



News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Autumn Term Number 8

25th October 2024

Dear Families,

Pumpkin Night

It was wonderful to see so many of you at last week's Pumpkin Night which was tremendously organised by the dedicated PTA. I'm very grateful that despite repeated positive feedback about events, they are interested in trying new things! **Thank you** to everyone who supported the running of the event and to those who attended. Please do have a look below at the fabulous pictures!



Fireworks and Halloween safety

If you are marking these events during half term, we hope you have lots of fun. Remember to stay safe by following [these simple steps](#) to keep yourself safe.

A reminder that the clocks go back one hour on Sunday, too!

Healthy Snacks

A big thank you to those who have made a big effort this week to switch to healthier snack choices for break time following the reminder that children in Key Stage 2 should have a healthy snack to eat at breaktime. Chocolate and crisps are not considered a healthy snack. The [NHS website](#) provides some varied solutions to healthy snacks. A polite reminder, however, that we remain a nut-free school.

School Photos

Photo proofs were sent home with children last week. Please check bags if you have not seen them! All photo orders to be placed by 5th November please.

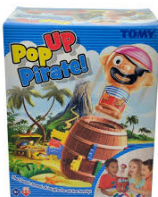
Books at Bedtime

Thank you to all our Acorn families who came along to yesterday's Books at Bedtime event to celebrate a term in school and enjoy some stories together. The children did a magnificent job of performing two poems and showing off their learning.



Games needed!

Acorn class are looking for the following games, to be used in their speech and language sessions. If you happen to have Kerplunk, Buckaroo or Pop-Up Pirate at home and would be happy to donate them, we would be hugely grateful. Please email the school office if you're able to help!



What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Hope We explored the quote: Hope is believing that good things will happen. We decided that much hope can be felt due to knowing that there are people who are there for us. Putting your trust and belief in others can sometimes feel a challenge but this can lead to a true sense of hope.
Reception	This week we have been learning the sounds d,f,v and e in phonics and practising blending sounds to make words. In maths we have been thinking about the composition of number and on Thursday evening we had a wonderful evening celebrating our love of books. Thank you Acorns for a lovely first term at school.
Year 1	This week we have been thinking about how playground games make us feel in PSHCE, starting to secure our learning around teen and -ty numbers (and how to write them down) in maths, writing sentences about our amazing self-created planets from last week in English, and thinking about the importance of rest in RE.
Year 2	This week we did a science experiment in pairs. We followed steps to make sure it was a fair test and watched as our felt tip pen marks travelled across the filter paper as the water did. We then let it dry and measured the distance it travelled the next day. In Maths we revised all of our methods to add numbers - Miss Davidson was very impressed! We also started to look at using similar methods when subtracting.
Year 3	This week in maths we have continued with our column addition and subtraction but have started to learn how to exchange across 10. We finished our class book, The Boy Who Grew Dragons and have started reading and thinking about the characters of our new book, How to Train Your Dragon. We have also recapped what we have learnt about Islam in RE.
Year 4	In maths, this week, we have been applying inverse operations to check addition and subtraction calculations, using part-part-whole models to help our understanding. In forest school, we made autumn bouquets using leaves and berries and watching how the young newts are growing their arms and legs. We have been learning how to play well as a team in Danish Longball.
Year 5	This week we have created a persuasive advert for our chocolate truffles. We have finished our maths unit on addition and subtraction. In geography, we have identified reasons for the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest and we have debated the reasons different stakeholders hold about the issue.
Year 6	This week we have been learning how to reason from known facts in maths. In English we have been learning all about myths and we have been practising our practical storytelling skills to tell the myth of Arachne. In science we have been learning how to classify microorganisms and which are helpful or harmful to humans.

PTA Committee News

🎃 Thank you to everyone who came along to **Pumpkin Night** last Friday evening! It was lovely to get together with you all for a drink and bite to eat, have a go at all the games, be amazed by the magician, have a boogie at the disco and share some truly fantastic autumnal creations. Lots of family fun was had and all in support of our brilliant school!



We are now busy planning the rest of the year and are very excited to announce the following events. Please pop them on your calendar today!

🎄 **Friday November 29th** – Non-Uniform Day, Christmas Jumper Sale and Christmas Tombola Items Collection

👤 **Friday December 6th** – Christmas Fayre

🕺 **Friday February 7th** – Disco

🐰 **Friday March 28th** – Spring Bingo

🏕️ **Saturday June 21st** – Midsummer Night Campout at School

🍔 **Friday July 11th** – End of Year BBQ

If you haven't already, please sign up to **'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS'** in support of Cumnor Primary! 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. Visit asda.com/cashpotforschools. Even if you don't normally shop at ASDA, please consider signing up for this, as every time somebody opts-in and

chooses our school, Asda will add **£1** to our CASHPOT! It all adds up and anyone can participate, so please spread the word to help our school!

 **We would really 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!

Diary dates:

Some key dates this term

Monday 4th November	By 8.50	Return to school
Thursday 7th November	All Day	Year 6 Hill End Trip
Wednesday 13th November	All Day	Year 4 Matilda trip
Friday 29th November	All day	Christmas jumper day / christmas fair donation day
Friday 6th December	9am	Year 4 Sharing Assembly
	Evening	PTA Christmas Fair
Wed 11th December	6pm	Reception & KS1 Nativity performances
Thurs 12th December	2pm & 6pm	Reception & KS1 Nativity performances
Mon 16th December	Evening	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Wed 18th December	2.30	iRock Concert - parents of iRock students invited
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
Friday 20th December	1.15	End of term

Yours sincerely,



Steven Badger
Headteacher



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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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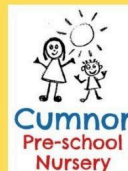


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NEARLY
NEW SALE

A large room, likely a community center or school hall, filled with long tables displaying a wide variety of children's toys and games. The items are arranged neatly on the tables, which are covered with blue and white cloths. Visible items include board games like Monopoly, Clue, and Charades for Kids, dolls, and other play items. The room has a polished wooden floor and blue curtains in the background.

**Buy and sell top-quality children's clothes
(baby to primary school age), toys, books,
games, maternity and nursery equipment
Bargains always on offer!
Card payments accepted**



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Abingdon RDA

**You are invited to enter a team to take part in a
Mystery Village Treasure Hunt**

Sunday 27th October 2024

Find the answers to the clues by visiting our
surrounding villages.

Entry Fee £10.00 per vehicle.

No pre-registration needed.

Guaranteed fun for all.

Could you win the annual trophy for your team?

**Abingdon RDA
Lower Lodge Riding Centre
Charney Road
Southmoor
OX13 5HW**

Registration between 12.00 and 14.00

Prize giving at 16.00 back at Abingdon RDA,

Afternoon tea available.

If you would like any further information, please contact
Nikki on 07717 510410



Wednesday 30th
Thursday 31st
October
10am - 2pm
£11 adult / £9 child
ticket includes lunch

Autumnal - Spooky - Family Fun

natural arts / willow weaving * * campfire and s'mores * * trails
* conkers galore * * woodcraft workshop * * explore and play *



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