



News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 13

11th December 2020

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see all the children (and staff) in their Christmas jumpers today – everyone looked really festive! I do hope the children have been enjoying our Christmas activities so far.

Christmas Crafts

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to hold our annual Christmas Fayre this year. One of the highlights of the fayre is always the stall that sells Christmas crafts that the children have made in their classes. Rather than abandon this event too, we have continued to make the crafts in class, but are obviously not able to sell them at the fayre. Your child will be bringing home their Christmas craft today. I hope you enjoy them. If you would like to make a donation for them we would be very grateful. The PTA usually make around £2,000 at the Christmas fayre, all of which goes back to providing the 'extras' that make school such a wonderful place for the children. There have been very few fund raising opportunities this year so any donations you are able to make in lieu of the Christmas Fayre would be gratefully received. Please log on to your Scopay account and click on the PTA DONATION button. Thank you.

Last Day of Term

As I indicated earlier this week, the government have suggested that schools take the last Friday of term off as an INSET day. We, however, will not be doing this and our term will be finishing as previously planned on Friday 18th December at 1.15pm.

The reason for this sudden announcement was that the government want school leaders to be 'on call' for 6 days after the children finish so that if there are any positive cases, close contacts can be informed and then self-isolate. The 6th day would have been Christmas Eve, so unions objected and the government came up with the Friday INSET Day idea to bring the 'on call' period forward until the 23rd. In our case, if your child does have a positive covid result between the end of term and Christmas Eve, it is important that you let us know as quickly as you can on the office email address:

office.3223@cumnor.oxon.sch.uk. This will be checked on a daily basis and appropriate action taken to contact the rest of the bubble and other contacts as needs be.

We have a busy final week of term:



The Christmas post box is now closed. Christmas cards will be given out during the week next week as quarantining procedures allow.



Christmas Song: We hope that this will be available to view on Monday.

Christmas Reception / Key Stage Nativity: This should be available online on Wednesday.

Christmas Service: Available on Thursday.



Christmas Parties: The children will be having their Christmas parties in class on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday next week. They don't need to bring in anything special on their party day. Maybe just wearing something festive if they would like to.



Christmas Dinner: This will be in class on Wednesday. Staff are still going to make it a joyous and festive occasion with crackers etc. 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, choose the option of a school cooked dinner and it makes for a great festive occasion.

PTA Committee News

There are just **5 days** to wait until the **BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** draw! Thank you to everyone who has already returned their tickets to us on the way into school. If you haven't had a chance to yet, please do 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 before the draw on 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.

There are loads of prizes - family days out and fun activities, meals, beauty treatments and salon visits, chocolates, cake, wine and even return travel to London - to be won! 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! 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 a limited number of extra books are available. Just ask Tara at the Raffle Drop Box or email cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com to ask for more.

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!

Messages from St Michael's Church;

Advent Foodbank Donations

Thank you so much to everyone who donated food or other goods to the Church collection boxes for the Emergency Foodbank. We had an amazing amount of food given over the week which will make a real difference to people in Oxford and around the area!

Community Carol Singing

Although we still can't sing in church together, it is possible to sing outside. Therefore we are gathering around the Christmas tree in the churchyard on Sunday 20th December at 5pm for carol singing. Please observe social distancing and we look forward to seeing you there!

Christingle

On Christmas Eve at 4pm in St Michael's we are holding our traditional Christingle service. Capacity is limited, and tickets must be booked in advance by visiting <https://cumnor.org/christingle> or phoning 01865 861541

We will be streaming the service live through our website <https://cumnor.org/christingle/> and are providing free "Build Your Own Christingle" kits (oranges not included). These will be available from 11am-12pm on Monday 21st-Wednesday 23rd December from the Parish Centre (first on the left up the Vicarage drive which is opposite the church steps).

Christmas Day Services

At 10:30am there is a Communion Service in St Michael's. Capacity is limited, and tickets must be booked in advance by visiting <https://cumnor.org/christmas/> or phoning 01865 861541. We will be streaming this service live through our website.

Next week's Lunch Menu:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pizza OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Oven Baked Sausages OR Vegetarian Sausages	Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings	Oven Baked Beef Burger in a Roll OR Southern Style Quorn Burger in a Roll	Fish Fingers and Chips OR Quorn Dippers and Chips
	Diced Herby Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes		Sweetcorn, Green Beans	Peas, Baked Beans
	Sweetcorn, Peas	Baked Beans, Carrots		Fruit Cheesecake	Iced Fruit Smoothie
	Apple Crumble with Custard	Oat and Apricot Cookie			

Diaries for next week:

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	Making reindeer food and Christmas decorations and writing our Christmas cards.
Year 1	Solving one-step word problems in maths, re-writing our own story of Cinderella and creating our Christmassy gingerbread men out of salt dough.
Year 2	Writing four of our own chapters for our story, making candles and changing materials in science.
Year 3	Solving Christmas themed maths problems, revising this term's spellings and making snowflakes and snowmen.
Year 4	Learning the names and properties of different triangles and quadrilaterals; writing dialogues and playscripts; rehearsing and filming <i>The 12 Days of Christmas</i> carol.
Year 5	Making Christmas angels using recycled paper that we made for the wings, practising and filming our part of the Christmas service and creating samba rhythms with percussion instruments.
Year 6	Researching European Christmas traditions, shared reading of 'A Christmas Carol' and learning to use the passive voice.

Yours sincerely,



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