News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 5 *7th October 2022*

Dear Parents,

School Meals - Census Day
Thank you to all our Reception and KS1 children who had dinners on Thursday; our census day. We had just over 90% uptake which will certainly help with funding next year.

Smartlog Notifications
We have started using a new system to inform parents of any incidents at school such as bumped heads. If you receive an email, this is nothing to worry about. It is just our new way of letting you know about things that have happened during the day, which is hopefully more reliable than the wristbands which had often fallen off before they made it home! We will continue to call for more serious incidents to ensure you are informed straight away.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy
After half term we will be welcoming a new child to our Year 6 class. They are likely to require additional one to one support to help them access the curriculum (not behavioural difficulties). We are therefore looking for someone to fulfil this role for around 20 hours a week (can be flexible). If you think you may be interested, or know someone else who could be, please get in touch for more details and an application form.

National Poetry Day
We enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Day in school yesterday by sharing poems around the school, and in some cases, beyond the school! Children have enjoyed exploring how poems make them feel, what makes a poem a poem and learning some poetry off by heart to perform to others. New poems have been discovered, old favourites remembered and several classes have even had a go at creating their own poetry. We hope that some of it may have reached you too!

Year 5 visit to The Living Rainforest
Year 5 had a brilliant trip to The Living Rainforest Near Newbury this week. They found out some incredible facts and loved seeing all the flora and fauna. Brilliantly behaved too. Well done Year 5.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Passion for Learning - respect and reverence
Reception	Acorn class have been learning to count things they can hear rather than things they can see, they have been busy with activities based on our story 'Stick Man' and they have looked at Google Earth as part of our understanding that we can retrieve information from computers.
Year 1	We have been learning about the first moon landings from an eye witness, recognising halves and finding the 7 continents.
Year 2	This week Cherry class has been exploring poetry. We wrote our own poems, drew pictures inspired by poetry and learned a series of poems together. We also made sandwiches with Mrs Pottle. It has been a wonderful week.
Year 3	This week we have been learning column addition and subtraction, exploring tone and texture in art and enjoyed joining Year 6 for poetry performances.
Year 4	We have been learning to multiply and divide by ten and a hundred, creating a smooth sequence of movements in PE and enjoying sharing poems in all sorts of different ways.
Year 5	We have launched our chocolate project this week. We have worked in our groups and come up with a name and theme for our truffles. We have also produced a timeline to show the history of chocolate.
Year 6	This week we have been developing our short and long multiplication methods, exploring and creating poetry and investigating how the village of Cumnor and the surrounding area has changed over the last one hundred years.

PTA Committee News

Please come along to the **Fall Social on Friday 14th October**, our first chance to get together this school year! Cumnor Primary families and friends are invited to stick around after school pick-up for a cuppa, cake and a chat or play on the KS1 playground. There'll be coffee, tea and lots of yummy cakes to choose from, with free squash for the kids!

The best cakes are homemade ones and we have some brilliant bakers at our school! If you can, please bake something for the Fall Social and bring it along to the event or drop it into the office earlier in the day. Thank you!

The PTA AGM will be held there at 3:30pm too, so do come along to that and find out what we've been up to this year, volunteer, ask us a question or just say hello! All are welcome!

We'll be organising several more events in the lead up to Christmas, including our annual Cauliflower Cards fundraiser that will start before half-term. Other important dates for your calendar are:

Friday Dec 2nd	Non-uniform/bring a tombola prize/PTA Christmas Jumper Sale day
Friday Dec 9th	Christmas Fayre/National Christmas Jumper Day
Saturday Dec 17th	Santa's Village Sleigh Ride

We are working hard to make these events the best they can be for everyone and sincerely hope to see you there!

If you haven't seen our fabulous PTA Facebook page yet, please check it out! You can like, love, follow and share all of our news and events at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057239989220

Yours sincerely,

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Meals next week (week 3)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Veggie Tortilla Layer OR Margherita Pizza OR Jacket Potato and Beans	Chicken & Sweet Potato Curry OR Macaroni Cheese OR Jacket Potato and Cheese	Roast Chicken OR Vegetable Bake OR Jacket Potato and Beans	Sausage in a Bun OR Veggie Sausage in a Bun OR Jacket Potato and Tuna	Fish Fillet OR Crispy Quorn Dippers OR Jacket Potato and Cheese

Dates for your diary for the rest of term:

Friday 14th October	**AM** **3.30pm**	**Individual school photos** **PTA Fall Social and AGM**
Wednesday 19th Oct	**All day**	**Year 3 visit to Hill End**
Thursday 20th Oct	**5pm**	**Reception Books For Bedtime**
W/B 24th Oct	**All week**	**Half Term**
Monday 31st Oct	**All day**	**INSET Day - Staff only**
Tuesday 1st Nov		**Children return to school**
W/B 1st November	**After School**	**Parent Teacher Meetings - details to follow**
Tuesday 8th Nov	**AM**	**Flu Vaccines in school**
Wednesday 9th Nov	**All day**	**Year 4 trip to see Matilda The Musical**
Friday 11th Nov	**All day**	**Year 6 visit to Hill End**

Tuesday 15th Nov	**AM**	**Year 6 IMPs visit, further details to follow**
Thursday 17th Nov	**AM**	**Year 2 visit to the Oxford Synagogue**
Friday 18th Nov	**9.00am**	**Year 3 class assembly friends and families welcome**
Saturday 19th Nov		**Pre-school Nearly New sale**
Friday 25th Nov	**All day**	**INSET DAY - staff only**
Friday 2nd Dec	**All day**	**Non-uniform day - gifts for the PTA Christmas Fayre welcomed** **PTA Christmas jumper sale day**
Tuesday 6th Dec	**AM**	**Reception and Year 1 trip to the Pegasus Theatre to see Hansel and Gretel**
Friday 9th Dec	**All day** **PM** **5.30 - 8.30**	**Christmas Jumper Day** **Pantomime visit of Cinderella** **PTA Christmas Fayre**
Monday 12th Dec	**6.00pm**	**KS2 Carols by Candlelight**
Wednesday 14th Dec	**2.00pm** **6.00pm**	**Reception and KS1 Nativity performance dress rehearsal to the rest of the school** **Reception and KS1 Nativity performance to Year 1 parents**
Thursday 15th Dec	**2.00pm** **6.00pm**	**Reception and KS1 Nativity performance to Reception paren** **Reception and KS1 Nativity performance to Year 2 parents**
Saturday 17th Dec	**Evening**	**PTA Santa's Village Sleigh Ride**
Monday 19th Dec	**PM**	**School Christmas lunch and Christmas film afternoon**
Tuesday 20th Dec	**9.30am**	**Christmas service at St. Michael's Church. Friends and families are welcome.**

CUMNOR PRIMARY PTA PRESENTS
THE FALL SOCIAL
EVERYONE WELCOME!
AFTER SCHOOL
ON THE KS1 PLAYGROUND
FRIDAY
OCTOBER
14TH
CAKES, COFFEE & TEA
FREE SQUASH FOR THE KIDS
ANNUAL PTA AGM AT 3:30PM.
COME ALONG AND FIND OUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS YEAR!