



News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 13

6th December 2019

Dear Parents,

It's getting to that crazy busy time of the year, so please do have a good look through this week's newsletter so you and your children don't miss out on the fun!!

Chess Competition.

Well done to our chess squad of Toby, Ruben, Hazel, Brianna, Joshua and Caleb who played a couple of tough matches this week against The Dragon School. They did really well with some very close games. I'm afraid I won't be able to take Chess Club next week so this week was our last session. Sign up for next term though as we'll be starting the Delaney Chess Tournament in the New Year.

Science visit from Professor. Tim Harrison

We were all treated to an amazing assembly by Tim Harrison from Bristol University this week. Professor Harrison astounded us all with some incredible facts about gases, and did some awesome and very loud experiments. Many thanks to Mrs Pottle for organising such a memorable event!



After School Clubs

Next week will be the last week for all after school clubs with the exception of (chess which has already finished) We hope to get the letter regarding next term's school clubs out to you at the start of next week.



PTA Christmas Fayre

We are really looking forward to the Christmas Fayre tonight – doors open at 5.30 with the raffle at about 7.45. Most stalls are currently undermanned so if you are able to help out for half an hour or so, please let a PTA member know when you arrive and we can slot you in!



Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to Joe from Country Grains along the Botley Road who kindly donated the Christmas tree to school this year – it's the best we've had for many years! And well done to our School Council who have decorated it beautifully.



Reception and KS1 Nativity

Tickets for the Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity are selling fast. Please logon to Scopay to book yours. There will 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 out. Performances are at 2pm and at 6pm on Tuesday 17th December.

Christmas Dinner



The school Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 18th December. The meal is free for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, it will be £2.35 for all Key Stage 2 children. Most children, even those usually having packed lunches, book in a school cooked dinner and it makes for a great festive occasion. All children are welcome to come to school with a festive jumper that day if they wish. 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 18th 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 19th December. This is always a lovely way to round off a busy term at school!



Christmas Post Box

The School's Christmas post box is now up in the school entrance hall. 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.

Other events

The choir will be singing at Oxenford House next Thursday – the residents always love hearing them sing. Year 6 will be holding their European Banquet on Wednesday – a delicious treat for the children and staff alike and our next group of cyclists will be taking their Cycling Proficiency tests next Wednesday too. Good luck to them.

PTA News

The Christmas Fayre is TONIGHT 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! Please be generous with your donations this evening. All profits made tonight go right into making the school a fun and fabulous place for your children to be!

If you are able spare half an hour or more helping in the café or at one of the stalls, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN-UP! Please do sign-up now using the link below or as soon as you arrive at the Fayre. There are so 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

WEEK 3 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Butchers' Sausage in a Bun Or Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Or Crispy Quorn Dippers	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding Or Vegetarian Mince and Vegetable Cottage Pie	Lasagne Or Macaroni Cheese	Oven Baked Salmon Fish Cakes Or Vegetarian Sausage Roll

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Finishing our phase 2 phonics, looking at repeated patterns in maths, melting Christmas ice hands and decorating our Christmas tree.
Year 1	Solving word problems using addition and subtraction, writing about the story of Courtney, and enjoying making music on percussion instruments.
Year 2	Learning new vocabulary from our class book, making totals with money and popping corn ready to sell at the Christmas Fayre!
Year 3	Learning the story of Beowulf, working on time in maths and thinking about the reasons for the Battle of Hastings.
Year 4	Constructing tables charts and graphs in maths, writing letters from evacuees and finishing sewing our Christmas decorations for the Christmas Fayre.
Year 5	Making angles from recycled books and paper to sell at the Christmas Fayre, learning the formal method for long multiplication and practising starting sentences in different ways.
Year 6	Writing letters to the staff inviting them to our banquet, using ratio and proportion in maths and finding out about Cubist art.

Dates until the end of term:

Wednesday 11 th December	Lunchtime	Year 6 European Banquet.
Thursday 12 th December	PM	Choir singing at Oxenford House
Monday 16 th December	PM	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity dress rehearsal.
Tuesday 17 th December	2.00pm	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance.
Tuesday 17 th December	6.00pm	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance.
Wednesday 18 th December	12pm	School Christmas lunch.
Wednesday 18 th December	6pm	KS2 Carols by Candlelight – friends and family welcome.
Thursday 19 th December	9.30am	Christmas Service at St. Michael's Church. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 19 th December	1.15pm	School closes for the Christmas holidays.
Monday 6 th January	8.50am	Children return to school.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre later this evening,

Yours sincerely,



Ed Read