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Dear Parents,

Book Days

I hope your children enjoyed the author visits by Mini Grey and Julia Golding this week. Each of the authors led assemblies followed by class workshops. The book signings were popular too and I hope it helped to inspire the children to read more and develop their own writing skills.

The Book Fair has been on this week too; thank you for your support. 50% of all the money taken is given back to the school in the form of books for our libraries. And finally many thanks to Miss Jones for organising all of the events connected with Book Week this term: dressing up day, the school story, visiting authors and the Book Fair.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you for coming to school on Tuesday or Wednesday this week to meet with your child's class teacher and catch up with their progress at this midpoint through the year. If you weren't able to make it, please contact the office to make an alternative appointment.

School Uniform

There are a growing number of children who are not following the dress code for our school uniform. Children should come to school wearing dark trousers / skirts, black shoes and a school top. The principal behind having a uniform is a combination of ensuring that children / parents aren't under pressure to wear 'fashion' clothes to school and to encourage children into a school working state of mind rather than a weekend attitude.

Please could you also continue to make sure that your children do not wear jewellery to school, especially earrings other than studs. As dangly earrings, necklaces and bracelets can create a safety issue.

There is a second hand uniform sale on the school drive at the end of the day next Friday where all items are only a pound, should you need to top up your uniform stock. Thank you for your support with this.

Chess success

Our Year 4 children played their final chess match of the season this week against Emmanuelle Christian School. They played really well as always, but lost out to their stronger opponents this time. Meanwhile our Under 11 team won their game match 5-1, which should almost certainly see them through to the county finals. Their final match is the postponed match against Chandlings at the end of term.

From Your PTA

I hope you and your children really enjoyed the discos last week. Thank you for coming!

From next Thursday morning we will be running our annual Easter Egg Raffle. Eggs have been donated by The Co-Op, Waitrose, M&S and Tesco's and are fabulous. We are particularly grateful to the Botley Co-op who have donated a range of eggs, hampers and baskets of goodies this year. We will be selling tickets every morning in the entrance hall before school from Thursday 17th. Tickets are 25p each or £1 a strip. Mr Read has kindly offered to draw the winning tickets at the end of term. Next Friday (18th March) we will have a second hand uniform sale on the drive after school. Every item is £1 so don't forget your money next week!

Calling all Junior Runners!

If your son or daughter is aged 9, 10 or 11 and is interested in running the Oxford Junior Town and Gown 3km fun run on Sunday 15th May 2016, we have registered a Cumnor Primary School team. Entry costs £12 per runner and it's a great event, run through the scenic Oxford city centre and finishing in the University Parks. The run raises money for Muscular Dystrophy UK and all runners receive a goody bag at the end.

To register, go to <http://www.townandgown10k.com/junior-run/> and when you are asked for the 'Team Name', type in 'Cumnor Primary School'. Please can you also tell Kathryn Taylor (Niall's mum), telephone number 07951 172177, if you decide to enter, so we know who will be running for the school team.

Hope that lots of you can make it!

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Making our own fairy tales mini books, exploring weight and developing the story of the Three Little Pigs.
Year 1	Doubles to 20, using 'and' instead of full stops and comparing fish, birds and mammals.
Year 2	Developing characters from Robin Hood, comparing intervals of time and exploring a pond habitat.
Year 3	Halving and doubling, newspapers reports about The Iron Man and creating PowerPoints connected with our E-safety work.
Year 4	Using factors in maths, writing a recount of the Coleshill day visit and exploring the story of Anne Frank.
Year 5	Percentages and proportion, using adverbs to link clauses and geometric Islamic style art.
Year 6	Simple algebra, revising homophones and looking at the differences between the canals of Oxfordshire and Monmouthshire.

Next week:

Tuesday 15 th March	All day	Year 1 visit to The Cotswold Wildlife Park.
Wednesday 16 th March	AM	Library van visit.
Friday 18 th March	9.00am	Reception class assembly – family and friends welcome.
Friday 18 th March	After School	Second hand uniform sale.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher