



# News from Cumnor School

*Summer Term Number 2*

*28th April 2023*

Dear Parents,

## **Strike Action**

The Teacher's Union NEU has called for another day of strike action on Tuesday 2nd May. Once again, we have considered the issues of the safe supervision of children on the strike day given reduced staffing levels across our school. On **this occasion we will be open to Reception (Acorns) Year 3 (Birch) and Year 6 (Oaks) ONLY. School will be closed to all other children on 2nd May**, with the exception of a small number of invited students who will be contacted separately.

The strike action also precludes teachers from setting remote learning for children. However, the school website has a range of online learning sites that would be suitable for home learning on strike days. Please use the school's curriculum maps (in the curriculum section of the school website) and the topic overviews sent out this week to identify areas to focus on during the day. Alternatively, children can revisit areas they feel less confident with and also simply read for pleasure.

## **Trips**

Year 1 enjoyed a lovely trip to Oxfordshire Museum on Wednesday to see real dinosaur footprints and learn about how fossils are formed. They were brilliantly behaved and had a wonderful time exploring the dinosaur garden and gallery. The life-size megalosaurus has made a wonderful stimulus for creative writing back in school!

## **Coronation**

We are looking forward to our own school Coronation Day celebrations, most of which will take place on Friday 5th May, the day before the Coronation.

Themed around volunteering help in our local community, class activities will include visiting members of our community (from the older to the younger), or litter-picking and weeding at various locations around the village. At school, one class will be creating seed-bombs, one for each child in school to disperse around the school grounds in order to enhance the natural beauty of our surroundings.

At school on Friday 5th May, the children will be joining together at lunchtime for a whole-school picnic as a way of celebrating the natural loveliness of our own school environment. KS1 children may have a picnic lunch provided by school, or bring their own from home. If your child is in KS2, please can you provide a packed lunch or order one from school on the day. It will be a Non Uniform Day and we will be asking everyone at school to dress in **natural** colours (and suitably clothed for outdoor activities including a special trip to Forest School) to reflect the King's life-long interest and concerns about the environment and the natural world.

## What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Thankfulness
<b>Reception</b>	This week we have made a wormery for our classroom and we have been on a local walk to search for features of our village. We have also practised the sounds /ch/, /tch/ and /sh/ in phonics and begun to use ten frames in maths.
<b>Year 1</b>	This week we have been learning about Mary Anning and her important fossil discoveries, welcoming our visitor Neil to learn about why Christians look after creation and what we can do to look after the environment, and identifying the key features of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
<b>Year 2</b>	This week we have been learning to subtract 2 digit numbers using the column method. We have been continuing to read Robin Hood and writing the speech to accompany a comic strip. We have been learning about plants in science and started an observation experiment.
<b>Year 3</b>	We have been adding and subtracting using exchange, we have started creating our print tiles for an art project and written some excellent paragraphs based on the text Varjak Paw.
<b>Year 4</b>	This week, we have been discovering the Wild Wood in Wind in the Willows, rounding whole numbers using decimals and building physical stamina through playing running games.
<b>Year 5</b>	We have continued our reading of Kensuke's Kingdom and have discussed and written about surviving on a desert island. In maths we have continued our learning of Roman numerals and compared and ordered decimals. We have started collaging our sea creatures for our ocean display.
<b>Year 6</b>	In maths we have been revising ratio and proportion and geometry. In english we have been developing our reading skills using our class book 'Brightstorm'. In geography we have been learning about climate zones.

## Lunches next week (week 3)

Monday	Tuesday (YR, 3 & 6 only)	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	BBQ Beef Pasta OR Vegetarian Meatballs & Rice OR Jacket Potato and Cheese	Roast Chicken OR Roast Quorn OR Jacket Potato and Tuna Mayo	Chicken Pasta Bake OR Vegetable Bake OR Jacket Potato and Beans	<b>Coronation picnic:</b> Bread Roll (Tuna, Cheese or Ham) Veg, Raisins, And a Waffle

**Diary dates next week:**

Monday 1st May	All day	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	All day	Teachers Strike - Year R,3 and 6 only in school
Wednesday 3rd May	2.30pm	Year 5 residential visit meeting
Friday 5th May	All day	School celebrating the King's Coronation
Monday 8th May	All day	Bank Holiday

Yours sincerely,



Ed Read

Cumnor Preschool presents...

# NEARLY NEW SALE

Cumnor Primary School Hall



**£2  
entry**

**Saturday 13th May, 5-7pm  
Sunday 14th May, 10am-12pm**

Buy and sell top-quality children's clothes  
(baby to primary school age), toys, books,  
games, maternity and nursery equipment  
Always bargains on offer!  
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