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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the break. It has been lovely to see all the children back at school this week; not only full of stories about their Christmases but also really enthusiastic about their new topics. You should have received today a newsletter from your child's class teacher and a blue overview of the topic areas being covered this term.

A few reminders or New Year's resolutions if you don't mind:

- Parking around school remains a problem with people still parking in the bus bay and blocking drives, please park considerately.
- There has already been a case of headlice in Year 2, please check your children's hair this weekend so that we can keep them at bay.
- Please drop off and collect your children on time; we are getting an increasing number of children being late for school or being collected late. The school doors open at 8.30 for an 8.50 start and we finish at 3.10. Most clubs finish at 4.00pm.

Winter Weather

As the colder weather approaches, please take care when walking to school and down the school drive as it could be slippery in places. (We hope to get the drains cleared next week which should prevent any standing water though.) If we have snow in the coming weeks, please look at the school website, www.cumnorprimaryschool.co.uk, for news on the home page or listen to Radio Oxford.

Church New Year Celebrations

The St Michael's Junior Church New Year celebration will meet in the Old school on Sunday morning, 11 – 12ish for games, activities and a short bible story and then have some party food to finish. Everyone is very welcome. Contact Mel for more info mel.mcculloch@gmail.com

What's my child been doing this week?

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| Reception | Exploring the sounds 'or' 'ar' and 'ur', ordering numbers to 100 and starting to learn the story of Lost and Found. |
| Year 1 | Revision of capital letters, looking at number patterns in 2s, 5s and 10s and using our digital cameras. |
| Year 2 | Using partitioning in maths, starting to draft our own balloon flight stories and finding out about the Montgolfier brothers first balloon flight. |
| Year 3 | Working with three digit numbers, starting to explore the characters at the start of William Shakespeare's The Tempest and using 'Logo' to programme a moving computerised turtle. |
| Year 4 | Working with decimals in money, remembering how to use commas and exploring the causes of the Second World War. |
| Year 5 | Working with numbers to a million, locating Greece and its key cities and exploring the features of Greek myths. |
| Year 6 | Exploring negative numbers, creating sentences with commas and embedded clauses and looking at the topographical features of Oxford. |

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read

Next week:

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| Wednesday 13 th January | AM | Mobile Library visit |
| Thursday 14 th January | AM | Year 3 Forest School starts |

Dates for your diary:

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| Thursday 21 st January | AM | National Heights and Weights survey for Reception and Year 6 children |
| Friday 22 nd January | 2.30pm | Parents meeting for Year 5 residential visit |
| Wednesday 27 th January | AM | Year 2 out for a circus skills visit workshop |
| Wednesday 3 rd February | All day | School Maths Day |
| Thursday 4 th February | 9.00am | Year 1 class assembly – family and friends welcome |
| Wednesday 10 th February | AM | Mobile Library visit |
| W/B 15 th February | All week | Half term break |
| 22 nd – 26 th February | All week | Year 6 residential visit to Woodlands |
| Monday 22 nd February | AM | Year 2 and Year 5 Stardome in School |
| Tuesday 1 st March | All day | Year 4 visit to Coleshill Estate |
| Wednesday 2 nd March | 6.00pm | Meeting for parents regarding new assessment procedures |
| Thursday 3 rd March | All day | World Book Day |
| Friday 4 th March | 9.00am | Year 6 class assembly – family and friends welcome |
| Tuesday 8 th March | AM | Visit from author Mini Grey |
| Tuesday 8 th March | 4.00 – 7.00pm | Parent / Teacher meetings |
| Wednesday 8 th March | AM | Visit from author Julia Golding |
| Wednesday 9 th March | 3.10 – 5.00pm | Parent / Teacher meetings |
| 10 th and 11 th March | Before and after school | Book Fair in the hall |
| Wednesday 16 th March | AM | Mobile Library visit |
| Friday 18 th March | 9.00am | Reception class assembly – family and friends welcome |
| Thursday 24 th March | 9.30am | Easter service at St. Michael's. Friends and families welcome |
| Thursday 24 th March | 1.15pm | School closes for the Easter holidays |
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| Monday 11 th April | | Children return to school |