News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 12 *2nd December 2022*

Dear Parents,

Clubs

All after school activity clubs have now finished for the term, with the exception of Athletics and Football club which have one more session next week to make up for missed sessions during the term.

Next week, we hope to be sending home an availability list for next term's clubs.

School Uniform

In recent weeks we have noticed a growing number of children not wearing school uniform, particularly jumpers. With a non-uniform day today and Christmas jumper day the following week, there is a risk that this situation will continue to deteriorate. Please remind your children that they should be wearing uniform each day with the exception of the special designated days. If you need additional uniform, PTA have a good range of used uniform and there is a link to our uniform providers on the school website. Thank you for your support.

Kerry McIntosh

We were delighted to welcome author Kerry McIntosh to Key Stage 2 on Wednesday morning to talk about her new book *Rory Green, Secret Agent to the Queen*. The children enjoyed hearing an extract from her book and Year 5 had some extra time with her to discuss the eco-themes underpinning her writing. Signed books are still available for purchase until Wednesday - order via Scopay.

Drama Workshops

Year 1 and Reception also enjoyed Drama Workshops on the story of Hansel and Gretel this week ahead of their visit to the theatre next Tuesday. All the children enjoyed getting into character and exploring some different elements of the story.

PTA Committee News
We hope the children enjoyed wearing whatever they wanted to school today! Thank you to all who brought in prizes for our Christmas Fayre tombolas. There will be many lucky winners next Friday evening! If you missed us with your donation this morning, items can be brought into the office all of next week. Thank you also to everyone who donated jumpers or bought one at our very first Christmas **Jumper Sale** this morning. We can't wait to see everyone wearing their festive outfits to school and the Christmas Fayre next week!

You are invited to the Cumnor Primary School **Christmas Fayre** next Friday night from 5:30pm! Bring the whole family along for a fun, festive evening of dinner, music, games, crafts and super prizes. Father Christmas will be there to visit the children in his Grotto. There will be plenty of yummy food available including our famously delicious winter-warmer chilli (meat & vegetarian), gourmet hotdogs and sweet treats, as well as a superbly-stocked adult bar (craft beer, ale, G&T, wine, prosecco…) to add to the merriment!

Home-bakers! Please show-off their skills and bring in cupcakes, gingerbread, cookies or slices to sell at the Sweet Treats stall. These can be brought to school on the morning of the Fayre or on the night. Please label containers/tins if you would like them back.

We really do need your help to make the Christmas Fayre a success. If you are able to spare even just half an hour selling food or books, helping at the bar, on the door or running one of the stalls that evening, please sign up using the link below or email us at cumnorschoolPTA@gmail.com. The sooner you sign up, the more choice you will have and you will definitely have fun helping!
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TdHEzVZDvtBvLECIfQIKG_mwIN4d155mj25qBJx8Ru4/edit?usp=sharing

It may be getting cold outside but the Big Christmas Raffle is heating up! With the draw just 1 week away on Dec 9th, the prize list continues to grow and now includes: Chocolates, wine and other festive goodies from Botley stores *Aldi, Coop, Dunelm* & *Waitrose*. Family admission to the *Batsford Arboretum*, *Cotswold Falconry Centre*, *Cotswold Motoring Museum*, *Fairytale Farm*, *Laser Kombat Oxford*, *Oxford Bus Museum*, *Painswick Rococo Garden*, *Partyman World of Play* and *Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital*. Adult & child admission to *Bekonscot Model Village & Railway*, *Cotswold Wildlife Park*, *Crocodiles of the World*, *Farmer Gow's* or *Millets Farmyard Adventure Golf*. Family tickets to see an *Oxford City Stars* ice hockey game of your choice, Cinderella at the *Oxford Playhouse* or *Wild Boor Ideas* Abominable Snowman at the SdP. For grown-ups there's a Martini Gift Set from *The Cocktail Society*, a 1-month fitness membership from *Brookes Sport*, a Tour & Tasting for 2 from *Chiltern Valley Winery & Brewery*, a 55-minute massage from *Oxford Treatments*, yoga sessions from *Prana Yoga Oxford* and £25 to spend at *Thames Art Nails*. Foodie prizes include a meal for 2 with a bottle of wine at *The Fishes*, a roast lunch for 2 at *The Vine*, £35 to spend at *The Perch* and a decorated Christmas Sponge cake from *Goldilox Cakes*. All that plus 2 games & 2 drinks at *Junkyard Golf Oxford*, passes to *Snakes & Ladders*, a Sleepover for Two package from *The Sleepi Tipi Company* and more! Something for everyone with even more prizes added right up to the draw date!

The Big Christmas Raffle is a vital annual fundraiser for our school and the prizes are pretty fantastic, so we really hope you will all buy tickets! Just drop them off at the KS1 picnic table before school or hand them in to your teacher. Both cash and card payments are possible and additional booklets are available. Just ask!

Many of our prizes come from Cumnor School families or their businesses. If you would like to 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.

Thanks so much and see you at the Fayre!

From Botley Bridges: Christmas Hampers for local families on low incomes

Botley Bridges Family Support and local food charities are again working together to spread some Christmas cheer to local families in Cumnor, Botley and West Oxford. Last year they distributed over 100 hampers, brimming with a variety of food and gifts, all donated, packed and delivered by local volunteers.

Botley Bridges are looking for donations of the below items. Please take any donations to: St Peter and St Pauls Church Hall, Botley on Wednesday 21st from 9-6pm, or please email secretary@botleybridges.org to arrange an alternative venue and time.

- Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate/Squash/Soft Drinks (no alcohol please)
- Fresh fruit or veg
- Christmas treats
- Jam/Marmalade/Honey/Syrups
- Tins or Jars - Fruit/Tuna/Baked Beans/Pasta Sauces/Soup
- Bread/Crackers/Oats/Breakfast Cereals/Rice/Pasta

(Adult) Toiletries/Warm Socks/Blankets/Hot Water Bottles

(Child)
- Bubbles/activity books/small craft sets/small construction sets
- Books (for a variety of ages)
- Cards/Cards Games
- Toiletries

Requests for a hamper for households on a low income can be made by adults in the following ways:

- https://botleyhampers22.web.app/
- Downloading a form from the Botley Bridges website and e- mailing to secretary@botleybridges.org
- Completing a form and handing in to your school or pre-school – **schools will have hard copies available.**

If you would like to volunteer to take in deliveries, pack hampers or deliver please contact Sarah Cohen - secretary@botleybridges.org - 07760 166 055.

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th Dec	**PM**	**Choir visiting Oxenford House Nursing Home**
	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**
	AM	**Cinderella Pantomime in school courtesy of Chawley Grov Home**
	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 (Year 1 class)**
Thursday 15th Dec	**2.00pm**	**Reception and KS1 Nativity performance (Reception class)**

	6.00pm	**Reception and KS1 Nativity performance (Year 2 class)**
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)**
	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 - Generosity**
Reception	Acorns have been busy with blending sounds to write words, they have continued to practise their Nativity songs and have enjoyed a visit from Rev. Widdess who showed them how to make Christingles.
Year 1	This week we have been identifying verbs in the story of Hansel and Gretel, creating Cinderella's carriage and subtracting single digit quantities using "first, then, now" stories.
Year 2	This week we have been looking at fractions! We have been planning and writing our own chapters of our class text 'the owl who was afraid of the dark'. We have been continuing to learn about fire and light, we even had our very own great fire of London. On top of all that, we have been in full nativity mode!
Year 3	This week we have been learning about fractions in maths, we have been writing our own Viking stories using paragraphs and we have enjoyed finding out who Alfred the Great was.
Year 4	This week, we have been learning about Advent, designing our own Christmas tree decorations and learning more about telling the time.
Year 5	We have finished reading Cloud Tea Monkeys and we wrote a report for the royal tea taster. We have worked on metric measurements in maths and we have made paper for our Christmas fair project.
Year 6	This week we have been developing our skills of converting and calculating with metric measurements in Maths. We have been exploring how setting can convey character in narrative in English and we have started to learn to sing Stille Nacht in German in our Music lessons.

Meals next week (week 1)

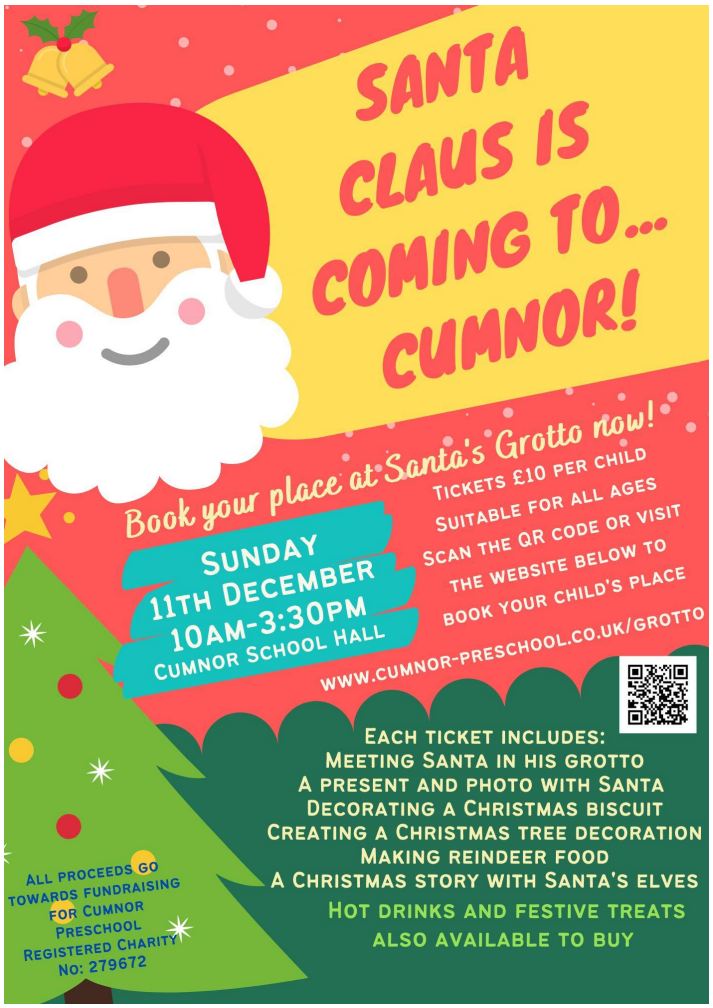
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cowboy Hotpot OR Vegetable Supreme Pizza OR Jacket Potato and Beans	Savoury Minced Beef OR Vegetarian Swedish Meatballs OR Jacket Potato and Cheese	Roast Chicken OR Roast Pepper and Cheese Pinwheel OR Jacket Potato and Tuna	Chicken Meatball Pasta Bake OR Veggie Bolognese OR Jacket Potato and Beans	Fish Fillet OR Crispy Quorn Dippers OR Jacket Potato and Cheese

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read

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

Join us this winter holiday for some festive Forest School fun!

Wild Woodland Adventures are offering an exciting opportunity to experience Forest School both outdoors and indoors. In addition to outdoor activities in the woods, children will benefit from an indoor space for woodcrafts, cooking and more.

Location: *Wytham Village Hall (drop off/pick up) & Wytham Woods*

Dates: *20th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th 30th December 2022*
3rd, 4th, 5th January 2023

9am-4pm, £35 per day (suitable for ages 8-12)
Extended hours: Drop off 8:30, Pick up 5:00 - £10 per day
9am-11am, £10 per session (ages 5-7 only)

For bookings, enquiries and more info
email: hello@wildwoodlandadventures.com
facebook: facebook.com/wildwoodlandadventures

Birthday party bookings available on request.

Fire Crafts Dens Nature Games