



News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Have we only been back one full week?!

As you can imagine, it has been incredibly busy this week, especially with OFSTED visiting us on Thursday. What has struck me most though has been the way the children have all come back to school and got back into the school routines so quickly and so well. They have all been working hard, are being kind to one another and are an absolute pleasure to teach. It feels as though our youngest children have been here forever – getting into the routine of school, settling in quickly with no tears and joining in as part of our school family so well.

The OFSTED visit on Thursday was bit of a surprise to all of us; we were expecting one, but the first full week of term is the very first opportunity that they get! Everything went well and the OFSTED inspector was very impressed with everything that she saw and heard about at our school. We are pleased with the results and feel it reflects our school well. Unfortunately I'm not allowed to share the inspector's judgements with you just yet, but will of course send you a copy of the report as soon as it's with us. This is likely to be in about three weeks time. Thank you so much for your support this week and your positive comments both to the Inspector herself and through ParentView.

It's not quite over yet though! – We were also informed that our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection will be next Thursday! As a church school the inspectors look at 'How distinctive and effective is this school as a Church of England School?'

The three areas of focus are:

- How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a Church school.

And again we will let you know the outcome of this inspection when we hear.

GOLD Games mark!

We are pleased to say that our amazing sporting efforts last year have led to Cumnor School being upgraded from a Silver Games Mark to a Gold Games Mark! The School Games is a programme that encourages all school children to join in with competitive sport at an appropriate level. Here at Cumnor, we have taken part in competitions in school, in our partnership and in our district. We've entered more than ever before and been incredibly successful - have a look at the sporting wall of fame in the hall to see a few of our amazing school competitors! We are very proud of all our sports stars and will be aiming to continue our winning ways this year. Many thanks to Miss Pearson for leading our PE and Sports teaching so effectively. We are all really lucky to have someone so committed to developing this key area of the children's learning.



After School Clubs

Thank you for returning your child's after school club choices earlier this week. You should have received an email today for any club choices your child **can not** attend. If you haven't heard from us, please assume that you child can go to the clubs you requested. All clubs are starting next week.



See the Best, Be the Next! Power Tumbler - Ben Goodall

It was great to see Power Tumbler Ben Goodall this week. He talked to the whole school in assembly about how he became interested in gymnastics and power tumbling in particular, showed us all his medals and did some amazing flips and tumbles. He then went on to enjoy a PE lesson with our Year 2 children as part of their topic work this term which is 'Fighting Fit', I hope the children enjoyed his visit and may have been inspired too.

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Settling in really well, getting to know one another and the routines of the day. Our first whole school assembly went brilliantly too.
Year 1	Counting up to and down from 100, writing sentences and questions, using our sense of touch to explore sand, snow, seeds and socks!
Year 2	Using place value to solve problems, keeping fit in PE and creating our own Andy Warhol inspired pop art.
Year 3	Working with place value in maths writing stories about dragons and learning rugby skills.
Year 4	Exploring Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes, place value and learning greetings in French.
Year 5	Locating countries and major cities around the Americas, writing prayers and exploring working with place value in millions.
Year 6	Investigating place value, exploring antonyms and synonyms and discussing why saints are good role models.

Next week:

Tuesday 19 th September	10.30	Year 5 start swimming lessons
Wednesday 20 th September	2.30pm	Phonics meeting in the school hall
Thursday 21 st September	All day	SIAMS Inspection

Yours sincerely,

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