



News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 12

4th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Christmas!

I hope your children have enjoyed the first week of our Christmas festivities. The classrooms have looked fabulous with your wonderful decorations, the window advent calendars have been great – our staff have gone to quite some lengths to get these looking good, the Christmas tree has been shining with the spirit of Christmas at the front of the school and the Christmas Post-box has been full most days!

Next week:



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December

We will be allowing children to come to school wearing a festive jumper on Friday next week. Anything Christmassy will do, please don't go to any trouble. Christmas socks, hair bands etc will also be welcomed, just remember that the children have to work too on that day. It is the official 'Save The Children' Christmas Jumper Day too, so if your child would like to bring in a £1 donation for this charity, there will be a collection pot in each classroom.



We have bought some 'decorate yourself' photo frames for each of the children to decorate at their Christmas parties in the last week of term. Beforehand, however, we are setting up a covid friendly photo booth so that our staff can take a photo of each child individually or in groups, which they can then put in their photo frame. To make it a suitably Christmassy picture, we'll be taking their photos on Friday during Christmas jumper day. If the children are especially keen to bring in some sort of other prop to use in the photo then they may.



The Christmas Post-box will be up for one more week. We need to stop collecting cards on Friday 11th so they can quarantine a few times between delivery, sorting and handing out.



Unfortunately, we can't have our usual Carols by Candlelight event this year. In the past this has been an opportunity for those children who play an instrument to perform for us. Instead we want to put together a film of children playing their instruments to put on the website. If your child has music lessons in or out of school and would like to perform a Christmas piece for the film, we would be very grateful. It is easiest to film them on a smart phone (landscape and the children should introduce themselves and the piece they are playing) and then send it via WhatsApp to 07444 501293 by 11th December.

Cauliflower cards

Thank you for your purchases of Christmas cards and other personalised items from Cauliflower Cards. These have now all arrived and have been distributed through the classrooms. Please let the office know if you haven't had yours yet.

PTA Committee News

BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – This week, the eldest child in every family will have brought home an envelope of 6 ticket booklets for the Big Christmas Raffle. If your family has not received yours yet, please ask your child's teacher or contact us at cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com and we will get some to

you ASAP. **Please return your completed booklets with cash payment, as well as any unsold tickets, to the Raffle Drop Box by the gate to the school field any morning prior to the draw date of December 16th.** By paying cash, social contact is kept to a minimum as you can just pop your envelope into the box on your way into school! If cash really isn't possible, we will have the card machine available. As one of the very few fundraisers we can run this year, we heartily encourage everyone to participate if you can! Family, friends and neighbours are very welcome to purchase tickets and additional booklets will be available. There's something for everyone and this week we are pleased to add *Mint & Marigold*, *Chocolate Genie* and *The Fishes* to our long and growing list of prizes! Please see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Cumnor-Primary-School-PTA-2303883376352068> for the full and current list of our generous raffle sponsors! Feel free to like and share!

PTA UNIFORM SHOP – Growth spurts since September? Need bigger sizes to start off the New Year? If you require any uniform items, please use our 'click & collect' service by sending your request to cumnorprimaryuniformpta@gmail.com and we will endeavour to find you what you need ASAP. Items to be paid for upon receipt via Scopay. Just £1 each for logo jumpers, fleeces, book bags and PE bags. Special Christmas offer of 3 items for £1 for all non-logo items; shirts, skirts, trousers, shorts, skorts, dresses and PE kit! We also have 3 reversible, hooded, school logo waterproof/fleece jackets available at just £5 each in sizes 3/4, 5/6 & 7/8. Drop us an email and grab a bargain! We have a designated uniform donation drop-off day/time of **Monday mornings only**. Please place any uniform you wish to donate into the marked black container in the bike shed. We kindly ask that all items left are in clean, ready-to-wear condition. Thank you!

FEEL-GOOD CHRISTMAS SHOPPING – You can help the school raise funds while you shop this holiday season by signing up to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cumnorschoolpta/>. This is a FREE and effortless way to generate money for our school. It all adds up! They even have a fab advent calendar competition running through December where you could win £5000 for our school! See <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/advent-calendar-more-information> for details. Thank you!

Next week's Lunch Menu:

Week 2	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pizza OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice	Chicken Burger in a Roll and Chips OR Quorn Dippers and Chips	Homemade Sausage Roll OR (V) Sausage Roll New Potatoes Green Beans, Carrots	Lasagne OR Vegetarian Lasagne Broccoli, Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers and Chips OR Fishless Fingers and Chips Peas, Baked Beans
	Jacket Wedges	Crudities	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Chocolate and Orange Cupcake	Ice Cream Tub
	Sweetcorn, Carrots Strawberry Jelly Pot	Fruit Flapjack			

Diaries for the next two weeks:

Friday 11 th December	Last day for Christmas Post Box
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Photo Booth
Monday 14 th December	Year 4 and Year 5 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 3 and Year 6 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 16 th December	Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity to be available online
Thursday 17 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Parties
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Service to be available online
Friday 18 th December	School closes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.15pm
Monday 4 th January	Children return to school

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Practicing for our nativity, making Christmas tree decorations and melting Elsa's magic ice hands.
Year 1	Adding and subtracting using a number line, drawing gingerbread families, and learning and performing our parts for the nativity.
Year 2	Making Christingles, practicing using money and doing some brilliant handwriting.
Year 3	Retelling the story of Beowulf, adding money and learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.
Year 4	Interpreting graphs, looking at the features of a play script and making beautiful festive masks.
Year 5	Making 3D wire sculptures, writing descriptions of autumn using relative clauses and personification and practising long multiplication.
Year 6	Writing persuasive texts about European destinations, working with ratio and proportion in maths and finding out about Van Gogh and his Starry Night painting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Read". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Ed Read

