News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Autumn Term Number 13 *6th December 2024*

Dear Families,

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre later on this evening. Doors open at 5.30 and our School Choir will be there to welcome you in!

Choir Performances

Choir have been in festive action this week as they visited Oxenford House to perform to the residents, as well as entertaining the public at The Co-op! Much research has been done about how music affects the body and the brain as we age and it is fair to say that there were some really special moments at Oxenford. Stephen Killick, the Team Leader at The Co-op wrote to us to express his thanks for a successful event. Miss O'Neill and Miss Davidson were very proud of how the children represented our school and how welcome the choir were made to feel. It is so important at this time of year, when the festive period can feel very busy, that we recognise and celebrate what makes it so wonderful for the children. On that note, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who are currently going above and beyond to make Christmas at Cumnor a memorable one for everyone.

The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Thames Valley Police Cyber Protect are running a free webinar to help parents and carers understand some of the risks young people face online, and how they can best protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cyber criminal behaviours.

Covering social media, gaming and emails, this webinar will give you tips and tricks to help you protect them in today's online world.
The webinar is running three times over the next few weeks, and tickets are available here.

Christmas Lunch 17th December: last chance to order!
A reminder that all Christmas lunches must be ordered on Scopay before Monday 9th December please. There will be a choice of roast turkey dinner or roast quorn fillet dinner. Please note that this will replace the normal menu for the day and *jacket potatoes will not be available*.

Please order your child's Christmas dinner on Scopay, before Monday 9th December. Please choose either meal option 1 for the meat option or meal option 2 for vegetarian. If your child will not be having a Christmas lunch, please let us know by choosing the packed lunch option for that day. The meals will cost the same as a normal school lunch at £2.55, or free for key stage 1 children.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Rule of Law** This week in assembly we explored some of the British Values in greater detail. We learnt about how new laws are passed through parliament, debated and voted upon and are received by the King for royal assent. We decided that this was a good way of working as we live in a democracy, meaning 'ruled by the people'. We talked about how we act in this way at school, for example through voting for our School Council representatives and our school charity.
Reception	The Acorn Christmas celebrations have begun! We decorated our class Christmas Tree and played in our new gingerbread house. In maths we have learnt about repeating patterns using candy canes as our inspiration and in literacy we have read a story about the annual tradition of the Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square. Finally, Jonathan, our vicar, came to help us make Christingles and explain their meaning - Thank you Jonathan!
Year 1	This week in Year 1 we have been subtracting using real objects, pictures and number lines! We're still working quite hard on getting our heads around recording, but we are getting better at working it out. On a more Christmassy note, we have also been rehearsing our socks off for the nativity dances, and creating amazing biscuits for this evening's Christmas fair.
Year 2	This week we have been working on memorising and delivering our lines with expression and projection. We have written a diary entry in the right tense and looked at the four types of sentences in SPaG. With Mrs Broadhurst, we had our own Fire of London by setting fire to our cereal box houses.
Year 3	In maths we have been working on our 3 and 4 x tables multiplication and division facts. In English we have been checking our sentences to make sure they make sense whilst answering questions about a story. We have also been very busy making our Viking Gonks for the Christmas fair tonight!

Year 4	This week we have been rehearsing our singing and speaking our lines in assembly clearly. In maths we have been revising mixed operation calculations and learning more about eating a balanced diet.
Year 5	This week we have continued our fraction work and we have added and subtracted fractions. We have finished reading Journey to the River Sea and written a book review. In RE we have examined the words to “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” and compared it to Luke’s account of Jesus’ birth in the New Testament. We had a festive afternoon making our Christmas angels for the Christmas fair.
Year 6	This week we have been learning how to find a fraction of an amount. In English we have been developing our persuasive writing skills in preparation from creating a travel website about a European country next week. In science we created graphs to demonstrate population changes and then discussed and wrote explanations for how a species could evolve through natural selection.

Diary dates:
Some key dates this term

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
Tues 17th December	Lunchtime	School Christmas Lunch - Christmas jumpers allowed
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

£2 PER ADULT

Cumnor School PTA presents

Christmas Fayre

Come along, have fun and support the school!

Friday 6th December • 5.30-8.30 pm

HOT DOGS CHILLI BAR SWEET TREATS

CHILL OUT CRAFT ZONE BOOK SHOP

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE SANTA'S GROTTO

MINI DISCO GAMES

TOMBOLAS

REINDEER FOOD FACTORY

FACE

Winter 2024/2025

Newsletter

FREE until JAN 25

Understanding the Teenage Brain

Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday 5th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday 17th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24

Facing Defiance

Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday 7th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24

Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday 9 Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24

AUTISM: Improving Communication

Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

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FACE

WINTER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression **FREE - Anxiety Explained**	**25 NOV** **20 JAN**
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

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Care on the move

How can we better understand everyday journeys for children with SEND?

Are you a family in Oxford or Swindon with children aged 4-11 who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)?

Take part in this new research project and help us shape the conversation.

Choose your preferred involvement from:

- Interview
- Keeping a diary
- Group workshop

Receive a gift card as a thank you!

Contact:
careonthemove@ouce.ox.ac.uk
07874 944 294

Find out More

Research approved by the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee (Reference no R83467/RE001)

Economic and Social Research Council

Botley Bridges Xmas Hampers

The Botley Bridges Christmas Hampers are back! We'll be collecting and packaging food and gifts into hampers for local households who would find it helpful. We are open for donations, financial contributions, volunteers and hamper requests.
Together, let's spread some Christmas cheer in and around Botley!

WHAT TO DONATE:

Food items

- Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate / Squash / Soft Drinks (no alcohol)
- Christmas treats (Mince Pies, Biscuits, Selection packs)
- Jam / Marmalade / Honey / Syrups
- Tins or Jars - Fruit / Tuna / Baked Beans / Pasta Sauces / Soup
- Crackers / Biscuits / Rice / Pasta

Gifts

- For Adults - toiletries
- For Children
  - Bubbles / activity books / small craft sets / small construction sets
  - Books (for a variety of ages) / cards etc.

OTHER WAYS OF HELPING:

- To make a financial contribution, please go to our website https://botleybridges.org/donate/ OR email treasurer@botleybridges.org for bank payment details
- To volunteer to take in deliveries, pack hampers or deliver, please contact Sue Dowe - sue@botleybridges.org / 07769 275084

DONATIONS DROP OFF:

- St Peter and St Paul's Church Hall, Botley on Wednesday 18th Dec 8am-7pm
- Cumnor School, Botley School, West Oxford School or any Botley Bridges session during the week of 9-13th Dec

If you cannot drop off at these times please email sue@botleybridges.org to arrange an alternative.

TO REQUEST A HAMPER:

- Fill in our request form https://botley-hampers.web.app or use the QR code
- Download form from the website and send via email to sue@botleybridges.org
- Ask for a paper form from you local school or preschool and hand it in

For more information, visit botleybridges.org Registered charity number 1172139

Botley Bridges
Supporting local families

CHRISTMAS

Messy Church

Saturday 7 December 2-4pm

St Michael's Church, Cumnor OX2 9PE

- Free, but please book your place:
  office@cumnor.org *01865 861541*
- Specially for families with children aged 11 and under.
- www.cumnor.org

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