stocking the bar and making vats full of chilli! I am sure you all appreciate their work and know that the funds raised go towards enhancing the education of all the children in school. (For this event we are on our final push to overhaul the music and microphones in the school hall) Perhaps you can help out too - do you have half an hour to spare to man one of the stalls (see the link below) or perhaps if you can't come to the fayre would you consider donating to the PTA through the option on Scopay? All your support is very much appreciated.

## **Christmas Events**



### **Reception and KS1 Nativity**

We are changing how we issue tickets for the Nativity performance slightly this year. Rather than simply issuing two tickets for each performance to each family, we would like you to log on to Scopay and order your tickets. There will still be a maximum of 2 tickets per family per performance, but this way we shouldn't have any unused tickets and as more seats become available extra places can be offered. Performances are at 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Christmas Dinner**

The school Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – all children are welcome to come to school with a festive jumper that day if they wish. Most children, even those usually having packed lunches, book in a school cooked dinner and it makes for a great festive occasion. The children then enjoy a cinema afternoon after the meal with a choice of 'Christmas screenings' available across the school.



### **Carols by Candlelight**

All our Key Stage 2 children and their families are invited to an evening of Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The children will be singing a variety of songs, some will be playing Christmas instrumentals and everyone can join in with the carols. Please do come along if you are able to.



### **Christmas Service at St Michael's**

You are warmly invited to the Christmas service on the last day of term; Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This is always a lovely way to round off a busy term at school!



### **Christmas Post Box**

The School's Christmas post box will be in operation from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. 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 between then and the end of the term.

## Science Assembly

We are delighted to welcome Professor Tim Harrison to school on Thursday afternoon to take an assembly on 'Gasses in the Air'. It will be a fabulous opportunity to meet one of Britain's top scientists and develop children's understanding of gasses.

## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who brought in prizes for our Christmas Fayre tombolas this morning! You are a generous bunch and there will be some truly lucky winners next Friday night! Any further donations can be brought in to the office through all of next week. Thank you!

Thank you also to everyone who has brought in books, dvds or cds. They will be used to help stock our school libraries/classrooms or sold at our **Christmas Fayre Book Shop**. The shop is going to be fantastic with so many gift-worthy titles to choose from so please everyone check it out!

**The Christmas Fayre is next Friday night from 5:30pm!** Bring the whole family along for a fun, festive evening of dinner, 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 chilli, gourmet hotdogs and sweet treats, as well as a well-stocked adult bar (craft beer, ale, G&T, wine, prosecco...) to add to the merriment!

We are calling on all home-bakers to bring in **cupcakes, cookies or slices** to sell on the night. These can be brought to school the morning of the Fayre or on the night.

We have a very long list of fabulous prizes to give away in our **Christmas Raffle**, so please give yourself a chance to win big and return your completed Christmas Raffle booklets back to the office ASAP. Additional booklets are available from the office this week.

If you are able spare half an hour or more helping in the café or at one of the stalls, please do sign up today. There are many spots still to fill and we can't do it without your help! It's lots of fun and we would be most thankful! Here's the quick link:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qh0WuBEF6qNNd\\_yqb3dp8Mn0mIQ325uhRv6xGgMjkEc/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qh0WuBEF6qNNd_yqb3dp8Mn0mIQ325uhRv6xGgMjkEc/edit#gid=0)

Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in our Cauliflower Cards fundraiser. Together we raised almost £100 for the school! The artwork was brilliant and finished cards/creations were sent home this week.

## WEEK 2 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham and Pineapple Pizza Or Bean Burger in a Roll	Spaghetti Bolognese Or Sweet and Sour Quorn with Rice	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Or Vegetarian Toad-in-the-Hole with Gravy	Homemade Sausage Plait with New Potatoes Or Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese	Oven Baked Bread Fish Fillet Or Mediterranean Vegetable Tart

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

Reception	Looking at the sounds ck, e and u, learning about shapes, and making Rangoli patterns and tasting different foods as part of our Diwali work.
Year 1	Halving objects and quantities, writing with compound words and investigation camouflage.
Year 2	Vertical symmetry in maths, writing diary entries from 1666 and recreating the Fire of London in the playground.
Year 3	Finding out about Alfred the Great, learning to calculate using money, and learning and refining gymnastic positions.
Year 4	Writing playscripts from improvised dialogue, continuing to sew decorations for the Christmas Fayre and practising for our class assembly.
Year 5	Evaluating our truffle projects, summarising the Mayan folktale about how chocolate came to Earth and rounding decimals to nearest whole number and tenth.
Year 6	Using the BODMAS rule in maths, writing persuasive texts about Bavaria or Iceland and learning some Irish dance moves.

Yours sincerely,



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