



News from Cumnor School

Spring Term Number 7

26th February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term break. It has been good to see that most of the children have slotted easily back into the routine of home learning.

You would, no doubt, have been relieved to hear the announcement from the Prime Minister that all schools will be reopening to all pupils from 8th March.

Having had the additional INSET Day on the first Monday of term before lockdown, all of our reopening plans are still current and it should be a relatively straight forward process to review our risk assessment and to welcome everyone back on that Monday. I am anticipating that, from your perspective and that of your children, things will look very similar to how they were in December, with the same social distancing and hygiene expectations in place. I will remind and update you of these in the newsletter next week just before our return.

Friday 5th March

The Rainbow staff have been doing an incredible job of keeping schooling open to the most vulnerable children and those of key workers who needed to send their children in. During this time they have been based mainly in the Year 3 and Year 1 classrooms although they have used all the other classes as break-out rooms for different activities. As a result, all out teaching staff will be in school on Friday 5th March to ensure that their classrooms and additional learning areas are prepared and ready to welcome the children back on Monday. There will be no Rainbow classes running on this day.

Teachers will still be setting the 5 daily activities on Friday, but these may be more family orientated, or 'off screen' as teachers will only have a limited capacity to respond to work or queries. We will, however, continue with the live lessons and the end of the day live meeting session which will primarily ensure that the children are prepared for their return on the Monday and to help alleviate any anxiety about this.

R.E. / Mindfulness Day

Thank you to Mrs Crichton for arranging the RE / Mindfulness day. I do hope your children found it enjoyable and that you were able to follow up some of the ideas and learning they did afterwards.

World Book Day

Next Thursday (4th March) is World Book Day. Your child's class teacher will be giving you lots of information about this in the run up to the day, but the only things that you may like to get prepared for are a bit of dressing up and if you have a spare shoe box, it may come in handy. The World Book Day vouchers we usually given out at this time of year have arrived in school, so we will distribute them when the children return on the following Monday.

Author video workshop - Taylor Dolan

Next week, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be sharing a video with the children that has been created especially for Cumnor School by the author Taylor Dolan.

Taylor has written and illustrated the Ghoul Scouts book series. In her video she will be leading a fun 'draw-a-long' session.

More information about Taylor Dolan can be found here: <https://guppybooks.co.uk/authors/taylor-dolan>.

You can find out about her books on the information sheets attached.

If your child would like a copy of one of Taylor's books you can log on to your Scopy account and order a copy of either:

Book 1: Ghost Scouts: Welcome to Camp Croak!

Or

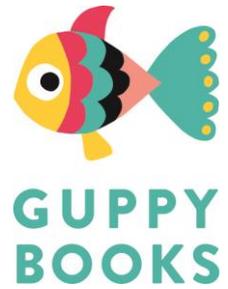
Book 2 Ghost Scouts Hullabaloo at Camp Croak!

The books have been published by Guppy Books, which is run by Bella Pearson (Leo in Y5's Mum). She is able to offer the books to Cumnor school pupils at a reduced rate of £6 per book and with a free bookmark.

Please log on and pay by Monday 8th March. Bella will drop the books ordered at school a few days later and once they have been quarantined, the children will be able to take them home.

Please specify on Scopay if you would like to order Book 1 or Book 2.

We hope the children really enjoy the workshop.



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
Headteacher