News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Autumn Term Number 1 *6th September 2024*

Dear Families,

Welcome back!
I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break, whatever it entailed. I've heard about spending time with family, time to relax and chill out and some rather exciting adventures, too!

What a terrific start to the term and new school year we have had! On Wednesday, the children came back to school so very settled and keen to get on with their new learning with enthusiasm. As well as their positive attitudes towards their work, they also all looked very smart in their uniforms. On behalf of the whole team at Cumnor, thank you for your efforts and support with this!

We have welcomed a number of new children and families to our school in addition to our new Acorns. I would like to say how proud I have been watching the children make anyone new feel very welcome.

Speak Out, Stay Safe

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children aged 6-7 and 9-11. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents	**Activities to extend learning at home** Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety	**Childline – under 12's** Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)
Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.	

Attendance
As a school, we constantly review attendance and some fantastic progress was made last year. It is, however, important to remember that being on time is very important, too.

Nuts
A gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school due to a number of members of our school community having severe allergies.

Year Twos Supporting the PTA
It was lovely to hear that not only did our wonderful PTA raise £188 in total during the uniform sale, they were fantastically supported by Ennie and Breanna who made and sold cupcakes for the occasion. They raised £40 of the total. A big well done and thank you! Thank you also to Amelia in Willow class who helped to sell them.

Reading Volunteers
If you, or someone in your family, would like to listen to children read in school for an hour or two each week, please fill in this google form here: https://forms.gle/UhpJLqeKhxxgfuta6
We are very grateful for any offers of volunteering.

West Oxford Young Singers – run by Oxfordshire County Music Service
Does your child enjoy singing and want to do more? Are they in years 3, 4, 5, or 6? If so, West Oxford Young Singers is for them!
We meet at West Oxford Primary School from 4-5pm on Wednesdays in school term times. We sing a wide range of songs in different styles and perform regularly in concerts. Our first session this term will be on Wednesday 18th September. Interested children to come along then to try the choir before committing: to arrange this, please email jo.gill@oxfordshire.gov.uk.
For more information about the choir, including charges, and to register: West Oxford Young Singers | Oxfordshire County Council

Clubs
Our clubs list has been sent out this afternoon. Please use the google form linked in the letter to apply for the clubs your child is interested in. Places will be notified later next week.

Lunches next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausages OR Vege sausages OR Jacket potato with choice of filling	Minced beef puff pie OR Garden vegetable pie OR Jacket potato with choice of filling	Roast chicken OR Roast quorn OR Jacket potato with choice of filling	Pasta bolognese OR Tomato pasta OR Jacket potato with choice of filling	Fish fingers OR Quorn dippers OR Jacket potato with choice of filling

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Quality
Reception	Acorns have made a fantastic start. They have been getting to know their classroom and making new friends. This morning we took a tour of the school and successfully navigated lunch time. It's been a very positive start to the year!
Year 1	Willow Class has settled in really well this week. We have practised counting and singing the months of the year, we have begun our space topic by exploring the story of Beegu, and we have mixed primary colours to make secondary colours. We have also learned about our different coloured zones of regulation to describe how we are feeling.
Year 2	We have settled into Year 2 wonderfully. We have been learning new routines, orders and systems and have remembered them wonderfully! In maths, we have been looking at place value and have impressed Miss Davidson with our prior knowledge and enthusiasm. We have also been learning 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and wrote some great descriptive sentences about it.
Year 3	Year 3 have had a great first week and have been following the new class routines. They have written a class charter which sets out the behaviour expectations and have been great at following it! In maths we have been looking at place value and using 2 and 3 digit numbers. They are also enjoying our class book, The boy who grew dragons.

Year 4	Beech class has been fabulous at learning their new routines and new expectations, and they have already earned quite a few house points and class marbles! They have been thinking about the types of behaviour which makes a class run smoothly and from this they formed a set of class rules. They have also written about how they spent their summer break, accompanied by some illustrations, and created a class prayer book.
Year 5	Year 5 has had a really great start to the new school year! We have started our class text “Journey to the River Sea” and linked it to our Geography lesson where we mapped South America. We have started place value in maths. We have also explored how we can have a growth mindset and apply this to our learning.
Year 6	This week we have been settling into the roles and responsibilities of being a Year 6. In maths we have been thinking about what makes a good mathematician and starting to look at place value. In English, we have been writing a letter to our future selves which we are going to put into a time capsule and open again at the end of the year. Lastly, in history we have explored what it means to be a historian and started to research the history of Oxford.

PTA Committee News

Welcome back everyone! The PTA Committee is already busy planning a huge variety of exciting social events for everyone to enjoy throughout the school year and we look forward to seeing you at all of them! Please keep an eye on these newsletters for PTA news and info on upcoming events. You can also join us on **Facebook** at: https://www.facebook.com/Cumnor-Primary-School-PTA-2303883376352068/

What is the PTA? All Cumnor Primary parents/carers and teachers are automatically members of the Cumnor Primary Parent Teacher Association (PTA). We are a registered charity, led by a committee consisting of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and several General Committee Members - all volunteers.

The main role of our PTA is to provide opportunities for parents, staff and pupils to get together socially and **have fun**! Events include the School Disco, Christmas Fayre, Quiz Night, Family Bingo, Pre-loved Uniform Sales, Easter Hunt, Summer Fete, Raffles and End of Year BBQ. We also arrange things like Cauliflower Christmas Cards and Bags for Life. We put on refreshments at the Nativity shows, Carols by Candlelight and Sports Day. Phew!

The PTA also **fundraises** for the school so that our children can have the best and brightest time possible in and out of the classroom. Things we have funded over the last few years include a beautiful KS2 climbing frame, reading books, Chromebooks, electronic whiteboards, outdoor play equipment, movie days, Year 6 leavers activities, Forest School and science equipment, fish tank upkeep, various visitors to school (poets, authors, musicians, puppeteers, cooks, illustrators…), music lessons and of course, ice-lollies for all the students on Sports Day!

We need you! It takes a brilliant team to organise PTA gatherings and fundraisers, and events simply will not go ahead unless we have the people to make them happen. **Please join the team!** We would welcome new members from ANY year and would especially love for some Reception class and more Year 1 parents to join. With such a wide variety of things you can help with as part of the PTA Committee, it's a brilliant way to meet other families and

get involved with your child's school. Contact us at **cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com** to express your interest/ask any questions or come along to our next committee meeting on **Thursday September 12th, 8pm at The Vine Inn** to find out more. We'd love to meet you!

Cashpot for Schools Please sign up at asda.com/cashpotforschools! Over the next few months, Asda is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, then shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com. Until 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to Cumnor Primary School. Even if you don't normally shop at ASDA, please consider signing up for this, as every time somebody simply opts-in and chooses our school, Asda will add £1 to our CASHPOT! This initiative is ON TOP of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper, so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or CASHPOT. Anyone can participate, so please spread the word to family and friends and help our school! Thank you in advance for your support!

PTA AGM Our annual AGM will be held on **Thursday September 12th, 8pm at The Vine Inn** (11 Abingdon Rd, Cumnor, OX2 9QN). The AGM is a brief update of what our PTA accomplished during the 2023/24 school year and will be followed by our first exciting planning meeting of the new school year. Everyone is welcome!

Diary dates:
Some key dates this term

Wednesday 11th Sept	All day	Year 3 Hill End trip
Monday 16th Sept	2.30pm	Reception & KS1 Reading & Maths Meeting for Parents
Tuesday 17th Sept	AM	Flu vaccinations
Tues 17th Sept	PM	Year 5 Start weekly swimming
Weds 18th & Thurs 19th Sept	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 20th Sept	9.00	KS1 Perform Drama Workshop
Weds 25th & Thurs 26th Sept	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Thurs 3rd Oct	9.15	Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church. Families & friends welcome
Thurs 3rd Oct	All day	Poetry Day
Thurs 10th Oct	All day	Year 5 Living Rainforest
Friday 11th October	AM	School portrait photographs
Tuesday 15th October	Tbc	Year 1 Autumn walk
Thursday 17th October	All day	Year 6 Oxford trip

Thursday 24th October	5pm	Acorn class Books at Bedtime
Friday 25th October	3.10pm	Break up for half term - 1 week
Wednesday 13th November	PM / Eve	Year 4 Matilda trip
Thurs 12th & Fri 13th December	Times tbc	Reception & KS1 Nativity performances
Thurs 19th December	AM	Reception & Year 1 to Pegasus Theatre
Friday 20th December	9.15	Christmas Service at St Michael's Church. Families & friends welcome

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

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