News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Spring Term Number 10 *21st March 2025*

Dear Families,

Feedback for Radish
Radish, our school meal provider, are actively seeking the views of families. Please follow this link to have your say.

Beep Beep! KS1 Road Safety Day
On Wednesday, Key Stage 1 celebrated Beep beep! Day with an assembly to help us think about road safety. We talked about

- Finding safe places to cross the road
- Thinking, stopping, looking and listening
- Holding hands with a grown up near the road.

Hopefully we can put our learning into practice when we are out and about!

Thank you!
A huge thank you to everyone who supported the school by buying books from our recent Scholastic book fair. As a result of your book enthusiasm, we have received over £900 to spend on new books for the school! There are request sheets in both libraries for children to record their ideas of what books to buy next for our libraries - please share your ideas!

Fun in the sun in KS1
We enjoyed the first of the beautiful spring weather on Thursday with a big parachute game at breaktime. It was a real delight to see so many happy, smiling children. Mrs Barry, Mrs Didcock and Mr Badger had lots of fun, too!

Oxfordshire SEND newsletter for parents
Parents and carers can access valuable resources, upcoming events, and key updates on support services by signing up to the newsletter or by visiting the Local Offer.

Autism Family Support Oxfordshire
AFS have shared information about Easter activities that they are running - Autism Family Support Oxfordshire - Easter Holiday Activities. Please check the link to see if your child is eligible.

Are you interested in making a difference to future generations?

School Parent & Carer Governor Required

Do you want to make a difference to our school community? If so, being a parent & carer governor could be just the role for you. The governing body is looking for a parent or carer to join them.

The school wants to ensure that every child in our care is happy and safe and to offer them every opportunity to learn and to succeed during their time with us. With new leadership at our school, we have set a vision, strategy and set of values that will allow us to identify the key priorities to continually improve standards for our children and, manifestly provide with them with the broadest curriculum and number of opportunities. It is vital that our children are developing the necessary skills to adapt and grow in our ever-changing world. We need your help and experiences from the parent & carer body (and wider world) in order to achieve this.

Parent and carer governors hold a unique position of having the parental viewpoint of the school. First-hand experience of how the curriculum is delivered and how the school is seen by the parent and carer community enables parent and carer governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of our school.

Parent and carer governors can make the link between the parent and carer community, world of work and education and constructively support the success of our school. You don't have to be an expert in education, and we welcome interest from every year group, walk of life (particularly business, finance and fundraising) and culture to bring a diverse set of perspectives and views.

The governing body currently meets monthly during the school year (up to 11 meetings). Our meetings generally take up a couple of hours each time on a Wednesday evening with preparation required beforehand. Outside of meetings governors are encouraged to take part in school life as well as undertake monitoring visits on key areas of school life. Training is available to enhance your contribution. Being a governor is a good way to offer you personal and professional development in return for supporting the school and our children to deliver its strategic aims.

There is one vacancy arising and these roles are a rewarding and effective way of making a voluntary contribution to the lives of our young people. If you are interested in our children's future, have energy and enthusiasm, and want to help with directing the school's future, please do put your name forward.

If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me:
governor.christophers@cumnorschool.co.uk

Tom Christophers, Chair of Governors

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	**Trust** Rather than explore our value together in assembly this week, we were joined by Dr Mihlar who talked to us all about Ramadan. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged, with lots of questions.
Reception	Acorn Class enjoyed a fantastic (but very cold) trip to Cogges Farm on Monday where we built dens, made bread sticks and had a huge amount of fun with all things stick related! We have been practising our writing captions in phonics and using the digraph 'th' and using a number line in maths to count forwards and backwards accurately.
Year 1	This week Year 1 has been exploring the story of Courtney by John Burningham through drama, talk and writing. We have also been learning about mass and volume in our maths lessons and identifying some common british birds in our science lessons
Year 2	This week we have been looking at fact files in English. We identified the features, gathered the information, drafted and then published fact files on African animals. We showed some excellent understanding when looking at multiplying and dividing in our 2s and 5s. We also investigated the properties of certain materials and made shelters for our African animals to protect them from the sun.
Year 3	The sun shone for our trip to Hampton Court Palace on Wednesday, and we had an amazing time exploring the grounds and Palace. It really brought our history topic to life and the children represented the school brilliantly. In English, we wrote our own chapter for The Queen's Token and have been listening to Romeo and Juliet as our end of the day story. We strengthened our Tudor house structures by using mod roc in DT.
Year 4	This week, we have been exploring decimal numbers, starting with tenths. As part of our topic work, we looked at the patterns, shapes and pictures in Roman mosaics and we created our own mosaics using tiny squares of paper as our *tesserae*.
Year 5	This week we have worked really hard on perfecting our class assembly. We have also continued our playscripts based on the Wooden horse of Troy. We have finished our fractions, decimals and percentages work in maths. In computing, we have used databases to find simple information. In PSHE, we have looked at the impact of alcohol on your body.
Year 6	We have missed Year 6 this week as they have enjoyed a wonderful time away on their residential. To receive a message from Miss O'Neill saying how full of praise the centre staff were of our children was wonderful. We can't wait to hear all about it once they return.

Clubs
Next week is the final week for clubs this term. All clubs running, apart from Hockey club which has now finished.

PTA Committee News

🎉 **March 28th is B-I-N-G-O night!** Bring the whole family along next Friday evening for exciting **Spring Bingo** action in the school hall! **Doors open at 5:30pm**. Games start at **6pm sharp** and will run until approximately 8pm. Just £3 per person/£10 per family for all 6 games! There'll be loads of chances to win and lots of prizes to choose from! Pulled pork burgers, pizza, snacks and drinks will be available all evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

🐣 In the lead-up to Spring Bingo, we are gathering **prizes** for the big night! Could you donate a small, medium or large Easter egg? A chocolate bunny or two? Any spring-themed stuffed toys (rabbits, chicks, sheep...), new games or crafts to give away as prizes would be most appreciated! Just drop it off at the school office **"*Attn PTA*"** at your earliest convenience. Thank you so much!

Diary dates:
Key dates this term

Monday 24 March	All week	Prayer week
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
Wednesday 26 March	2.30pm	Year 5 Hill House meeting
Thursday 27 March	All day	Year 4 to Chedworth Roman Villa
Friday 28 March	9am	Year 6 Residential Assembly
Friday 28 March	6pm	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

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BINGO
6 GAMES TO PLAY
£3 per player /
£10 per family
FRIDAY 28TH
MARCH
BINGO NIGHT
AT CUMNOR SCHOOL
PULLED PORK & PIZZA
BAR UNTIL 8.30PM
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
DOORS OPEN 5.30PM
EYES DOWN 6PM

Scouts

9th Abington (Appleton) Scout Group has spaces for new Cubs and Scouts, and for new volunteers!

cubs

Ages 8 to 10 ½ years

Develop new skills. Soar to great heights.
Being a Cub opens up a whole other world.

SCOUTS

Ages 10 ½ to 14 years

Jump in and get muddy. Give back and get set.
Scouts ignore the butterflies and go for it, and soon so will you.

Where we are:

Our Scout Hut is located at the Appleton Sports Field, OX13 5QW
W3W: ///campsites.lazy.sleepers
We meet on Tuesday evenings: Cubs is 6:00pm to 7:30pm and Scouts is 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Get in touch:

Contact us for more information, to come along for a trial, and to sign up:
Email: appletonscouts@gmail.com

Football Opportunity for Girls aged 5-11!

Cumnor Minors Football Club runs weekly Wildcats girls football sessions, Thursdays 6-7pm in term-time - these are ideal for girls who are new to the game, and we aim to have fun, make friends, and play football!

The sessions are run by FA-qualified, DBS-checked coaches with years of experience coaching girls' football.

To book your Wildcat onto a session, click on the link below or find out more via Chris at morricscotty@live.co.uk / 07792 866705

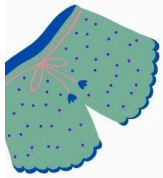
https://book.englandfootball.com/Book/9e140f1d-fac6-44a8-9a02-86b752938e6a?venue=cumnorminors0

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

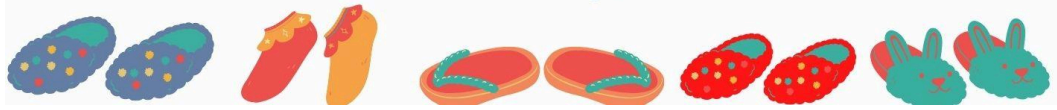
Bag2School™
www.bag2school.com

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 **Monday 24th March.** 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



Family Forest Days this Easter

10am - 2pm

Tuesday 8 April & Wednesday 9 April

* Pond dipping
* Seasonal natural arts & crafts, including willow weaving
* Follow trails and splash in the streams and explore
* Wildlife Walk with Oxford University bird researcher
* Wool spinning demonstration and have a go!
* Whittling workshop (min age & extra charge)

£9 child / £11 adult includes a BBQ lunch

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Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510

Botley Bridges
Baby & Child First Aid

MONDAY 31 MARCH

WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1 - 3PM

BOTLEY SCHOOL, ELMS ROAD, 5 - 7PM

Suitable for parents/carers/grandparents or babysitters

Email **coordinator@botleybridges** to reserve your space

Thames Training

Learn what to do in an emergency:

CPR, choking, bumps, bleeding, breaks, burns,

febrile seizures, meningitis awareness

£30 per person OR £55 per couple

For more information, visit botleybridges.org

Registered charity number 1172139

Botley Bridges

Supporting local families