News from Cumnor School

Spring Term Number 2 *19th January 2024*

Dear Families,

Chess

Chess in Schools and Communities continue to provide weekly Chess tuition to all children in Year 4. We are now able to open up the lunch time club to Year 4 children too. The club remains open to Y5 and 6 children. This club will run on a Tuesday lunchtime and is free of charge. Whilst we would highly recommend a packed lunch on these days, children requiring a school dinner will still be able to attend and will walk their lunch to the classroom where the club will take place. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and wishes to attend the Chess club this term, please complete the Google form here: Chess form here by Monday 22nd January.

Parking

I do appreciate the efforts made in the Autumn Term to improve the parking situation directly outside the school gates. Please may I politely ask that all families maintain courtesy when dropping off the children in the mornings via car. A number of local residents have mentioned parking on yellow lines and blocking driveways as some of the issues at present.

Fiona Barker, Author

Year 1 were delighted to welcome Fiona Barker, author of several picture books including "Fox's Favourite Autumn" (pictured) for an online visit this week. She also read us "I definitely don't like winter" and has a new book out next month called "A Swift Return". Fiona's books can be purchased online with 10% off here: https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/6737/Fiona-Barker.html.
If you select Cumnor CE Primary School at the checkout, the school will also receive 25% of the cost of the book (at no extra cost to yourself) to spend on books. The same deals apply to any books purchased through www.lovereading4kids.co.uk.

A visit from Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform to KS1 on Wednesday 17th January. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of *The Wonderful Wild West* and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *The Wonderful Wild West*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click here to download it free or here to find out more about the *The Wonderful Wild West* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Cumnor C of E School if they come along for a free trial session before Wednesday 7th February.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting CUMC070224 or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

County parent bulletin to support SEND
Oxfordshire County Council are launching a new parent bulletin, written in collaboration with the Parent Careers Forum, to share relevant SEND support services, developments and initiatives. School will also receive this bulletin. If you would like to sign up to this, please use this link. Oxfordshire County Council - SEND bulletin for parents

PTA Committee News:

Our first **PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale** of 2024 will be held in St Michael's Parish Centre (on Abingdon Rd, across from the Church, where Father Christmas' Grotto was) next week. Pop over **in the afternoon** on Monday Jan 22nd 3 - 3:45pm or **in the morning** on Tuesday Jan 23rd 8:30 - 9:15am . We have jumpers, trousers, dresses, shorts and shirts galore! **Loads of items are just £1 each** so come along and grab yourself a bargain! Cash or card payment accepted.

If you attended or supported any of our December PTA events or donated directly on our Christmas Appeal JustGiving page, thank you so very much. We have raised **£3068** so far! As always, all funds the PTA raises go towards making the school an even more fantastic place for our children and teachers to be, but part of the money raised this holiday season will go towards getting all the flood-damaged classrooms habitable and back to their bright and cheery selves. We have almost reached our goal of £3500! If you or your business are able to donate any amount of money to help the school at this time, we would be very grateful! Visit https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cumnorptachristmas23 (where you can even Gift Aid your donation!) or let us know directly at cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com. Thank you!

Our next **PTA Committee meeting** is at The Bear and Ragged Staff this **Monday January 22nd at 8pm**. Come and join the team or just find out more about what we do and how you might get involved. We'll be looking at the year ahead and getting organised for February's Quiz Night. All are welcome. See you there!

Lunches next week (week 3)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita pizza with new potatoes OR Neapolitan tomato pasta bake OR Jacket Potato with Tuna	Pasta Bolognese with herby bread OR Sweet Potato & Veg Curry with Rice OR Jacket Potato with Beans	Pork Sausages with gravy OR Quorn Sausages with gravy OR Jacket Potato with Cheese	Crispy Chicken Bites OR Vegetable Pie OR Jacket Potato with Beans	Fish Fillet OR Vegetable Goujons OR Jacket Potato with Cheese

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Creativity
Reception	This week in Drawing Club we have been reading the story 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants. This has inspired a mini investigation about codes and locks. We have also followed a set of instructions to make jam sandwiches which were delicious! Our busy week has also involved a drama workshop and a chance to try out our acting skills!
Year 1	This week, we have been looking at poetry. We have practised thinking of adjectives and used these to write our own wintery poem! We have also been getting to grips with the numbers from 11-20 and knowing what each digit represents. We have continued our animal work by learning about some common mammals and how to classify them.
Year 2	This week we have read 'Those magnificent men in their flying machine' and have written our own newspaper articles reporting the story.We have been practising our batting skills in cricket. We have been dividing by 2,5 and 10's using arrays and we started to learn the recorder.
Year 3	Year 3 have worked hard on their robot stories this week, practised their multiplication skills, and learned a bit more cricket! We have also continued the story of *Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and learned about synonyms and antonyms. In RE we have been learning about the Shema and the Mezuza.
Year 4	This week, we have been learning how to multiply two digit numbers by one digit numbers using several different methods. We are starting to learn French words and phrases about different types of transport. In Art, we have been using oil pastels, chalk and charcoal to create our own cave paintings of prehistoric animals.
Year 5	We have been very busy in Year 5 this week! We have continued our Ancient Greece work and explored the empire of Alexander the Great. We have designed our own greek pot. We also had our cricket session on bowling and some of us have had our first two bikeability sessions. We practised different rolls in gymnastics.
Year 6	This week in maths we have continued deepening our knowledge of Algebra and have been working on solving 2-step equations. In English, we have started to write up our fact files on the Pyramids of Ancient. In art, we have started to design our multi-media Pharaoh Headdress Portraits.

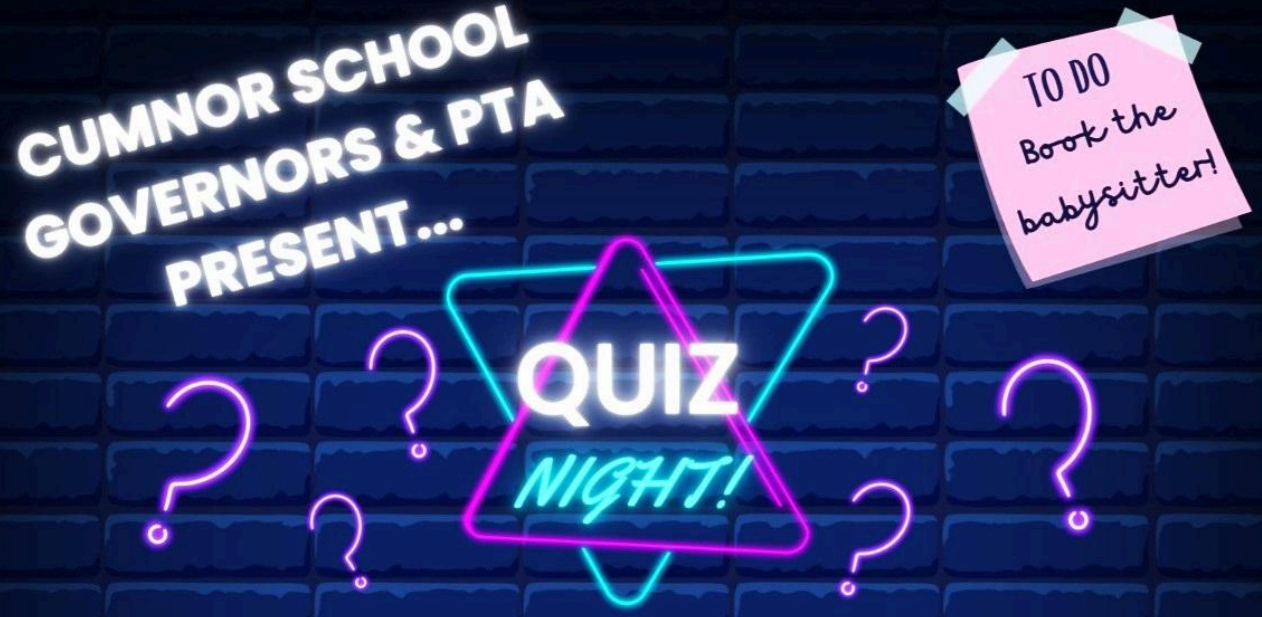
Diary dates until half term:

Monday 22nd Jan	3.00	PTA second hand uniform sale in Parish centre
Tuesday 23rd Jan	8.30	PTA second hand uniform sale in Parish centre

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger

CUMNOR SCHOOL GOVERNORS & PTA PRESENT...



FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

Join us for a night of grown-up fun and friendly competition at the Cumnor School Quiz Night!

Teams of up to 6 - we can 'speed date' you with others if you're coming in a smaller group!

£10 per person includes one free drink and table snacks!

Contact us at cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com to book your place and for further info

Doors open 7.30pm

Cumnor School Hall

Cumnor Pre-school Nursery

Can you help us?

Chair needed for the Cumnor Pre-school Committee

As a committee-run charity pre-school we have a legal requirement to have a Committee Chair to represent and act as a spokesperson for the pre-school and to chair our meetings. We have a vacancy on the Committee for the Chair position and we are looking for a volunteer to take on this role as soon as possible.

This would involve: setting the agenda for our meetings together with the Secretary & Admin Manager; coordinating the work of the committee to ensure effective administration working alongside and supporting other members; and acting as the 'Nominated Person' for Ofsted purposes. The Chair also leads our committee meetings (six per year).

If you know someone - grandparent, friend or colleague - who may be interested in this role, please pass this on to them. You do not have to have a child at pre-school to take on the position.

To fulfil our safeguarding obligations, any volunteer would need to obtain a clear DBS Disclosure, which the pre-school would arrange.

For more information, please contact our administrator Margo at cumnorpreschool@gmail.com

Cumnor Pre-school Nursery

We're Hiring!

Come and join the amazing team at our friendly rural pre-school.

Cumnor Pre-school is a small pre-school for 2-4 year olds. We are looking for an assistant to work alongside our experienced team of professionals in a supportive and caring environment.

Days/hours required:
Monday - Wednesday, 8:45am - 3:30pm
(term time only)
Salary: £10.42 - £11.67 per hour, depending on experience and qualifications.

For more information regarding the role
Phone: 01865 864614
Email: cumnorpreschool@gmail.com
See our website for full job description and application form:
www.cumnor-preschool.co.uk

"Children develop skills that prepare them well for their future learning. Staff are attentive and caring."
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