



# News from Cumnor School

*Spring Term Number 1*

*10<sup>th</sup> January 2020*

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the break. It has been lovely to see all the children back at school this week; not only full of stories about their Christmases but also really enthusiastic about their new topics. You should have received today a newsletter from your child's class teacher and an overview of the topic areas being covered this term.

The children have been making some New Year resolutions at school this week. I wonder if I could suggest a couple for parents too?

- Parking around school remains a problem with people still parking in the bus bay and blocking drives. Please park considerately;
- Please drop off and collect your children on time; we are getting an increasing number of children being late for school or being collected late. The school doors open at 8.35 for an 8.50 start and we finish at 3.10. Most clubs finish at 4.00pm.

## **Clubs**

You should have received notification this week of which clubs your children will be able to enjoy this term. Almost all clubs begin next week with the exception of Hand Bells and Kitchen Garden Club.

## **The Molliebird wins!**

As you may have been aware Mrs Pottle's latest book, The Molliebird was shortlisted for the Association of Science Education book of the Year award. We learned this week that it won! Congratulations to Mrs Pottle!

## **Reception intake**

Is your child 3 or 4 years old born between 1/9/2015 and 31/8/16 – if so, you need to apply for a primary school place now, even if your child already attends our nursery. Deadline is 15th January 2020 – apply online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

## **Staff News**

There have been a few staffing changes this term:

Mr Williams is now working as a 1 to 1 support Teaching Assistant in Year 2

Mrs Recean is now the afternoon Teaching Assistant in Year 1

New Teaching Assistants Mrs Katey Vane and Mrs Tracey Knowlton will be sharing Mr William's old role supporting children in Key Stage 2.

We will also be welcoming 2 students from Oxford Brookes University this term, Miss Hart and Mr Young who will be working in Year 3 and Year 5.

## **PTA Committee News:**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Community Carol Singing with St Michael's Church at The Vine just before Christmas. It was a lovely evening and we really appreciate your participation and support. With this and all the events we presented last month, we raised almost £3000 for the school in December. What a difference that will make for our children!

Our first PTA event of 2020 will be **Quiz Night** on Friday February 7th. Held in the school hall, **doors will open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start**. There'll be a well-stocked bar, complimentary snacks, prizes and a variety of questions to suit everyone. It's just £6 per person with a maximum of six people per team. Everyone is welcome including friends, family, work colleagues, etc. Sign-up as a full team / trio / pair

or solo and join up with others on the night! This is such a fun way to raise money for our school and it's sure to be an entertaining evening for all! **Contact Tom [tcc21uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tcc21uk@yahoo.co.uk) to sign up.** Our next PTA Committee meeting will be held at The Vine at 8pm on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>. All welcome!

**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 with 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	Training to become superheroes! refreshing our phonics phase 2 knowledge and practising our counting.
Year 1	Reading, writing and counting numbers to and beyond 100, using exclamation marks and identifying personal information.
Year 2	Making circus posters, working on our handwriting and using directions in maths.
Year 3	Writing diary accounts in the first person, learning to use column addition and creating digital pictures of the Iron Man.
Year 4	Starting our work on the Stone Age by reading Stone Age Boy, exploring cave art and learning the bus stop method for division.
Year 5	Using negative numbers to answer temperature questions, starting to research characters in Greek myths and practising using apostrophes accurately.
Year 6	Drawing quadrilaterals, finding out about Egyptian pyramids, and placing the Ancient Egyptians on a timeline.

Have a lovely weekend,



Ed Read  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	AM	Year 3 start swimming lessons
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	All Day	Year 5 visit to Ufton Court
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	All Day	Maths Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	All Day	Year 2 visit to Winchester Science museum
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Year 1 class assembly - friends and family welcome
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Evening	PTA Quiz
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	AM	Year 6 to Matthew Arnold School to see Oliver!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Reception class assembly - friends and family welcome
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February		Half Term
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	AM	Year R and Year 6 heights and weights being measured
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Year 6 class assembly - friends and family welcome
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	World Book Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		Book Fair
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March		Book Fair
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	After School	Parent Teacher meeting
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	After School	Parent Teacher meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March	All week	Year 6 residential visit to Woodlands
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	Year 4 visit to Chedworth Roman Villa
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	Year 3 visit to Hampton Court Palace
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening	PTA Easter Bingo evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30am	Easter Service at St. Michael's Church
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	1.15pm	End of Term
6 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	8.50am	Children return to school
FRIDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day	Bank Holiday – moved from 4 <sup>th</sup> May
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	All Week	Year 6 SATs tests
13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 5 residential visit
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May		Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	All Day	INSET Day – staff only
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June		PTA non-school uniform
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Evening	PTA Summer Fayre
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Afternoon	Sports Afternoon
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening	End of Year BBQ
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	End of year service at St. Michael's
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Year 6 final assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	1.15pm	School closes for the summer holidays
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8.50	Children return to school