News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Autumn Term Number 6 *11th October 2024*

Dear Families,

Thank you!
Jonathan delivered the thoughtful and generous donations from the Harvest Service to the Community Emergency food bank this week. They were very gratefully received. As I mentioned in church, I was worried we were going to fill the space on the tables after just two of the seven classes had offered their donations!

School Drive
I've spoken with pre-school too to ensure the messaging is consistent around the school drive. Please support us by:

- Not using the school drive for cars (including for pick up from clubs). Several parents have reported unsafe conditions at club collection time. This becomes increasingly important as we lose the daylight earlier.
- Dismounting bikes and scooters when on the school drive. Damage has been reported to a member of staff's car.
- Not using the bus stop and space by the postbox to park at pick up time. Coaches returning children from trips and the school bus taxi have been unable to use these facilities. This results in further complications with the school bus taxi needing to use the school drive which is not safe.

School Photographs
The children were all very well behaved for the school photos today. Photo proofs will be coming home with children within the next couple of weeks which will have details of how to order prints.

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

Clubs next week
All current clubs are continuing next week as normal.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Respect and Reverence** We watched our school video in assembly and looked for examples of people demonstrating respect in it. There were lots! We also reflected on the quote, 'Respect - to get it you must give it.' Charlotte in Cherry Class clearly explained that this was about treating others how you would expect to be treated.
Reception	Acorn Class have been enjoying the story of 'Bop!' this week which has led to an interesting discussion on animals that are nocturnal. In phonics we have been practising the letter sounds b,c,g and h and in maths we have been learning about the number 5 and how important it is to our children in respect of their birthdays this year!
Year 1	This week we have been naming the seven continents, continuing our work with numbers 0 to 20 and starting a new book *Luna and the Sky Dragon*. We have also been exploring our sense of taste in science and looking at what the Psalms tell Christians about the characteristics of God as a creator.
Year 2	We have had a hands-on learning week. We started off with a visit from Corin (Coco Jone photography) who spoke to us all about her business and how to take a great picture. We played around in the hall with different subjects and techniques with the cameras on the ipads. We then celebrated pumpkin day! We wrote poetry, read stories, enjoyed pumpkin crafts and made pumpkin soup! It was delicious!
Year 3	This week we have been writing letters of complaint looking at how to set out a letter and the language to use. In our music lesson we have learnt about rhythm and pulse as well as learning how to play the guitar. In Art we have been using watercolours to create dragons inspired by the book, Tell me a Dragon by Jackie Morris.
Year 4	This week, we have been writing and publishing a newspaper report about Roald Dahl's dramatic plane crash. We have been adding two or more four-digit numbers using exchanges, and understanding the function of a switch in electrical circuits.
Year 5	We had a fantastic trip to the Living Rainforest on Thursday. We had an 'animal adaptations' talk which complemented our work on rainforests. We also had a chance to sketch some of the animals and plants. A great trip Year 5! In class, we have continued with our chocolate project groups and decided on our net shapes for our boxes.
Year 6	This week we have been developing our long division skills in maths and we have been finishing our Orphans of the Tide diary entries in English. In art we have been exploring different watercolour techniques to prepare for creating our watercolour scenes of Oxford.

PTA Committee News

🎃 **Pumpkin Night is next Friday night!** Join us at the school on **Friday October 18th from 5:30pm** for an indoor extravaganza of all things autumn! There will be something for everyone with games, crafting, music, magic shows and even a disco happening throughout the evening. Supper will be taken care of with a choice of hot food including homemade soup, baked potatoes and hot dogs available. There will also be plenty of sweet treats for all and for grown-ups, a fine selection of wine, beer, ale and mixed drinks from the bar. Admission is £2 each with doors, food and bar open from 5:30pm. The sooner you get there, the more time you'll have to enjoy everything!

🍁 We invite all the children and adults to get creative and **bring along an autumn-inspired creation** for display on the night. Carve or decorate a pumpkin, make a scarecrow, craft a picture from fallen leaves or build a statue with conkers. Make anything you like and bring it along for everyone to enjoy! We can't wait to see your creations!

🧁 **Donations of cupcakes, cookies or slices** to sell on the night would be most welcome! Autumn-themed treats would be fantastic, but not necessary. These can be brought to school in the morning, after school or on the night. **Please do not use nuts in your bakes.** Do label containers/tins with your name if you would like them back. Thank you!

Diary dates:
Some key dates this term

Tuesday 15th October	Tbc	Year 1 Autumn walk
Thursday 17th October	All day	Year 6 Oxford trip
Friday 18th October	Evening	PTA Pumpkin Night
Monday 21st October	PM	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23rd October	PM	Parents' Evening
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
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"POKE THE PUMPKIN"
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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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For more information regarding the role
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Cumnor
Pre-school
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Cake
Sale!
3pm
Friday 25th October
On the school drive
Card payments accepted (minimum spend £5)

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