News from Cumnor CE School

Love to Learn, Learn to Love

Spring Term Number 12 *4th April 2025*

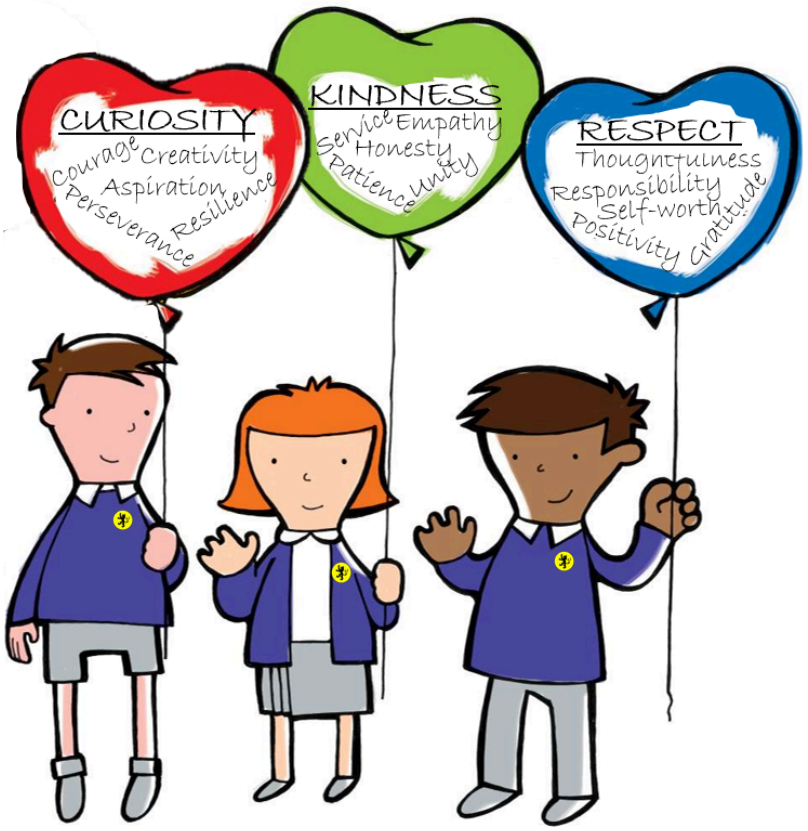
Dear Families,

Goodbye, Mrs Harris

After an incredible 21 years of service to Cumnor CE Primary School, today we say a fond farewell to the wonderful Mrs Harris. We will miss her hugely but know that she will make the most of her retirement by enjoying more family time. The children all contributed to a leaving book and special assembly and the staff held what we hope was a fitting celebration of someone we think a great deal of, after school. Don't be a stranger, Mrs Harris!

Values Review

Following a review of our school values, the governors have approved the following set of values moving forward. These align with our vision: Love to Learn, Learn to Love and capture what it is that makes Cumnor such a wonderful place.



Menu Change
We are pleased to confirm that Radish (the school lunch company) have decided to add Jacket potatoes with tuna back onto our menu after Easter, in addition to the other options available. Please continue to order in the usual way via Scopay. The revised menu is available here**.**

Hookwinked
Year 5 and 6 auditioned this week for our summer production of "Hookwinked". Mrs Crichton, Miss O'Neill and Mrs Davis were extremely impressed by all the children who auditioned. Great courage was demonstrated by so many children and they had clearly worked hard to learn their audition script and song. The children have now been given their parts and a copy of the script to look at during the Easter holidays.

Happy Easter
Wishing all of the Cumnor CE School community a wonderful two week break. A Happy Easter to those who celebrate. We will look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 22nd April.

Parent & Carer Survey 2025

The governors would like to hear your views on a number of different aspects across our school. Please complete the parent and carer survey no later than Sunday 27th April 2025.

Your responses are important to help inform a new school strategy that builds on our recent 'Good' rating from Ofsted.

This is not intended to be a critique of school performance. The survey results will provide us with insight into what you feel is important, where you feel our strengths lie and where you would like to see further development. Understanding the views of parents and carers is essential, so that we can continually improve opportunities for our children and the wider school community.

Your governing board will discuss the results of this survey carefully, provide feedback to parents & carers and ensure that the school's longer term strategic plan is shaped appropriately.

Thank you for your support – all responses are completely anonymous.

The survey is available online here.

Many thanks,

Rafel Bordas, Lead Parent & Carer Engagement Governor

governor.bordas@cumnorschool.co.uk

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Trust
Reception	This week Acorn Class has been learning all about the Christian celebration of Easter. We have read the Easter Story and have watched it being recreated through sand art. We have also made Easter bonnets, created Easter gardens outside and taken part in an Easter egg hunt!
Year 1	This week, we have been practising the the /air/ sound in phonics, writing spring acrostic poetry, and developing our football skills in PE. We have also loved rehearsing our spring chicken song for church!
Year 2	This week we painted our clay pots and they look fab! We read the Easter story and learnt all about Easter week. We also learnt about hot cross buns and what they represent. We found it very interesting - we smelled the spices (cinnamon and nutmeg) that are said to have been used to embalm Jesus' body. We then tried some hot cross buns and compared them to Challah bread. It was a great lesson!
Year 3	Birch Class have been looking at capacity and volume in maths and how to measure them using litres and ml. We also had a fun, Easter related music lesson spotting rhythm. As the whole class have worked really hard all term they got to enjoy their class reward on Friday!
Year 4	This week we have been writing up our newspaper reports of Boudica's last battle. We have made Easter wreaths and finished reading our class book, Boudica's Army.
Year 5	This week we have estimated area in Maths. We have explored the legacy of the Ancient Greeks and the Greek alphabet. We enjoyed our last forest school session and we have made Easter cards.
Year 6	This week we have learnt how to draw pie charts in maths and how to calculate the mean. In English we have been learning about narrative poetry and we have been performing 'The Spider and the Fly' by Mary Howitt and in art we finished painting our clay Shabti dolls.

Clubs
Club spaces for next term have been confirmed by email. Clubs will start week commencing 28th April.

PTA Committee News

🐣 Thank you to everyone who joined us at **Spring Bingo** last Friday night and congratulations to the many, many, MANY winners! A big thank you to all the generous families and local businesses including *Waitrose, Aldi, Hobbycraft* in Botley and *One Stop* in Wootton, who contributed such fantastic prizes. Also, a huge shout out to Mr Badger who led the games and pushed through the evening magnificently despite feeling quite under the weather!

🌼 Our **next PTA Committee meeting** will be at **The Vine Inn** on **Thursday May 8th at 7pm**. We'll be looking at all the fantastic summer term events ahead. Come and join the team or just find out more about what we do and how you might get involved. All are welcome!

Diary dates:
Key dates this term:

Monday 21st April	All day	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	8.50am	Return to school for summer term
Monday 28th April	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Hill End
Tuesday 29th April	PM	Year 3 swimming starts
Thursday 1st May	All day	Year 1 Trip to Oxfordshire Museum
Friday 2nd May	All day	Year 4 STEM day to Williams F1
Friday 2nd May	AM	Year 6 Junior Citizens Course at Fire Station
Wednesday 14th May	TBC	Reception class vision screening
Friday 16th May	AM	Sports Day followed by family picnic
26th May - 30th May	All Week	Half Term - school closed
Wednesday 4th June	AM	Year 6 Aspirations Morning
Friday 6th June	All Day	Year 3 STEM day to Williams F1
Tuesday 10th June	All Day	Reception class trip to Science Oxford
Tuesday 10th June	All Day	Year 4 Trip to Coleshill
Monday 30th June	All Day	Year 2 Class Trip to Earth Trust
Tuesday 1st July	PM	Year 1 Summer Walk
Wednesday 2nd July	AM	Move Up Morning
Tuesday 8th July	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Legoland
9th - 11th July	3 Days	Year 5 to Hill House
Thursday 10th July	9.00AM	Leavers service at St Michael's Church
Friday 11th July	Evening	Leavers BBQ
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July	TBC	KS2 Musical: Hoodwinked!
Friday 18th July	9.00AM	Leavers Assembly
Friday 18th July	1.15PM	End of Term - summer holidays
Wednesday 3rd September	8.50	Start of Autumn Term

Yours sincerely,

Steven Badger
Headteacher

EASTER

Messy Church

Good Friday 18 April 2-4pm

Crafts

Food

Story

Specially for primary-age children with an adult—or bring the whole family!

FREE!

at St Andrew's, Orchard Rd OX2 9BH

Book your places: office@cumnor.org

Parish office: 01865 861541

www.standrewsdeancourt.org.uk

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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

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

@Hill_end_centre @HillEndOEC @Hill_End

Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510

Lazy eye is the most common cause of vision loss in children. We are researching the condition and hope our findings will lead to better treatments.

KOALA study
Kids with Occlusion therapy for AmbLyopiA

We are looking for

5-8 YEAR OLDS

with **LAZY EYE**

and with **NORMAL VISION**

to take part in our research investigating how patching changes the brain.

To find out more or sign up, email:

koalastudy@ndcn.ox.ac.uk

scan to email

Participation involves:

- 30-minutes standard eye tests
- 2 x 3-hour study visits in Headington, Oxford which both include:
  - Eye tests
  - MRI scan (safe and non-invasive brain scan)

You will be compensated for your time and expenses.

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NUFFIELD DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCES
Medical Sciences Division

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ETHICS APPROVAL REFERENCE: 23/WM/0228

appleton with eaton TENNIS CLUB

Free Tennis Taster Session

FREE TENNIS TASTER SESSION!
For Year 1 & Reception Children

When: Friday 25th April at 3:30 PM

Where: Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club

Come and join us for a fun and exciting tennis session designed especially for young children! No experience is needed – just bring enthusiasm and energy. Rackets will be provided, so all you need to do is turn up and enjoy the game.

- A great way to introduce children to tennis in a fun and friendly environment.
- Led by experienced coaches who will make learning the sport enjoyable.
- A fantastic opportunity to develop coordination, teamwork, and confidence!

JUST TURN UP - NO NEED TO BOOK