News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

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Dear Families,

Remembrance

Next Monday we will remind ourselves about the significance of Remembrance Day during assembly and then all gather together again at 11am to observe a two-minute silence. Our Y6 children have been busy selling poppies on behalf of The Royal British Legion and, on Sunday, our Y6 school councillors will represent the school as part of the service in the village by laying a wreath.

Hill End

Going on school trips is always an exciting and often tiring thing! For this reason, it was truly wonderful to see Oak Class return from Hill End on Thursday having had such a fabulous day. It's safe to say that they were exhausted! As well as having an excellent day, I was extremely proud when Miss O'Neill informed me that the leader at Hill End had described the children as one of the best groups he had ever worked with. Because they were so keen and enthusiastic, they were even able to squeeze in some extra activities. Thank you for representing our school so well, Oak Class.

Emails

Over half term, we have transferred over to a new software system, which we will be using to send our emails out. The email address that emails come from is slightly different and may therefore be incorrectly identified as spam by email providers. Please check spam folders if you are not receiving emails and let us know if you have problems receiving them. In the meantime, thank you for your patience with this. The new information system will allow us to streamline aspects of school life and will in time, provide opportunities for improved communication. A big thank you must go to Mrs Moor for all of her hard work on this!

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Courage** As well as sharing the story of David and Goliath in assembly, we explored a few quotes together and reflected on what they might mean to us, in our lives and based on our own experiences. Christopher Reeve said, 'A hero is an ordinary individual that finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.'
Reception	This week in phonics we have been consolidating our knowledge of the sounds d,v,f and e. In maths we are learning about the composition of numbers. We have also spent time learning how to stay safe around fireworks, sharing our experiences and making art work and music to reflect our understanding of this popular celebration.
Year 1	We have been learning to use part-whole models to support us with adding two numbers to make a whole, we have also started to look at features of fairy tales and practised identifying the main characters, evil characters and helper characters in familiar stories. We have also enjoyed a ballet workshop this week with Miss Olga.
Year 2	This week we have started our new topic - fire and light! We had a couple of excellent mornings with Mrs D learning all about Guy Fawkes. In maths we have been looking at column addition (without regrouping) and showed great resilience and understanding! We also learnt the first song in our nativity!
Year 3	In Year 3 we have started our Vikings topic and have made a start of designing a Viking shield thinking about which colours to use and what they represent. In maths we have been continuing with column addition and subtraction and looking at how to know when an exchange is needed. We have also thought about setting personal goals and how it feels to be challenged.
Year 4	This week we have been learning how to calculate and compare areas of rectilinear shapes. The children have written some fabulous stories about playing a prank on Miss Trunchbull, including some wonderful descriptions of the tyrannical head teacher! In PE we are starting to practise bench ball skills.
Year 5	This week we have started our new book "Cloud Tea Monkeys" in English and we have made predictions about the text. We have started researching the Maya for History. In maths, we have found out what makes a number a prime number. We have continued with our boxes for the chocolate project.
Year 6	This week in Year 6 we have been working on comparing and ordering fractions in maths. In English we have started to create our own myths inspired by Orphans of the Tide. We have also learnt all about WW1 at our Trench Experience Day at Hill End- Oak Class were fantastic and we had a brilliant day!

PTA Committee News

Friday November 29th - Non-Uniform Day In exchange for wearing whatever they want to school that day, students are asked to bring in an item or two for the *Christmas Fayre Adult* or *Children's Tombolas*. These might include new primary school-age toys or games, toiletries, wine, chocolate or any other treats that would make a lovely prize! Items will be collected by PTA elves at both field entrances as the children arrive at school. Thank you!

Friday November 29th - Christmas Jumper Sale Alongside our tombola prize collection, we will be running a Christmas Jumper Sale from 8:30-9am. Our aim is to reduce/reuse/recycle wherever we can and help shoppers find something festive and fun to wear for a great price. **We are still collecting donations of jumpers for this event**, so if your family has a surplus of festive jumpers from Christmases past, please donate them to the PTA! **All sizes welcome!** Just drop them in to the school office or contact cumnorschoolPTA@gmail.com to arrange a collection from your home. Thank you!

Friday December 6th - Christmas Fayre Bring the family, bring your friends and join us at the school from 5:30pm for a heart-warming bowl of chilli or gourmet hotdog, some sweet treats and a delicious drink from the café or bar. Visit Santa in the Grotto, hunt for treasure, browse the Christmas Bookshop and Student Crafts Tables and try your luck on games of skill and chance! Music, crafts and plenty of festive fun await!

How can you help us get ready for Christmas? The wonderful **PTA Christmas Bookshop** will be open at our Christmas Fayre. Over the next few weeks, we would welcome any donations of **children's books** or any complete puzzles for this very popular stall. These can be dropped into the school office or you can email cumnorschoolPTA@gmail.com to arrange local collection from your home. We are happy to collect! Thank you!

We would be grateful for any donations of **tiny toys** and left-over party favours that can be used as lucky-dip prizes and to fill our surprise-jars at the Fayre. Pens, pencils, stickers, erasers, mini-plushies, hair-clips, sweets, key-chains, etc. are perfect for this! Donations of **sweet treats** festive cupcakes, cookies or slices to sell at the Christmas Fayre would also be most welcome. 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!

Last but not least, it's nearly time for our annual **Christmas Raffle**! Do you own your own business or work for a company that could offer a prize? This could be a voucher, a service, free entry or even a cash donation. If so, we would love to hear from you! Every contribution helps to make the raffle more exciting and all funds raised go right back into our school! If you can offer something, please let us know at cumnorschoolPTA@gmail.com. Thank you!

Do you ever shop online? Just once-in-a-while or all the time? If you do, you can raise money for our school when you shop, at no extra cost to you! Our PTA is registered with **EasyFundraising** who has partnered with over 7,500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. We would LOVE every single Cumnor Primary School family to register with **EasyFundraising** and nominate 'Cumnor School PTA – Oxford' as their chosen cause! Please have a look! https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cumnorschoolpta/

Saturday June 21st – Midsummer Celebration and Campout Further to our recent announcement of a new summer event, some of you might be wondering what happened to the Summer Fete. *Do not panic!* The Midsummer Celebration will take place throughout the afternoon and evening, and will include much of the same Summer Fete fun, food and games we all love PLUS lots more for the whole family to enjoy! There will also be an option to extend your festival experience by camping out with your family on the school field. We know many children are already looking forward to this event and we are very excited to be offering something new!

Diary dates:
Some key dates this term

Wednesday 13th November	All Day	Year 4 Matilda trip
Friday 29th November	All day	Non-uniform / 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

Cumnor Players present...
Neverland
the pantomime
December 2024 at Cumnor Village Hall
Wed 4th, Thu 5th, Fri 6th at 7.30pm, Sat 7th at 2pm & 7pm
Tickets £10 on sale 6th Nov @ www.cumnorplayers.org.uk
All profits to local charities

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Cumnor Pre-school presents...

NEARLY NEW SALE

Cumnor Primary School Hall

£2 entry

Saturday 16th November, 5-7pm
Sunday 17th November, 10am-12pm

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

Cumnor Pre-school Nursery

To sell (60% seller 40% pre-school split) or for more information email:
nearlynewsalecumnor@gmail.com

Are your wardrobes getting cluttered? Need to get rid of some clothes? Then donate to our BAG2SCHOOL collection!

Bag2School
www.bag2school.com

Cumnor Pre-school are once again organising a **BAG2SCHOOL** collection of good quality second-hand clothing that can be reused. The pre-school is given money by the company for every kilogram we collect, which goes towards our fundraising total.

Please bring bags to the pre-school on **Thursday 28th November.** You can use any plastic bags, so please spread the word to your friends and neighbours too!

All clothing items accepted including paired shoes, belts, handbags and accessories. Unfortunately toys, duvets, pillows, cushions or uniforms are not accepted.
For more information or to arrange collection of bags please email cumnorpreschool@gmail.com