



# News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter

Number 8

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents,



### Visit from Korky Paul

We were delighted to welcome author and illustrator Korky Paul to school on Wednesday. He spent time with each class talking to them about his books and creating some individual illustrations based on their own ideas. Korky then spent some time signing books at the end of the day. Well done to all the Korky Paul competition winners too who came up with some fabulous Korky designs. These, along with photos of the day and a couple of the illustrations Korky did for us, are displayed in the entrance hall. I hope your children had a memorable day and are inspired to create their own book and illustrations! Many thanks to the PTA for funding Korky's visit.

### Parent's evenings

Parent's evenings are being held next Tuesday and Wednesday. You should by now know when your meeting time has been allocated. If you haven't been able to sign up yet please get in touch with your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Because of these meetings some of the teacher run clubs will be cancelled next week:

Clubs running next week	Clubs cancelled next week
Karate	Choir
Football club (Yr R – 4)	Chess
Football club (With Jon Ward on Friday)	Book Club
The Monday Group	Archaeology club
Sketching	
Kitchen Garden	
Netball	
Lab Rats	
Athletics	
Tennis	

### Year 6 Maths Challenge

Very well done to this Year's Year 6 Maths Challenge team of Rona, Natalie, Josh and Amaan. They represented the school brilliantly as they worked their way through some fiendishly difficult maths challenges at St Edwards School this week. They did really well, coming a very creditable 18<sup>th</sup> out of the 40 schools that entered.



### School photos

Individual and family photos were taken on Thursday this week. The proofs for ordering should be with us next week.

## From your PTA

Alongside parent's evening next Wednesday, we will be running a second hand uniform sale in the hall. Do bring your £s and pick up some bargains.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is our non-uniform day. All children can come to school in their own clothes and in return please bring an offering for our raffle stalls at the Christmas Bazaar. This can be anything from toys, smellies, wine (or spirits), or a gift, please donate something that you wouldn't mind receiving yourself!

December 1st 5.30pm - 7.30pm is our Christmas Bazaar. It's a fantastic night and a real chance to get together as a school and a village. You will shortly be contacted by your class rep asking you to volunteer to run a stall for half an hour, please do volunteer, it makes such a difference how quickly people offer to help. If you can help with setting up or clearing up please let your class rep know, we appreciate the extra help so much.

Don't forget Black Friday on 24th November, if you are intending to shop and haven't already signed up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) please do. It only takes a couple of minutes to do and it's an easy way to raise money for the school.

A PTA PLEA! - We really need a year 6 parent to join the PTA. It doesn't need to be a big commitment, just whatever you can offer. Please talk to any member of the PTA if you think you could spare the time, we'd love to have you and we really need you!

## Shoe Box appeals

If you would like to fill a shoe box as part of the shoebox appeals this year then please check on the appropriate websites for what can be included:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/operation-christmas-child-resources/>

<http://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2017>

Please could you ensure that the filled shoeboxes are returned to school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

## Fire Engine visits Year 2

We were pleased to welcome back to school the Oxford Firefighters who were able to bring their fire engine to school on Thursday. Our Year 2 children talked to the firemen about their work, found out about fire safety, looked around the fire engine and climbed aboard!



## Poppies

Our Year 6 children will be taking poppies around the school next week as part of the Remembrance Poppy Appeal. Children will receive a poppy in return for a donation to the appeal.



## School Dinners

A quick reminder that school dinners for children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 are now £2.30 each.

**Next Week:**

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	3 – 7pm	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	3 – 5pm	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	Year 6 Visit to the JR hospital for the IMPS programme
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Year 1 to the Story Museum and Oxford Cathedral
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	Year 2 drama workshop
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	PM	Choir singing at the Remember When concert
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Year 3 visit to Hill End

**What's my child been doing this week?**

Reception	Built a bonfire and talked about fire safety, blended words and looked at 3D shapes and their properties.
Year 1	Read lots of fairy tales together, counted in twos and tens and found the best materials for Cinderella's carriage.
Year 2	Wrote bonfire poetry, recognised 3D shapes and met the local fire brigade.
Year 3	Wrote reports using subheadings, learned our multiplication tables and practiced gymnastics positions.
Year 4	Learned to read and write instructions, researched major events of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century and started some work on Lowry.
Year 5	Calculated area and perimeter, edited and improved our persuasive letters and made rainforest spiders!
Year 6	Read and discussed Philip Pullman's 'Clockwork', started or 'Europe' topic and solved maths problems involving times tables.

Yours sincerely,



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