News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 11 *24th November 2022*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support during our OFSTED inspection this week. This has been much appreciated, as has the feedback provided on OFSTED's Parent view. (It was particularly gratifying to see that 100% of parents said their children were happy in school and 99% of parents said their child feels safe - the two overarching features that are so important to us.) The inspector was extremely approachable; we feel as though he got to grips with the school very well and was really impressed with so many things here. The feedback throughout has been very positive. We aren't able to share his final conclusions yet, but it is worth noting that this was, what is called a 'Section 8 Inspection' which means that the inspector has been checking to see if we are still 'Good'. If we need to change categories then he would recommend that we are reinspected with a full inspection in a year or two's time. The final published report will probably be available at the start of January.

Year 2 visitors

Our Year 2 children had a fabulous time seeing a fire engine and the firefighters in school this week. They had a great time learning about the Fire Service and seeing what it was like to wear the protective clothing and sit up front in a fire engine!

They also welcomed a special visitor this week in the shape of a barn owl. As part of their topic work this term they are reading the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark' and it was great to be able to study the owl close up.

Author visit

Our Key Stage 2 children are really looking forward to a visit from author Kerry McIntosh next Wednesday 30th November. Kerry has written 'Rory Green Secret Agent to the Queen', just released on Tuesday, and it will be great to listen to her reading from her book and talk about her writing process. If you would like to pre order a signed copy, please do so on Scopay, alternatively signed books will be available in school on the day at £6.99 each.

Absence

Lisa Moor in the office has recently been spending quite some time each morning following up absences which haven't been reported to school. Please can you help by making sure that you let us know by phone or email to the school office, before 10am on each day of absence, if your child is away from school for any reason. Thank you.

PTA Committee News

Jingle all the way! Today, the eldest child in every family will bring home an envelope of ticket booklets for the Cumnor Primary School **Big Christmas Raffle**. Please check pockets and school bags for your tickets and return completed stubs with payment, as well as any unsold tickets, to school any morning prior to the draw date of **Friday Dec 9th**. You can pop your envelope into the collection box by the gate on your way into school, hand it to your class teacher or drop it into the office. We can also take card payments at the school gate collection box. This is a vital fundraiser for our school and we heartily encourage everyone to participate if you can! Family, friends and neighbours are very welcome to purchase tickets and additional booklets are available.

We have a long and growing list of prizes from generous businesses including *Batsford Arboretum, Bekonscot Model Village & Railway, Brookes Sport, Chiltern Valley Winery & Brewery, Cotswold Motoring Museum, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Crocodiles of the World, Fairytale Farm, Farmer Gow's, The Fishes, Goldilox Cakes, Junk Yard Golf, Laser Kombat Oxford, Millets Farm, Oxford Bus Museum, Oxford City Stars, Oxford Playhouse, Oxford Treatments, The Perch, Painswick Rococo Garden, Partyman World of Play, Prana Yoga Oxford, Snakes and Ladders, Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital* and *The Vine* PLUS lots of bottles, toys and other goodies! As always, even more prizes will be added to this list right up to the draw date.

If you, your business or someone you know can contribute a **raffle prize** for this year's draw, please contact Tara at **cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com** to let us know. Food, wine, tickets, vouchers of any kind - it all helps to make the draw more exciting and all funds raised go right back into the school. Thank you!

Next **Friday December 2nd** is **Non-Uniform Day.** In exchange for wearing whatever they want to school that day, students are asked to please bring in an item for the Christmas Fayre Adult or Children's Tombolas. These might include toys, toiletries, wine, chocolates or any other treats that would make a lovely prize! Thank you!

Last call! Does your family have a surplus of festive jumpers from Christmasses past? Please donate them to the PTA! We are holding a Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper Sale next Friday morning where savvy shoppers can find something festive and fun to wear for a great price and those lovely jumpers can find a new home. Children's books and stuffed toys are also much appreciated! Please just drop them in to the school office or contact **cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com** to arrange collection from your home over the next few days.

Please see **https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CumnorPTAChristmas**
for details on how you can donate and share the link far and wide. Give a little or a lot – every penny will make a positive difference for our wonderful schoolchildren! Thank you!

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th Nov		**INSET Day - Staff only**
Monday 28th Nov	**9:30am**	**Drama Workshops for Reception and Year 1 to prepare for the Pegasus theatre trip**
Monday 28th Nov	**1:15pm**	**PCSO talk with KS1**
Wednesday 30th Nov	**9.00am**	**Author Kerry McIntosh visiting KS2**
Friday 2nd Dec		**Non -uniform Day, PTA Christmas Jumper Sale**
Monday 5th Dec	**PM**	**Choir visiting Oxenford House Nursing Home**
Monday 5th Dec	**2.30pm**	**Year 6 residential visit meeting for parents and children**
Tuesday 6th Dec	**AM**	**Reception and Year 1 to the Pegasus Theatre**
Wednesday 7th Dec	**2.30pm**	**iRock concert in the hall**
Friday 9th Dec	**All day**	**Christmas Jumper Day**
Friday 9th Dec	**AM**	**Cinderella Pantomime courtesy of Chawley Grove Care Home**
Friday 9th Dec	**5.30 - 8.30pm**	**PTA Christmas Fayre**
Monday 12th Dec	**6.00pm**	**KS2 Carols by Candlelight**
Wednesday 14th Dec	**6.00pm**	**Reception and KS1 Nativity performance**
Thursday 15th Dec	**2.00pm**	**Reception and KS1 Nativity performance**
Thursday 15th Dec	**6.00pm**	**Reception and KS1 Nativity performance**
Friday 16th Dec	**AM**	**Santa Fun Run**
Monday 19th Dec	**PM**	**Christmas lunch and film afternoon**
Tuesday 20th Dec	**9.30am**	**Christmas Service at St. Michael's (friends and families welcome)**
Tuesday 20th Dec	**1.15pm**	**School Closes for the Christmas Holidays**
Wednesday 4th Jan	**8.50am**	**Children return to school.**

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Striving for Excellence - Humility
Reception	This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have been writing chinese numerals, making paper lanterns and learning about the Chinese New Year Race. We have been practising our phonics, including dictation and reading and have been thinking about our roles in the school Nativity.
Year 1	This week we have been making collages of the flags of the UK, calculating halves of quantities, and building mini-Sukkahs.
Year 2	This week we have been making houses for the Fire of London. We have been learning about how our emotions affect others and we have been subtracting a one-digit number from a two-digit number.
Year 3	We have been practising dividing by 4, looking at the significance of light in the different religions and tag rugby skills.
Year 4	This week, we have been calculating area and perimeter. As part of our history topic we have been learning about how the suffrage movement changed many aspects of people's lives, reading 'Out for the Count'. We have also been using different ways to shade areas when we are drawing.
Year 5	We have continued in our reading of Cloud Tea Monkeys and written descriptions of the Royal Tea Taster. We have also compared fractions, decimals and percentages and made a rainforest insect out of wire.
Year 6	In Maths we have learnt how to find the area of a triangle and a parallelogram and in English we have been writing our European country fact files. On Tuesday afternoon we visited Matthew Arnold School and attended the Year 7 Science Fair.

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

Please remember that tomorrow (Friday 25th) is a school INSET Day.

Yours sincerely,

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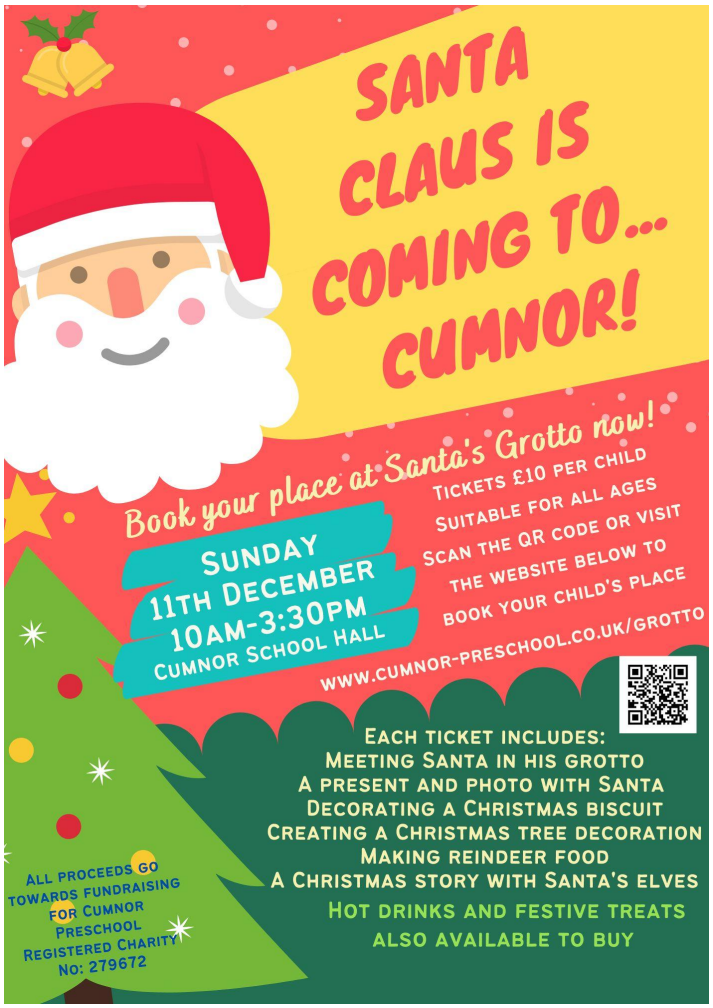
EVERYONE WELCOME!
Cumnor Primary School PTA presents
RAFFLE DRAW @ 7:45PM
THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Friday Dec 9th 5:30 - 8:30pm
CHILLI Big Christmas Raffle BAR
Water or Wine BOOK SHOP Hot Dogs
WAFFLES Go For Goal TOMBOLAS
Coin Tree SWEET TREATS Music
REINDEER FOOD FACTORY Games CRAFTS
VISIT SANTA'S GROTTO
Adults £1
Children FREE
Come along, have fun & support the school!

Messy Church
Christmas
Crafts, Stories, Carols, Food
For families with children under 11
Saturday 3rd December, 2pm - 4pm
St Michael's Church, Cumnor
RSVP if you're coming to office@cumnor.org


SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO... CUMNOR!
Book your place at Santa's Grotto now!
SUNDAY
11TH DECEMBER
10AM-3:30PM
CUMNOR SCHOOL HALL
TICKETS £10 PER CHILD
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE
WWW.CUMNOR-PRESCHOOL.CO.UK/GROTTO
EACH TICKET INCLUDES:
MEETING SANTA IN HIS GROTTO
A PRESENT AND PHOTO WITH SANTA
DECORATING A CHRISTMAS BISCUIT
CREATING A CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION
MAKING REINDEER FOOD
A CHRISTMAS STORY WITH SANTA'S ELVES
HOT DRINKS AND FESTIVE TREATS ALSO AVAILABLE TO BUY
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS FUNDRAISING FOR CUMNOR PRESCHOOL REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 279672