# News from Cumnor School

*Summer Term Number 10* *28th June 2024*

Dear Families,

**A wonderful Fete!**
I was overwhelmed by the turnout at the Summer Fete last week. A massive thank you to the PTA and staff who organised and ran the event. A special well done to the children who ran stalls, especially to Ava in Year 5 who reached out with an idea for her own stall, made all of the jewellery and did a wonderful job. Thank you to the whole community for donating prizes and attending. Please do see below for a more detailed piece from the PTA, paying close attention to the incredible amount raised!

**Sports Day - from Mrs Barry**
Sports Day will be held on Monday 8th July from 9am until 12.30pm. All children require their proper PE kit including a t-shirt in their house colour. (**Northmoor Eynsham Kings Pinkhill**). Please make use of your class Whatsapp groups to ensure children have their correct colour t-shirt, or notify your class teacher if there is a problem.

Children are asked to come to school promptly. Parents are invited to wait in the main arena on the Key Stage 1 field where the PTA will be serving hot drinks and maybe a sweet treat for a small donation.

The morning will run in two parts. There will be a carousel of activities intended to be a lot of fun for the first part and running races for each class for the second part with a more competitive spirit. Parents are encouraged to wear house colours to support their children.

At 12 o'clock, parents are invited to bring along a picnic and join their children for lunch on the KS2 field. Children will briefly go back to their classrooms to collect anything they need and parents are invited to go via the school drive to the back field where they will be reunited with their children. Any children who do not have a parent or carer present are welcome to eat lunch in their class groups. If your child wishes to eat with another family in your absence please ensure the family is aware of any allergies your child has. The picnic will finish at 12.30pm when children will line up in their class groups on the playground while parents make their way off the school field.

I do hope you are able to join us for Sports Day - it is a special event in the Cumnor Calendar and what makes it particularly special is how inclusive the event is for everybody. Please come ready to cheer on and celebrate all our children's achievements. Thank you as always for your continued support of sport at Cumnor School.

**Uniform reminder ahead of September 2024**
As we reach the end of the year, I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind families that we agreed a transition period of this academic year in order to restore higher expectations around uniform. There have been significant improvements already this academic year, which we are very grateful for. I'd like to reiterate the 'Thank You' for this from the newsletter at the end of September and again in Spring. A copy of the letter I wrote following feedback at the start of the school year can be found here. The uniform page on our website remains available to access.

**Win £1,000 for our school library!**
National Book Tokens are running a competition to help schools #rebuildthelibrary… Five lucky schools from across the UK will each win £1,000, with one overall winner also receiving £500 to upgrade their library space. Nominate our school to win one of the big prizes and encourage reading for pleasure all year round, by clicking on the link below:

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?utm_medium=email&utm_source=nbt&utm_campaign=20240625-schools&utm_content=schools-prize

**Lunches next week**

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Vegetarian sausage roll OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket | Macaroni cheese OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket | Roast sausages OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket | Pasta bolognese OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket | Fish fillet OR Ham / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Basket |

**What has my child been doing this week?**

| **School Value of the week:** | **Democracy** |
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| **Reception** | Firstly a huge thank you and well done to the Acorns for their magnificent Lemonade Stall at the Summer Fayre last week. This week we have been enjoying the language in our Julia Donaldson book 'Tiddler', we have made whirlpools and starfish masks as part of our exploration of under the sea and we have been thinking about time in respect of preparing to move up to Year 1. |
| **Year 1** | Year 1 have been learning all about the travels of Ibn Battuta in the 1300s, and started to create our own explorer adventure stories. We have also copied some Moroccan tile patterns and learned to identify some deciduous and evergreen trees. |
| **Year 2** | We have had a fantastic week! Our plants have LOVED this sunshine and are blooming - make sure you pop your head around to have a look at our flowers. In English this week we wrote our own playscripts inspired by Charlotte's Web and performed them to the Year 3s. We explored texture and created masterpieces using a range of material inspired by Eric Carle illustrations. |
| **Year 3** | In English we have been looking at the different language features for writing recounts and instructions. We have been experimenting with texture in art and made yarn wrapped birds - have a look in our class window for the results!! We have also been locating cities of the UK in an atlas and recording them on a map. |
| **Year 4** | This week, we have been plotting coordinates on a grid, drawing shapes on a grid and translating them. We have been thinking about questions we would like to ask the refugee character in The Boy at the Back of the Class. We also enjoyed a day of creating collages of mountains and rivers. |
| **Year 5** | This week we have continued reading Alone on a Wide Wide Sea and we have written an informal letter to one of the characters. We have written a fact file about Isambard Kingdom Brunel in preparation for our visit to the SS Great Britain. In art we explored themes from our class book and produced some lovely line drawings. |
| **Year 6** | In English this week we have been finishing our stories inspired by a place we visited on our residential. We had a vocal coach visit us this week who led a |

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| | performance workshop in singing to help us prepare our Year 6 Leavers song and today we visited the Junior Citizens Trust at Oxford Fire Station to help us understand how to keep ourselves safe. |

**PTA Committee News:**

Thank you everyone who came along to the **Summer Fête** last Friday night. We hope you had lots of fun and a lovely evening in the sunshine! A huge thank you to the many volunteers who made the event possible and so fantastic! Thank you to everyone who donated items for prizes, books for the Big Bookshop or stuffed toys for the tombola, baked something to sell, bought raffle tickets, ate a burger or drank a beer, entered one of the competitions or offered their time to run a stall. A special thank you to our Reception Class for running their delicious lemonade stand and to all the Year 5 students who ran their stalls so enthusiastically and professionally throughout the evening. You've all made such a positive difference to our school and together, we raised over £5000 at this event!

Thank you everyone who took part in the **Summer Raffle** and congratulations to the many prize-winners! The raffle is a vital fundraiser for our school and we rely on the generosity of our community to make it so exciting and successful. We are extremely grateful to the individuals and businesses who donated prizes and encourage everyone to support them in return if you can. Thank you *Active Camps, Aldi Abingdon, Aldi Botley, Batsford Arboretum, Blenheim Palace, Caper Books, City Sightseeing Oxford, Coop Botley, Coop Wootton, Cotswold Falconry Centre, Cotswold Motoring Museum, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Crocodiles of the World, Cumnor Cricket Club, Elisa Cristina Permanent Makeup, Elite Camps, Excel Tennis Academy, Fairytale Farm, Farmer Gow's, Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, Hobbycraft, iBrick, Jump Inc Bicester, Laser Kombat Oxford, Morrisons Botley, One Stop Wootton, Oxfordshire Skills Acquisition Academy Football Camp, Oxford Bus Museum, Oxford Playhouse, Oxford Sail Training Trust, Oxford Tube (Stagecoach), Oxford Wet n' Wild, Painswick Rococo Garden, Partyman World of Play, Pegasus Theatre, Pendon Museum, Pippa's Flower Patch, Roves Farm, Science Oxford, Snakes and Ladders Abingdon, Tesco Botley, The Kings Arms, The Perch, The Story Museum, Ultimate Activity Camps, Waterperry Gardens* and *Witney Pony Partners.*

Thank you to all the children who entered the **Seaside Art Competition!** The artwork was creative, clever and ranged

from sandy beaches and ice cream to sunsets, mermaids and ocean voyages. Congratulations to all the winners and special mentions, including our first-place winner Antonella in Year 2 and second-place winner Hannah in Year 5.

Thank you to everyone who entered the **Great Seaside Bake Off**. With all the beautifully decorated and delicious bakes, our judges had a very tricky time choosing their favourites! The **'That Shore is Tasty' Best Tasting Bake** prize went to Danni Pease' yummy under-the-sea cake, the **'Sea-ing is Believing' Best Looking Bake** prize went to Benjamin Bordas' gorgeous Snail and the Whale cake and the **'Are You Squid-ing Me?' Most Original Bake** went to Alice Cohen with her clever beach chair cupcakes. Congratulations all!

**Diary dates:**

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| Monday 1st July | All day | Year 2 class trip to Earth Trust |
| Tuesday 2nd July | All day | Year 3 class trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre |
| Wednesday 3rd July | AM | Move up morning! Spend the morning with your new teacher. |
| 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 / Evening | End of year BBQ - all families welcome |
| 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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