News from Cumnor School

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Dear Parents,

World Book Day!

We had a wonderful World Book Day on Thursday – the children looked brilliant and really enjoyed the book related activities planned for them over the course of the day. Thank you for your support of the Book Fair too, we have sold just over £1500 worth of books so far, with Friday afterschool's session still to go, and as school gets 60% of this in books, we are hoping to replenish our libraries with around £1,000 worth of new books. Many thanks to Miss Jones for her organisation of the day.

Clubs next week

Most staff run clubs will not be running next week due to the parent's evenings:

Clubs that will be on	Clubs **NOT** on
Gymnastics	History
Football	Touch Typing
Karate	Revision
Sketching	Boccia
Athletics	Chess
Tennis	Badminton
Netball	Lego
Kitchen Garden Club	

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Most parents have now booked an appointment for our parent / teacher meetings next Tuesday and Wednesday. Some parents have pointed out that you can't book up on the Scopay app; you have to go on to the full website, and if you have more than one child, a landscape rather than portrait view shows appointments side by side.

Governors are keen to have feedback from parents in our annual parent's questionnaire. We had very few responses last year and so they are changing the format a little this year – presenting it at this parents evening instead of at the end of the year. We know you'll be focussing on your child's parent's meetings, but if you have time then please grab one of the iPads we will leave out and complete the short questionnaire. Thank you.

Coronavirus information
I am sure you are aware of the growing concern there has been over the escalation of Coronavirus cases in the UK. At school, we are taking the situation seriously but believe there is no reason to be unduly alarmed, with the school opening and running as normal. I receive daily updates and advice from the Department of Education whose current advice is that:

> "No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England."

The best thing to do at the moment seems to be to be vigilant with hand washing and sneezing. We have spoken with the children about this and I am sure you will reinforce the message at home.

There is now the growing possibility that as cases increase in number that the government will be forced to move from their 'Contain' phase through to the next phase of 'Delay' The government's Coronavirus action states that in this phase:

> "Action that would be considered could include population distancing strategies (such as school closures, encouraging greater home working, reducing the number of large scale gatherings) to slow the spread of the disease throughout the population, whilst ensuring the country's ability to continue to run as normally as possible. The UK governments' education departments' planning assumptions include the possibility of having to close educational settings in order to reduce the spread of infection."

At the moment our responsibility is to remain mindful of hygiene, reassure the children, some of whom are concerned for the well-being of themselves and loved ones, and make contingency plans in case further action is needed. At school for example we are developing our own action plans in case the school in closed for a significant length of time. If you would like further information, the government's Coronavirus action plan is a good place to start:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869827/Coronavirus_action_plan_-_a_guide_to_what_you_can_expect_across_the_UK.pdf

And there is also advice on hygiene at: https://twitter.com/NHSuk/status/1235112744917049346

Congratulations Netball Team!
Very well done to out netball team of Charlotte, Maddie, Imogen, Freya, Amy, Rama, Will, Layla and Rosie who played in the partnership tournament earlier this week. They played, and behaved brilliantly, and came home as champions. Well done to Mrs Stockford and Mrs Martin who have been coaching the team (as well as Mrs Kerby who drove the team bus and was chief cheerleader) and we look forward to hearing how they all get on in the regional finals**.**

PTA News
B-I-N-G-O! Come along on **Friday March 29th** for a fun-filled night of brilliant bingo action! All the family is welcome to join in 6 exciting games of classic Bingo, called by our compere extraordinaire, Year 3 teacher Mr Cooke! Doors open and food available from 5pm. Enjoy a delicious dinner of pizza or famous home-cooked pulled pork on a brioche bun. Snacks & drinks available at the bar. Games start at 5:30pm and will run until about 7:30pm. Stay for drink and a chat with the bar open until 8:30pm! See you there!

In the lead-up to Bingo Night, we will be gathering prizes for the big night. If you have any surplus **Easter eggs or chocolate bunnies** or just wish to donate something suitably spring-themed to give away at this event, please just drop it off at the school office. Thank you in advance!

We are delighted to report that our **Bags for Life** fundraiser raised £200 for the school! Thank you to all the children for providing the fab artwork and to everyone who purchased a bag or two or more!

Do you have a fresh fundraising idea or a suggestion for a new event we could hold at the school? Please do come along to our next PTA Committee meeting will be **Wednesday April 22rd, 8pm at The Vine**. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and we would love to meet you! The more suggestions, ideas and support we have, the better our events will be!

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	Measuring different weights, learning our new sounds sh and h, and reading 'The Little Train That Could'.
Year 1	Ordering numbers to 100, making lift-the-flaps fact posters about castles and finding out the story of Queen Matilda.
Year 2	Practising our times tables, writing newspaper reports and learning a simple weaving technique.
Year 3	Working on our column addition and subtraction, learning about the characters in Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' and plotting Drake's trip around the world.
Year 4	Practising a variety of different strategies for calculating addition and subtraction, writing a Roman myth from another point of view.
Year 5	Presenting our individual research projects to the class, calculating area and perimeter and experimenting with air resistance in science.
Year 6	Writing Egyptian themed traditional tales, creating Egyptian clay sculptures and solving percentage problems.

Next week:

Tuesday 10th March	After School	Parent Teacher meetings
Wednesday 11th March	After School	Parent Teacher meetings
Thursday 12th March	AM	Year 5 visit to Central Oxford Mosque

Yours sincerely

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