News from Cumnor School

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Dear Parents,

We have all had a great end of term and I hope the children have really enjoyed the festivities we have arranged for them over the last week or two. Reception and Key Stage 1 parents should have received a link to the Nativity performance and everyone should have the link to the end of term service. We have also had the school's 'Midnight' song and a video of some of our instrumentalists playing too. (The links are at the end of this newsletter too if you missed them) They were very tricky to put together, but worth it I think, the children did seem to enjoy performing in them and watching them in class this week.

We had our Christmas dinner in classes this week. They were still really festive and the kitchen staff did an amazing job of preparing the food and keeping it all warm as it was transported to the children. I am very grateful to all our kitchen staff for continuing to work so hard and adapting to our needs so readily over the term. This has meant that we have been able to continue to offer hot meals to all classes throughout the term where most schools have needed to limit school dinners quite drastically.

A huge thank you to all our staff for their amazing resilience, determination and professionalism in getting through the year and making the most of what has been the most difficult of all terms. It has only been through their dedication to the school and our children that we have been able to run the school in a way in which the children remain safe, happy and continue to be well educated.

Our governors and PTA have been working behind the scenes too, supporting encouraging and doing as much as they have been able to under the circumstances. A particular thank you to Tara D-C who virtually single-handedly organized our amazing Christmas Raffle this year!

And finally a big thank you to you as parents. We have been overwhelmed by the support and encouragement you have given us. The way you have followed all our requests and engaged with us as we attempt new ways of learning, communicating and teaching your children, has been tremendous. I also know that one of the most stressful things from your perspective may well have been washing the children's muddy uniform on a daily basis! I know that has been a real chore, but our bubbles remain intact and we have honestly had the best play and lunch times, as far as behaviour has been concerned, ever. All your support has been very much appreciated.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a very safe, healthy and happy 2021 as we hopefully begin to return to normal. I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 4th January.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read

PTA Committee News

Congratulations to the many winners in our Big Christmas Raffle! A whopping 54 prizes were given away this time and we hope they've added some joy and sparkle to your week!
We are very excited to report the raffle raised an unprecedented £1328 for our school! An enormous THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets and to all the generous businesses and individuals who donated prizes. We are so grateful for the support you have all shown for our school, especially in these unusual times. A full list of sponsors is available to view on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Cumnor-Primary-School-PTA-2303883376352068
Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas holiday, from all of us on your PTA Committee. We look forward to a brighter year in 2021 and hope we will be back to planning some brilliant social events for everyone very soon!

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. Please use 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.

Christmas Nativity: https://youtu.be/gjqKpQ2EJhg

Christmas Service: https://youtu.be/Zf5nGBEfyKM

School Song: https://youtu.be/-SUp43tmmGA

Instrumental Concert: https://youtu.be/onU1oLHSll8

In case you missed the advent windows: