News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Spring Term Number 2 *17th January 2025*

Dear Families,

School Business Manager
Following the news of Mrs Harris' retirement, I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Moor, our School Administrator has been successful in applying for and has accepted the School Business Manager role starting after the Easter break. It does mean that we are still looking to fill a vacancy for a School Administrator. This role would ideally start in late March in order to allow for time for handover to take place between Mrs Moor and the successful candidate before she begins her new role. As shared last week, more information about this vacancy can be found here.

KS2 Library
The fundraising efforts for the KS2 library have meant that we have been able to order the furniture and prepare a plan to start work! We still, however, do require further funds and volunteers to fully complete the project.

Over the half term holiday, we are arranging the redecoration and need your help! Please do fill in the form here if you have any availability to support the redecoration. Once we have collected responses, I will be in touch with a plan of action. If you would like to support the project but are unable to help, please do consider making a donation to the JustGiving page.

Do take a look at the visual from BookSpace, the company we have used to help us to plan a warm and welcoming space.

Keys found
A bunch of keys has been found on the school drive, including car and house keys and a library card. Please collect from to the school office if you think they are yours.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Creativity** In assembly this week, we looked at the planning for large events such as The Olympic Games. We discussed how it is possible to be creative in managing transport, designing costumes, commentating on events, arranging hospitality and so much more. We recognised that everyone has unique talents and that it is important to recognise our own. So often we can become focused on wishing we had the talents of others but there is such great value in recognising the creativity required in all that we do.
Reception	This week in Acorn Class we began to look at the work of artist Guiseppe Arcimbaldo who painted portraits using fruit and vegetables and continued our own exploration of fruit and vegetables through watercolour painting. In phonics we added the words 'come' and 'some' to our tricky word list to learn by sight and in maths we have been comparing amounts using the terms 'fewer than' and 'more than'.
Year 1	In Willow Class this week we have been writing poetry! We have used Shirley Hughes's poems about the seasons and the weather to inspire our own seasonal poems with adjectives. In art we have been working on our printing. We are also starting to join a few letter pairs in handwriting this term, though not in our regular writing yet!
Year 2	This week we read and got to know the story 'Those Magnificent Sheep in their Flying Machine'. We have been learning about the features of news articles and writing our own newspaper articles about the adventures of the sheep. In science we have been learning about forces and experimenting with balls and making them travel without touching them.
Year 3	Year 3 has been looking at how to give commands and move sprites in our Scratch computer programming lessons. We have also been looking at how to use inverted commas for direct speech in our writing. In science we have been carrying out some investigations to help us understand more about forces.
Year 4	This week, we have been starting to plan and write a story about the Stone Age. We have been learning new multiplication and division facts from facts we already know. In PSHCE we have been learning why people may eat or avoid certain foods, for religious, moral, cultural or health reasons.
Year 5	This week we have read and discussed the Greek myths "Perseus the Gorgon slayer" and "Pandora." In maths, we have continued with the formal written method for multiplication. In art, we have started to design our own Greek pots. We have explored features of a mosque in RE. We have continued programming micro bits in computing.
Year 6	This week in maths we have been deepening our understanding of ratio and proportion by looking at recipes and how we use ratio and proportion in real life. In English we have started to plan our descriptive reports of journeying inside The Great Pyramid of Giza. In music we have started our new unit where we are learning all about Jazz - this week we looked at the history of Jazz and listened to 'Take the A Train' by Duke Ellington and his Orchestra.

Clubs

Clubs will continue as normal next week.

PTA Committee News

🎉 You are invited to our first big social event of 2025! The School Disco is happening on Friday February 7th with KS1 dancing from 5:30-6:30pm and KS2 dancing from 6:45-7:45pm! There'll be a professional DJ on the decks! Glitter tattoos, glowsticks, pizza, snacks & drinks for sale! For adults, the bar will be open in the KS2 kitchen, serving a fantastic selection of beer, wine & fizzy drinks with space to sit & chat while your kids are dancing. There will also be a 'quiet area' in the KS1 library, where children can take a break from the noise of the disco or just hang out when it's not their year group's turn to be in the hall. Every child must be accompanied to this event by an adult who will remain in the school and be responsible for them at all times. KS2 children will not be allowed into the hall during the KS1 disco and vice-versa. If you are only coming to the KS2 disco, please don't enter the school until 6:45pm. Tickets on the door - £4 per student including unlimited squash. Adults go free! See you there! 🍕 🎶 🕺

🤗 We need you! The Cumnor Primary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a registered charity, made up of all parents and teachers at our school and led by a committee consisting of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and several General Committee Members - all volunteers. Ailsa Morris, our fantastic PTA Committee Chair since October 2023, is stepping down this month and someone new is needed to fill the role. Could that be you? Anyone with enthusiasm to make the school more fun and exciting for our children is invited to join the PTA Committee as the new Chair or as a general committee member. It takes a brilliant team to organise PTA gatherings and fundraisers, and events simply will not go ahead unless we have the people to make them happen. With such a wide variety of things you can help with as part of the PTA Committee, big jobs and small, it's a brilliant way to meet other families and get involved with your child's school. Just contact the team at cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com to express your interest or ask any questions. We would love to hear from you!
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⭐ Keep up with all PTA events by joining us on Facebook at:
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057239989220

Diary dates:
Key dates this term

Tuesday 21 January	PM	Year 4 Swimming Starts
Tuesday 21 January	PM	Year 1 Winter Walk
Thursday 30 January	TBC	Year R & Year 6 Heights and Weights check
Friday 07 February	Evening	KS1 & KS2 School Discos
Thursday 13 February	All Day	Year 5 Portals to the past day
Friday 14 February	9am	Acorn Class assembly
Monday 17 - 21 February	All week	Spring half term break
Thursday 6 March	All day	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 March	All day	Year 1 Crocodiles of the World trip
Friday 14 March	Evening	Quiz Night
Monday 17 - Friday 21 March	All week	Year 6 Residential - Yenworthy
Monday 17 March	All day	Acorn Class Trip to Cogges Farm
Wednesday 19 March	All day	Year 3 Trip to Hampton Court
Tuesday 25 March	TBC	Acorn Class Vision Screening
Tuesday 25 March	PM	Year 1 Spring Walk
Wednesday 26 March	All day	Year 2 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Thursday 27 March	All day	Year 4 to Chedworth Manor
Friday 28 March	9am	Year 6 Residential Assembly
Friday 28 March	7pm	PTA Bingo Night
Wednesday 2 April	2.30pm	iRock Concert
Thursday 3rd April	AM	Easter Service at St Michael's Church
Friday 4th April	1.15pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 21st April	All day	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	8.50am	Return to school for summer term

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger, Headteacher

Cumnor School DISCO!

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025

KS1 5:30-6.30PM | KS2 6:45-7:45PM

Parents **MUST** stay... **NOT** a drop & go!

£4 ENTRY includes unlimited squash!

PIZZA

GLITTER TATTOOS

BAR

CHILL OUT ZONE

GLOW STICKS

SWEETS

Universally Challenged?

Join Quiz Night!

Starter for Ten:

- Teams of six (Don't have a team? We can speed-date you on the night)
- £10 per person (book via quizcumnorschool@gmail.com or just turn up)
- Complimentary bar snack food, one free drink and prizes
- Cash (and card) bar

Friday 14 March | **7.30pm**

Cumnor Primary School
Oxford Rd, Cumnor, Oxford
OX2 9PQ

Contact: quizcumnorschool@gmail.com

Girls aged 7-10 Years old

Do you want to have Fun,

Make New Friends

& Learn New Things?

Then join 2nd Botley Brownies

Tuesdays 6:15pm to 7:45pm

Contact:

secondbotleybrownies@outlook.com

Every Wednesday during term-time 4.00 - 5.30pm

Outdoor Explorers

Hill End
A place of possibilities

£8.00 per child

Experience the magic of nature & the joy of outdoor adventure, together with your children, after school each Wednesday:

- **Fun outdoor self-led activities**
- **Hands-on nature exploration**
- **Unwind, connect with the environment & make friends**

www.hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events

Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510

SCAN ME FOR INFO!

Children's BOOK CLUB

1st Saturday of every month, 10am at

Westgate Library

Sign up at the library or write to us at:

westgate.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk