News from Cumnor School

Summer Term Number 6 ***24th May 2024***

Dear Families,

Early next term
Before we wish you a wonderful week for half term, a quick reminder about an action-packed first week back! On Monday 3rd June, we will be waving off our Year 6 children as they embark on their week-long residential to Kilvrough. A reminder that school is closed to all other children on this day as it is an INSET day. As soon as we return, the action begins with Year 1 and 2's trip to Clanfield on Tuesday 4th June. Years 3, 4 and 5 will be going on the same adventure on the following day (Wednesday 5th June). Children should go to their classrooms as normal on the morning of their trip with all the things they need - comfortable, old clothes on, sensible shoes and a sun hat and coat. Sunscreen and insect repellant should be applied at home. Water bottles and lunches should be carried in a rucksack please. We hope everyone has a fantastic time!

Quadkids!
Earlier this week, we were thrilled to be able to attend the Quadkids event at Matthew Arnold with a large group of excited Key Stage 2 pupils. Events included the vortex howler, standing long jump, sprint races and middle distance runs. A huge well done to all the participants, particularly those children who really stepped up and participated with children above their age range. We had a super set of results from the competition proving once again what a sporting community we are. A huge thank you to all the staff and the parents who came along to support the children and cheer them on.

Pyjama Day
What an impressive display of nightwear today! Thank you to everyone who wore pyjamas or slippers to school and donated money to support Unicef. We have raised an incredible £187 and had lots of fun on the way!

Fundraising
A huge thank you to those who have very generously donated to Lisa and Anna's Triple Triathlon. The Just Giving page remains open and can be found here.

In addition, a Just Giving page has been established for our library refurbishment project. The page can be found here and is associated with the PTA page. As I mentioned earlier in the term, one of our school governors is working very hard on this project. She has secured a number of donations from individuals and businesses but we would really appreciate your help and support in getting this out further.

Taken directly from the page:
'We're raising £15,000 to help fund our wonderful primary school's library refurbishment.

Our school suffered flooding from a burst water pipe last Christmas, causing a great deal of damage to the junior classrooms and facilities. The key stage 2 library was badly affected and our school community is raising funds to refurbish this vital resource for the children.

We are seeking help from local businesses, residents and those who have a direct connection to the school, as well as from national funding organisations in order to give our pupils access to an enhanced library space where they can enjoy reading for pleasure as well as researching topics for projects.'

Lunch menu after half term
We will now be switching to our summer menu, which consists of a hot meal option or a choice of picnic baskets. The picnic baskets can be eaten outside, depending on the weather.

Lunches should still be ordered online via Scopay. You can now order lunches up to 7 days in advance. This is so that lunches can be ordered each weekend for the week ahead. You are able to order / amend lunches until 9am on the day the lunch is needed.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homemade margherita pizza OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	Homemade beef lasagne OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	Roast chicken OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	Hot dog OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket	Quorn dippers OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Peace**
Reception	This week in Acorns we have continued our quest to become sunflower experts and have lots growing ready for the Summer Fayre! We listened to the story 'Dear Zoo' and were delighted when we received a delivery of a tortoise to look after for the day on Thursday! Finally, we celebrated the end of term with a pyjama party and some traditional games.
Year 1	This week we have been learning to write and use ordinal numbers in maths and comparing writing on paper vs writing on a computer in computing. We have finished off our dinosaur learning by painting our clay ammonite fossils and making some stegosaurus sandwiches.
Year 2	We've had a very exciting week! We have watched our caterpillars turn into butterflies - we then showed their life cycle using pasta shapes. We started our topic on time in maths and showed great understanding to Miss Davidson and Mrs Ali. On Tuesday afternoon we played a game of rounders with the Year Sixes who were very patient and helpful.
Year 3	We have been learning to tell the time to 5 minutes and how to use apostrophes in our writing. We have also finished our Indian tile prints and they look amazing! Yesterday we finished the last chapter of Grandpa Chatterji and wrote a summary of the text.

Year 4	This week we have been practising times tables every day and we can see how much everyone is improving. We enjoyed the last few chapters of Wind in the Willows and in Science we had a great practical lesson learning about the digestive system.
Year 5	We have continued with our learning about decimals in maths this week. In English, we have written haikus and kennings. We have found some facts about Japan and researched native Japanese animals. We have played mini-games in tennis.
Year 6	This week in maths we have started our Theme Park Maths project and we have started to design our own theme parks. In English we have been writing stories inspired by The Girl and The Fox and on Friday we had a visitor who is a careers advisor come and help us prepare for Year 6 Aspirations Morning next term.

PTA Committee News:

Thank you to everyone who purchased items at our **PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale** this week. Jumpers, trousers, dresses, shorts and shirts flew out the door at just £1 each! We are always very grateful for donations of clean, good-condition, saleable uniform, so please continue to donate mindfully to the black bin in the school bike shed or school office. We would particularly appreciate donations of **Year 6 purple jumpers**!

Looking for fun activities over half-term? How about getting some planning and practice in for your Summer Fête competition entries?! This year, our theme for the fête is the ***Great British Seaside*** and we invite you to join in two fantastic competitions for a chance for everlasting glory…

Competition #1 – *The Great Seaside Bake Off*

Cakes, bakes, biscuits, brownies - you name it, as long as it's baked, it's welcome! £2 per entry and you could win in any of three prize categories:

1. "That 'Shore' Is Tasty!" This is all about flavour – who can make the yummiest, scrummiest, melt-in-the-mouthiest bake that will tickle the judges' tastebuds and win top prize?

2. "Sea-ing is Believing!" This is all about good looks! How will you decorate your bake to make it perfectly seaside themed? Beaches, crabs, fish, shells, deckchairs… so many choices!

3. "Are You Squid-ing Me?!" This is the award for the most original entry. So get creative and challenge yourself to make a brilliant stand-out bake!

Entries from grown-ups and children are welcome! To be included in the competition, entries must be delivered to school by 3.30pm on **Friday 21 June 2024**, the day of the fête. Please include a clear list of ingredients used and label your plate/container. **Please do not use any nuts in your baking.** After judging, all entries will be sold at the Summer Fête, raising money for the school. We can't wait to see your marvellous creations!

Competition #2 - *Ahoy there, Artist!*

We invite all students to enter our seaside art competition! You can use any materials you like, but it must be on our *seaside* theme and no bigger than a sheet of A4 paper. Art work, along with your £2 entry fee, must be handed in to your teacher or the school office on or before **14 June 2024** (*non-uniform day!*). Be sure to write your full name and year on the back. Winning entries will be decided by our wonderful judges and all entries will be displayed at the Summer Fête!

Raffle Prizes: A major part of our end-of-year fundraising is the spectacular Summer Raffle, drawn on the night of the Summer Fête. We are very lucky to have a list of donors who often give us prizes, but of course, we always love to offer something new, exciting or unexpected in the draw. So please let us know if you have a prize you could donate. Would your employer/business consider making a donation? Do you visit a pub or restaurant who would give us a voucher? Are you a regular at a gym who would donate a short period of free membership (and maybe get a new member to show for it!)? Please ask! A monetary donation is also welcome and would be put to good use creating a wonderful hamper or other special prize. Please contact us on cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com if you have any suggestions or donations to share with us!

Diary dates:

Monday 3rd June	All Day	INSET day - School Closed
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th June	All week	Year 6 Residential trip to Kilvrough
Tuesday 4th June	All day	Year 1 & 2 trip to Adventure Plus, Clanfield
Wednesday 5th June	All day	Years 3, 4 & 5 trip to Adventure Plus, Clanfield
Wednesday 5th June	Lunchtime	Plastics challenge day
Monday 10th June	All day	Year 4 trip to Coleshill Manor
Tuesday 11th June	AM	Year 6 Aspirations Morning
Thursday 13th June	2.00PM	Year 3 guitar concert - Y3 families welcome
Friday 14th June	All Day	Non-uniform day & PTA summer fete tombola donations collection day
Friday 21st June	Late PM / Evening	Summer Fete
Friday 28th June	AM	Year 6 Junior Citizens course at Rewley Road Fire Station
Tuesday 2nd July	All day	Year 3 class trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre
Wednesday 3rd July	All day	Year 2 class trip to Earth Trust
Wednesday 3rd July	Lunchtime	Plastics challenge day
Monday 8th July	AM	Sports Day (Morning) Parents welcome. Family picnic afterwards, weather dependant
Wed 10th - Fri 12th July		Year 5 Residential trip to Hill House
Tuesday 16th July	All day	Year 6 Treat Day
Friday 19th July	Late PM /	End of year BBQ - all families welcome

	Evening	
Monday 22nd July	AM	Leavers Church Service - Families welcome
Tuesday 23rd July	AM Leavers Assembly	Leavers Assembly - year 6 parents welcome
Tuesday 23rd July	1.15pm	End of year

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

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ADULTS £2 | KIDS FREE!

CUMNOR SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

THE SUMMER FETE

5.30-8.30PM FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

MUSIC
BBQ
BAR
LEMONADE
ICE CREAM
BEACH VOLLEYBALL
GREAT SEASIDE BAKE OFF

ART COMPETITION
BOOKSHOP
SWEETS
TOMBOLAS
GO FOR GOAL
RAFFLE
GAMES

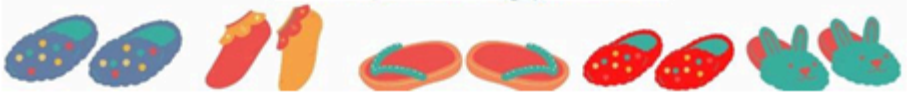
Are your wardrobes getting cluttered? Need to get rid of some clothes? Then donate to our BAG2SCHOOL collection!

Bag2School
www.bag2school.com

Cumnor Pre-school are once again organising a **BAG2SCHOOL** collection of good quality second-hand clothing that can be reused. The pre-school is given money by the company for every kilogram we collect, which goes towards our fundraising total.

Please bring bags to the pre-school on **Wednesday 5th June.** You can use any plastic bags, so please spread the word to your friends and neighbours too!

All clothing items accepted including paired shoes, belts, handbags and accessories. Unfortunately toys, duvets, pillows, cushions or uniforms are not accepted.
For more information or to arrange collection of bags please email cumnorpreschool@gmail.com



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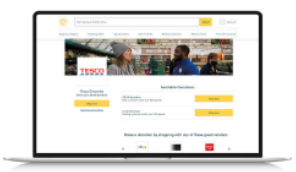

"We were thrilled to have won! As a small community group, we hardly ever get money 'on a plate', and we have so much that we want to do so this is just amazing."

Havering Green Streets - last year's winner