News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Autumn Term Number 3 *20th September 2024*

Dear Families,

Chess

We are delighted to again welcome back Chess in Schools and Communities to provide weekly Chess tuition to all children in Year 4 and to run a club for Y5 and 6 children, in the first instance. Space dependent, this would then potentially open up to Year 4 children. Due to the commitments of our tutor, this club will run on a Wednesday lunchtime. 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 across to the science room where the club will take place. If your child wishes to attend the Chess club, please complete the Google form here.

Volunteers

We were delighted today to be joined by 8 volunteers from Vertex Pharmaceuticals. Each year, they take part in a Global Day of Service. You can find out more about this here. They spent the day building a pirate ship for the early years outdoor area, freshening some paintwork to some of the railings and having a general tidy up of some external areas. We are very grateful that they reached out to us for their day of service!

Lunches next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy pasta twists OR Veggie Goujons OR Beans / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Jacket Potato	Cheeseburger in a bun OR Vegan cheeseburger in a bun OR Beans / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Jacket Potato	Roast turkey with yorkshire pudding OR Veggie sausage with yorkshire pudding OR Beans / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Jacket Potato	Mild chicken curry with rice OR Singapore noodles OR Beans / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Jacket Potato	Golden fish fingers OR Crispy quorn dippers OR Beans / Cheese / Tuna Picnic Jacket Potato

Census day: Thursday 3rd October
School dinners for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are all funded by the government under the Universal Free School Meals scheme. The funding though, comes to the school and we use it to pay The School Lunch Company for the dinners. The strange thing about this system is that the funding is based purely on the number of children who have a meal on two particular days of the year, the first of which this year will be Thursday 3rd October.
If, for example, only 50% of children have a meal on these days, we receive 50% of the funding, resulting in a funding loss for the school of around £17,000. We would, therefore, really appreciate it if you could order your Reception or Key Stage 1 child a free school dinner on *Thursday 3th October*. Many thanks.

Clubs next week
There is no Gymnastics club next week (27th). All other clubs will run next week apart from Bikeability and Sketching which are yet to start.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Perseverance** In assembly this week, we were reflecting on the way that Lionel Messi had to overcome setbacks at the age of 11 when he was kicked off his football team for being too short! We shared the story of Nehemiah from The Bible, too. We even learnt that Walt Disney was sacked from his first job for not being imaginative or creative enough…
Reception	This week in Acorn Class we have been learning how to blend sounds together to make a word and then read and write it! We have continued to share fruit and vegetables that we have grown with our friends at school, just like the story 'All are Welcome' and we have been learning how to work as part of a team in PE.
Year 1	Willow class have been recognising greater and fewer quantities and ordering numbers to 10. We have also logged on to the Chromebooks for the first time and done some apple tasting with the apples from the KS1 apple tree. We have also been practising rhyming words and looking at some poems.
Year 2	This week we have been looking at the story of The Gingerbread Man. We acted it out and watched a video of a man retelling the story with people that live in his village - we decided to do the same! We mapped out our own versions of the story and wrote them ourselves. As a reward for our hard work Miss Davidson arranged a gingerbread afternoon.
Year 3	This week we had our first guitar lesson (kindly funded by the PTA) which was really fun and very informative. Ellen, our guitar teacher, was really impressed by all of the children's behaviour. In English, we have been working on writing character descriptions and summarising a chapter of our class book, The Boy Who Grew Dragons. We have continued our work on place value in maths and identified human and physical features in Geography.
Year 4	This week, we have been working out where to put numbers on number lines right up to 10,000 and learning how to work out the value of different sized intervals. In Science, we have been constructing our own simple series circuits to make a light bulb light up. We have also started reading our class book and discussing the main character: Matilda!
Year 5	We have discovered more about our mysterious main character in Journey to the River Sea and have written some lovely descriptions of his lagoon house. We have located chocolate growing regions in the tropical belt and discussed what conditions are needed to grow cacao. Our bikeability groups have had a successful start this week.

Year 6	This week in maths we have started to focus on addition and subtraction skills. In English we have been writing our diary entries about a school day and in music we have been learning about the difference between simple and compound time.

PTA Committee News

CAULIFLOWER CARDS The children have started on their brilliant Cauliflower Cards Christmas creations and will be bringing them home to show you very soon! Once at home, students can add any finishing touches to their illustrations and parents can decide which items to order. Orders must be placed online. You may find this short video helpful when placing your order: https://youtu.be/t7ACsObwql4. Then, artwork and paper order forms must be returned to school by **3pm on Friday September 27th** so we can send them all off to be printed in plenty of time for Christmas posting. Extra order forms are available from the school office if you or siblings at home would like to participate too. Your child's artwork can go on greeting cards, gift-tags, wrapping paper, gift mugs and more! The finished pieces always look brilliant and our school receives a small portion of all sales, so we really appreciate your support to make this annual fundraiser a big success!

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS Please sign up at asda.com/cashpotforschools to help make some easy money for 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 to Cumnor Primary School. **Even if you don't intend to 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! Every pound counts and anyone can participate, so please spread the word to family and friends! Thank you!

DONATIONS As always, we would appreciate your donations of children's books, soft toys and any Christmas jumpers your family have outgrown or no longer need. Books will be added to one of our school libraries or sold in our Christmas Bookshop at the Christmas Fayre. Soft toys will find new homes in our most popular tombola. Jumpers will be sold at our Christmas Jumper Sale on Nov 29th. Donations can be dropped into the school office during the week or just email us at cumnorschoolPTA@gmail.com to arrange local collection from your home. We are very happy to collect! Thank you!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

🎨 **Friday September 27th** - Return of Cauliflower Cards artwork to school by 3pm
🎃 **Friday October 18th** - Pumpkin Night at school from 5:30pm
🎄 **Friday November 29th** - Non-Uniform Day, Christmas Tombola Prize Collection & Christmas Jumper Sale
🎅 **Friday December 6th** - Christmas Fayre at school from 5:30pm

EXAMS INVIGILATION AT MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL

Matthew Arnold School, off Cumnor Hill in West Oxford, are looking for Exams Invigilators for their exams to take place in December 20024, January 2025 and then in May to July 2025. We would be happy to hear from anyone who is interested in this role, not necessarily for all of the above periods. No experience is required but the role would suit anyone with an interest in education and exams, or supporting young people. The main duties are assisting experienced invigilators in preparing the rooms for exams, being present during exams and ensuring that these are carried out in accordance with exam regulations, and tidying the room afterwards. Training will be given.

If you are interested, please email examsoffice@maschool.org.uk

Diary dates:
Some key dates this term

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

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

CUMNOR PRIMARY PTA PRESENTS...
ENTRY £2
PUMPKIN NIGHT
5.30-8PM
CUMNOR SCHOOL
FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER
A SPOOK-TACULAR NIGHT OF FUN AND GAMES
SOUPER SUPPER & SPUDS
PUMPKIN COMPETITION
MAGICIAN
WELL STOCKED BAR
APPLE BOBBING
SWEETS & TREATS
MONSTER DIP
"POKE THE PUMPKIN"
DISCO ROOM
CRAFTY CHILL-OUT ZONE

We are taking part in the CAULIFLOWER 2024 school fund raising CHRISTMAS PROJECT

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ARTWORK MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:

Monday Sept 30th

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FREE SESSIONS **Supporting Kids with School Anxiety** **Introduction to Facing Defiance**	**26 SEP** **24 OCT**
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

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LAMPS
presents
SALT AND LIGHT
SHANTIES, STORIES, SPOKEN WORD
TALES OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES
Friday 4th October 7:30pm
Tickets:£10 (Family: £20)
cumnor.org/salt suitable for age 10+
PARISH OF CUMNOR
St Michael's, Cumnor
01865 861541 | cumnor.org | office@cumnor.org

Messy Church
Saturday 28 September 2-4pm
for families with children
aged 11 and under
CRAFTS ACTIVITIES FOOD
Free but please book your place:
01865 861541 office@cumnor.org
St Andrew's, Orchard Rd, OX2 9BH
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