



# News from Cumnor School

*Spring Term Number 11*

*25<sup>th</sup> March 2022*

Dear Parents,  
We all enjoyed the lovely change in the weather this week – doesn't it make a difference when it's dry and warm? I hope you all had a lovely week too.

## **Roots to Food Visit**

We were pleased to welcome back Darren Tinkler from Roots to Food ( [www.rootstofood.com](http://www.rootstofood.com) ), who led cooking workshops with our Key Stage 2 pupils on Wednesday this week. The children had a brilliant time learning about food nutrition, top cooking tips and then preparing, cooking and eating some chicken. They all seemed to get a great deal out of the day. Many thanks to our school caterers, The School Lunch Company who funded the day, including all the food.



## **Easter Church Service**

We hope to hold our end of term Easter Service at St. Michaels' on the last day of term, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. We will be holding two services; Key Stage 2 at 9.15am and Reception with Key Stage 1 at 10.30am. You are welcome to join us at church if you wish.

## **Book Fair**

Next week we are delighted to be running the Scholastic Travelling Book fair for the first time in two years. The book fair is an event that the children always enjoy and it helps to raise much needed funds for the school. If we sell more than £400 worth of books at the fair, the school receives 60% of the total amount raised back, in the form of Scholastic book vouchers. These can be put towards books for our school.

The book fair will be open from 8:20am until 9:10am on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. It will also be open straight after school on both of those dates, until 3:30pm. On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, we will take each class into the hall to browse the book fair so the children can view the books that will be available to purchase. If any books sell out then we will be able to order additional copies, which should be delivered to school the following week.

The fair will be held in the school hall and we will limit the number of people inside at the same time and we will request that all adults wear face masks if possible. You will be able to pay for purchases at the book fair using cash or card.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Prayer Week

During next week, our school will be using the science room as a Prayer and reflection Space. A local charity, called BeSpace, will be supporting the running of the space during the week. The room will be decorated creatively to inspire prayer and reflection, to help our pupils to explore faith and spirituality. Throughout the week, half a class at a time will access the space for approximately 45 minutes. This will include a short introduction on what prayer and reflection means, time to explore the interactive and often practical activities together in small groups and coming together again as half a class at the end to give their feedback. The students will be invited to pray if they would like to, or to reflect on the different activities as they complete them, on their own or sharing with their group. Prayer and reflection Spaces help to support aspects of the National Curriculum, Religious Education and our Church of England School values.

## Covid at School

Covid cases have been on the rise once again this week. We now have 9 children off with Covid and 4 members of staff have also tested positive for Covid. Most of the children's cases are in Year 4 and so we have been 'bubbling' this class. If your child shows any signs of illness, it is quite likely to be Covid, (the symptoms seem to quite different for each individual these days rather than just the classic symptoms) so please be aware of the need to do LFD tests if you have any cause for concern.

## PTA Committee News

**Spring Hunt Event - Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>:** We're really looking forward to seeing you all with your completed maps tomorrow on the school field from **2-4pm!** Haven't got your Spring Hunt map yet? They're only £2 each and there are *two* places you can still get your hands on one: After school today on the school drive OR today or tomorrow morning from the *Cumnor Post Office & Shop*. Then, take a leisurely walk around Cumnor Village to see all the decorated windows, find the clues and join us at the school on Saturday afternoon to claim your prize and celebrate spring!

Bring a blanket and relax in the sun while the children play on the field, decorate their own biscuits or colour in. There'll be lots of delicious cake, scones, hot-cross buns and refreshments available for all. Plus, every completed Spring Hunt map will be entered to win an additional chocolatey prize! All monies raised from this PTA event, our first of 2022, go towards making our school a modern, fun and interesting place for our children to be and we are grateful for your support. If you can't make it along this Saturday afternoon, please consider donating to our JustGiving page instead. Thank you and happy, sunny Spring everyone!

<https://donate.justgiving.com/donation-amount?uri=aHR0cHM6Ly9kb25hdGUtYXBpLmp1c3RnaXZpbmcuY29tL2FwaS9kb25hdGlbnMvY2E1ZjIwMjIwZjI4NGI3OWEzMzUwYTg2MDBkMDc5Yjc>

*Note to all hunters...* Until yesterday afternoon, there was accidentally one too many letter 'N's on display. If you began your hunt any day up to Thursday and are having trouble solving the phrase, please change one of your 'N's to an 'M' and it will become much easier! Apologies and thank you for participating! See you tomorrow!

## School Lunches Next Week (week 3):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham and Cheese Pizza OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza OR Jacket Potato with Tuna	Spaghetti Bolognaise OR Curry and rice OR Jacket Potato with Cheese	Roast Chicken OR Vegetable Puff Pastry Parcel OR Jacket Potato with Beans	Toad-In-The-Hole OR Veggy Toad-In-The-Hole OR Jacket Potato with Tuna	Battered Fish Fillet OR Quorn Fishless Fingers OR Jacket Potato with Cheese

Dates for your diary this term:

<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>		<b>Scholastic Book Fair before and after school</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>		<b>Scholastic Book Fair before and after school</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>KS2 @ 9.15 R and KS1 @ 10.30</b>	<b>Easter Services at St Michael's church. Family and friends welcome</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>1.15pm</b>	<b>End of term</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

Yours sincerely,



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