News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter **Number 3** **22nd September 2017**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support with both our inspections over the last week or so. We had our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection yesterday and that went well too. The reports should be out in a couple of weeks.

Staff News
We were sorry to hear that Mrs Wooller, one of our lovely Reception TAs will be leaving us just before half term. Mrs Wooller has done a brilliant job of helping settle our new children in and taking care of them at lunch times. We have advertised Mrs Wooller's position and hope to appoint someone new for after half term.

Cauliflower cards
By now you should have received information from the PTA regarding personalised Christmas cards. If you would like to order some of the Christmas cards, you have just over a week to get your child to create a Christmas masterpiece on the paper provided and return it to school by October 3rd.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning!
As part of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support, the church are holding a coffee morning next Friday 29th September in St. Michael's Parish Centre, opposite the church, from 10.00am-12.00pm.
Why not come and enjoy a cup of coffee and home-made cake in a good cause?

Cumnor Nursery Fundraiser
The popular children's entertainer Nick Cope will be performing at Cumnor Village Hall on 30 September. Doors will open at 2.15pm, with the show starting at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £5 per person and are available from Dick's newsagents. Refreshments will be available and there will be a raffle with a range of fantastic prizes, including tickets to Blenheim Palace, Beale Park, Cotswold Wildlife Park and Farmer Gow's.
Nick is performing to support Cumnor Nursery's fundraising efforts to improve their outside play area.

Governors meeting
We had our first governors meeting of the term this week. We welcomed our new community governor Tom Christophers and we updated some of our statutory policies. We also discussed the results of both the parents' survey from last summer term, and the ParentView survey from last week's OFSTED visit. Thank you completing both these surveys. As we start to look more carefully at the results we will put together an action plan for further improvement and keep you informed of the progress we make.

Next week:

Tuesday 26th September	PM	Film crew filming a TDTS science lesson in Year 4
Thursday 28th September	All day	National Poetry Day

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Working on length and height measures, starting our story telling project around Goldilocks and the Three Bears and drawing family portraits.
Year 1	Recognising coins values, writing the next chapter of the 'Courtney' story and making the windows for Miss Piggy's house.
Year 2	Doing our very first Wonderwrite, making healthy sandwiches and creating some lovely pictures with string prints.
Year 3	Subtracting with number lines, having a go at computer coding and making sure we have correct punctuation in our English work.
Year 4	Learning strategies for mental subtraction, writing our own Revolting Rhymes and looking at a timeline of Roald Dahl's life.
Year 5	Learning about the origins of Islam, exploring factors and prime numbers and learning techniques for effective note taking.
Year 6	Writing and performing play scripts based on Alice in Wonderland, finding about the life and death of Amy Robsart and looking at Roman numerals.

Have a lovely weekend,
Yours sincerely,

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