News from Cumnor School

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Congratulations to all our Reception children and the Acorn Class team for their wonderful assembly this morning. This was their first assembly and they presented themselves so well. They spoke beautifully, performed the story of the Three Little Pigs brilliantly and treated us to some amazing dancing! Well done everyone.

Skipping Lizzie

Skipping Lizzie was fabulous with the children once again! Everyone enjoyed their workshops; learning to skip, speed skipping, double-dutch and some fabulous tricks! The school day finished with a show where the children showed how much they had learned in just a day! Our super keen skippers in skipping club enjoyed an extra session of skipping coaching from Lizzie at the end of the day too.
I'm sure the children will want to continue their skipping next week, so if they do bring in their own ropes, please ensure they are named, as lots of them will look the same!

Oxford Chess League

Over the last term or so our Under 11 chess team have been playing a range of matches against other chess playing schools. Matches have involved a team of 6, playing either at home or away against schools such as Magdalen College School, Emmanuelle Christian School and Chandlings. Our core team of Eddie, Hannah, Rona, Ruby, Jake and Sebastien (with the addition of Freddie and Luke at one game each) all played brilliantly and are a real credit to our school. There were some memorable wins and Eddie nearly had a 100% success rate as did Freddie. The league is now over and it looks like Magdalen will win it again (as they have done every year since 2002…) but now onto the Delaney Megafinals and looking forward to trying again in the league next year! Thank you to all our players and their parents for their support with the matches this year.

Swimming Team News

Our talented swimmers swam to even MORE success in the pool last Friday in the English Schools Swimming Association Oxfordshire Championships. Braving diving blocks for the first time, the team swam to an excellent second place in both heats and finals. They were a great credit to Cumnor School, not only displaying swimming brilliance but fantastic team spirit, leading the way with a "dance off" between heats and finals. Well done to Bethan, Joe, Niall and Pearl, and a huge thank you to Bethan's mum Nicki, for helping out, standing in as a judge at the last minute and leading the dancing!

School Clubs

To try and be more efficient and effective, we are sending home the school run clubs list for next term home today. We are pleased to be able to trial an additional club by the 'Magical Maths' company next term. They came to school this week to enthuse the children some more about maths and promote their afterschool maths club. If your child is interested, this club will need to be booked online with the company directly at www.magicalmathsclub.com See the leaflet also sent home for more information. **Please return all your other school run club choices to the front office by the end of term.**

Clubs – Next week

Please note that there will be no Sketching club next week, all other clubs will be running as normal. This will be the last week for teacher run clubs.

Easter Family Bingo Evening

The PTA's Family Bingo evening is next Friday from 5.30pm – 7.30pm.
If you are able to bring in an Easter related prize such as an Easter Egg, please can you do so by Wednesday so that the PTA can plan out how best to distribute the prizes. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there!

Music Lessons

Alan Summers from Music For Schools will be in school next Monday to show and play a variety of brass and woodwind instruments during assembly. Music For School currently teach the brass and woodwind in school and there will be opportunities for beginner lessons to start next term. If you think your child may be interested in starting lessons, Alan will also be in school at 3.15pm on Thursday for a parent meeting.

From your PTA:

Bingo night is just a week away and it will be a fantastic night! It is a family night designed for children and adults to join in the fun. So keep Friday 31st March at 5.30pm - 7.30pm free. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 26th March and are priced at £5 for a family or £2 per person, which gives each entrant a bingo booklet with 6 games (one game is a music bingo – will definitely need the children for that one!) and loads of opportunities for prizes! You can buy tickets on the door too. There will be popcorn, pizza and garlic bread to keep you fed and of course, the bar! Please see the flyer for all the details.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read

	What has my child been doing this week?
Reception	Practicing and performing our assembly and working on the value of different coins.
Year 1	Looking after Hilary and Bessie, our guinea pigs, learning about why Jesus washed feet and counting in 5's.
Year 2	Multiplication and division, reading Fantastic Mr Fox and learning forward rolls.
Year 3	Multiplication and division problems, creating comic-strips and learning about internet safety.
Year 4	Area and perimeter, writing newspaper reports and playing netball in PE.
Year 5	Main and subordinate clauses, area and perimeter and basketball with Mr Henderson.
Year 6	Roman numbers, analysing poetry and researching why dragons are important in Chinese culture.

Next week:

Wednesday 29th March	AM	Year 6 photographs morning
Thursday 30th March	3.15pm	Music For Schools parents meeting
Friday 31st March	9.00am	Year 4 class assembly – family and friends welcome
Friday 31st March	5.30pm	PTA Family Bingo Evening