News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Autumn Term Number 14 *13th December 2024*

Dear Families,

Nativity Triumph!

Congratulations to all our KS1 children who performed their nativity play, Bethlehem Bake Off, four times this week! The children had clearly worked hard to learn their lines and dances to create a magnificent performance that entertained the whole school community. A big thank you also to Miss Davidson for taking the lead in constructing such a wonderful performance. As a school community, we are very grateful to all of the staff involved in making the nativity a success and for using their evenings at a very busy time of year to be there to support the children.

Christmas Fayre Thanks

I wanted to extend my thanks to the whole school committee for coming together so wonderfully last Friday evening for the Christmas Fayre. A special mention, of course, goes to our tremendous PTA who clearly worked tirelessly to ensure that event was a truly magical one. It was wonderful to hear so much terrific feedback from families. Our cleaning staff said that they'd wish they'd known how great it would have been so they could have invited their families! It is important to recognise both the fundraising work and the real sense of coming together that such events offer. Thank you to all who took part in any way!

The Shiny Bright Sparkling Light

Guess what? St. Michael's Church has been super generous and given each of the children a special booklet called "The Shiny Bright Sparkling Light" for Christmas! We hope you'll have a great time reading it together, so keep an eye out for it in your child's school bag early next week. The Shiny Bright Sparkling light follows a little Star on his sparkly journey as he leads the Wise Men to Bethlehem to visit the Baby Jesus.

Carols by Candlelight

Key Stage 2 families are invited to join us on Monday evening, 6pm in the school hall, for Carols by Candlelight. As well as singing carols, we will be treated to musical performances from our talented musicians as well as our school choir.

Christmas Films

On Tuesday afternoon, after our Christmas Dinner, we will be having our film afternoon. The children will be able to choose the film they want to watch on the day, and they will get some popcorn and a drink during the afternoon. **Please** can you talk to your children about which film they might want to choose. To help you, there are (on the next page) some links to trailers, the rating of the films, and also links to the Parent Guides on IMDb. If there is a particular film that you **DO NOT** wish your child to watch, please let your child's class teacher know **by Tuesday morning**.

Thank you!

Acorn classroom: The Snowman & The Snowdog (KS1 children only) [24mins - followed by gentle free play]
Age 3+ The Snowman and the Snowdog (TV Short 2012) - Parents guide - IMDb
With Mrs Stockford

Cherry classroom (Y2): Nativity! [1hr 45mins]
Rated PG for brief language and mild rude humor Nativity! (2009) - Parents guide - IMDb
With Miss Davidson

Birch classroom (Y3): How to Train Your Dragon [1hr 38mins]
Rated PG for sequences of intense action and some scary images, and brief mild language How to Train Your Dragon (2010) - Parents guide - IMDb
With Mrs Didcock

Beech classroom (Y4): Paddington
Rated PG for mild action and rude humor Paddington (2014) - Parents guide - IMDb
With Ms Eaton

Maple classroom (Y5): Klaus [1hr 36mins]
Rated PG for rude humor and mild action Klaus (2019) - Parents guide - IMDb
With Mrs Pottle

Oak classroom (Y6): Muppet Christmas Carol [1hr 25mins]
U The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) - Parents guide - IMDb
With Miss O'Neill

An Invitation from Oxford City

Oxford City are excited to invite members of our school community to The Big Festive Matchday at Oxford City Football Club on Saturday, 21st December, at The MGroup Stadium! 🎄⚽
This special double-header event promises a day packed with football and festive fun for all ages:

- 11:30 AM: Oxford City Women vs. Oxford United Women XI
- 3:00 PM: Oxford City Men vs. Spennymoor Town

Plus, enjoy:

- A Christmas Market featuring delicious treats like crepes and coffee
- Activities for kids, including a Reindeer Trail, Face Painting, and a visit to Santa's Grotto
- Live festive music in the 1882 Bar from 5 PM, followed by the Big Fortitude 50/50 Draw at 6 PM

Free Tickets for School Families!
We are thrilled to offer school families FREE entry using the promo code FREESCHOOL.
To claim your tickets:

1. Visit Buy Tickets Here.
2. Select tickets for each family member attending (e.g., for a family of four, choose 4 tickets).
3. Enter the promo code FREESCHOOL at checkout.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Generosity** This week in assembly, we looked at the story of The Widow's Coins (Mark 12:41-44). The children recognised that, in the story, the offer of two coins as a donation from the widow represented greater generosity than her more wealthy counterparts. It was then lovely to hear that the children had given some good insights when developing this work with Jonathan on Thursday!
Reception	This week we have worked fantastically hard at our Nativity. We have also been learning the digraphs ll, ss, zz and ff in phonics (2 letters, 1 sound) and we have been practising repeating patterns in Maths. Today we were delighted to be asked to train as Elves by Father Christmas as he is going to be very busy this year and needs more help…
Year 1	Besides singing and dancing our way through all our nativity rehearsals and performances this week, we have also been naming and sorting 3D and 2D shapes. We are pretty good with 2D and practicing our 3D shape names hard! We have also named the parts of a castle with Mrs Broadhurst.
Year 2	This week we have been planning and writing our own chapters of The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. We came up with some fabulous characters and chapter names. We did a fantastic job in our nativity and finished a book we have been reading since October - The Christmasaurus (33 whole chapters!).
Year 3	This week we have been singing along with Harry Styles and Taylor Swift to help us learn our 4 and 8 x tables! In DT we finished making and evaluated our Viking shields. In English we have been learning about the story of Beowulf and thought about what being brave means.
Year 4	This week, in Science, we have been finding patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. We also linked up with Science Oxford to explore the concept of invisibility. We have been writing the Christmas story from Mary's perspective and, in maths, consolidating our column addition and subtraction calculations.
Year 5	This week we have written a book review on Journey to the River Sea. We also came up with ideas to continue the story. We have made some lovely rainforest insects out of wire for DT. In history, we have looked at the different foods the Maya ate.
Year 6	In maths this week we have been looking at units of measurement and how to convert and calculate with them. We have combined our English and computing skills this week to create persuasive travel web pages to encourage people to visit our countries in Europe. In RE we had a debate to finish our topic on whether Christmas had lost its true meaning due to commercialisation - the children had some very astute and well-reasoned arguments.

Clubs

The list of clubs for next term was emailed out this week. Please click on the link here if you haven't seen it yet. Please apply for clubs, using the google form linked on the letter, by Monday at 9am.

PTA Committee News

🎅 An enormous THANK YOU to everyone who joined us at the **Christmas Fayre** last Friday night! We are so grateful for your support of PTA events like this, where we not only raise much-needed funds for our wonderful school, but bring families and friends together for some fantastic fun too! Thank you so much to those who contributed to the festivities in any way, especially those who helped out on the night. There was a lot to do, and we really appreciate all the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, school alumni and everyone who pitched in to help make the night such a success!

🎁 Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for this year's **Christmas Raffle**. Loads of prizes meant there were loads of winners and we are very grateful to all the families and businesses that contributed to our long list of prizes to make the draw so exciting! Cheers from all of us to *Aldi Botley, Aldi Abingdon, Batsford Arboretum, The Bear & Ragged Staff, Bekonscot Model Village & Railway, Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, City Sightseeing Oxford, Coop Botley, Cotswold Falconry Centre, Cotswold Motoring Museum, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Crocodiles of the World, Elisa Cristina Permanent Makeup, Eynsham Cellars, Excel Tennis Academy, Fairytale Farm, Flower Workshop, The Folly Restaurant, Gulliver's Land Theme Park, Harrisons Beauty, Hill End, Jump Inc Bicester, Laser Kombat Oxford, Millets Farm Wildside, Morrisons Botley, North Wall, Oxford Playhouse, Oxford Treatments, Oxford Tube/Stagecoach, Oxford Wine, Painswick Rococo Garden, Partyman World of Play, Pegasus Theatre, Pendon Museum, The Perch, Prana Yoga Oxford, Science Oxford, Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital, The Vine Inn, Waitrose Botley* AND *Waterperry Gardens* for your support!

🎄 *From all of us on the PTA Committee,* we wish all the Cumnor School children, staff and their families the happiest of holidays and a peaceful Christmas break.

Diary dates:
Some key dates this term

Mon 16th December	6pm	Carols by Candlelight in the school hall. KS2 families welcome.
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

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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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)?

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Choose your preferred involvement from:

- Interview
- Keeping a diary
- Group workshop

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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

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Supporting local families

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