News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter **Number 13** **8th December 2017**

Dear Parents,

It was Year 4's turn to treat us to their class assembly this week. They shared some wonderful work on their current history project – The 20th Century including some amazing Lowry style art work, excellent written work and a fabulous Charleston dance to 'The Lambeth Walk'. Very well done to all involved.

Snow excitement!
Although it was just a few thick flurries, and was over with quite quickly, our children loved the snow today. Our Key Stage 1 children were trying to eat it and our Key Stage 2 children all created a conga through it! The weather forecast is currently predicting quite heavy snow on Monday during the day so remember to send your children with coats, gloves and hats so they can enjoy a bit of snowman building! and listen to the radio in case of school closure, also check our website.

Christmas Fayre
I hope you all really enjoyed the PTA Christmas Fayre last Friday. There seemed to be a wonderful atmosphere in school with everyone keeping busy, well fed, laughing and spending money! A huge thank you to the PTA team who put the whole event together. They are brilliant!

Lateness
I'm afraid that quite a few children are still coming to school late in the mornings (on Thursday we only had 17 year six children in by 8.50!). I'm sure the children are tired, but lateness does mean a much disrupted or late start to the day for all the children. Please do try to get to school between 8.35 and 8.50am. Thank you.

After School Clubs
Please note that there are no clubs next week with the exception of Karate.

Today you should have received the list of school after school clubs that will be running next term. Please could you return your preferences to Nicola in the office as soon a possible so we can let you know which clubs your child will be attending before the end of term.

Christmas events
Lots of Christmas events are coming up next week – I hope you can make some of them. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have been busily practising for their Nativity performances on Thursday next week. If you are coming along, please remember we can only accommodate two ticket holders per family at each performance.

Our choir will be singing at both Wytham House care home and Oxenford house next week; I'm sure the residents will enjoy seeing and hearing the children. The Choir will also be having a starring role at our Carols by Candlelight concert at school on Tuesday, along with several children playing instruments. It would be great if all the Key Stage 2 children could come along with their families.

Then we have Out of The Blue joining us for the day on Friday. Please could you send your £5, per child voluntary donations into school as soon as possible if you haven't already done so and let us know if you are able to join us for the fabulous concert at the end of the day.

Events for the rest of term:

Tuesday 12th December	10.00am	Choir singing at Wytham House.
Tuesday 12th December	12.00pm	Year 6 European Banquet.
Tuesday 12th December	6.00pm	KS2 Carols by Candlelight evening.
Wednesday 13th December	10.00am	Choir singing at Oxenford House.
Thursday 14th December	2pm and 6pm	Reception, Yr 1 & 2 Nativity. Parents and friends welcome.
Friday 15th December	All day	Out of The Blue visiting school. Concert for friends and family after school from 2.15 – 3.00pm.
Monday 18th December	PM	Christmas Dinner and afternoon cinema.
Tuesday 19th December	9.30am	Christmas Service. Family and friends welcome.
Tuesday 19th December	1.15pm	School closes for the Christmas holidays.

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Rehearsing Nativity, practising writing/reading words and captions. Writing letters to Santa and making Christmas wreaths.
Year 1	Rehearsing Nativity, using 2 coins to make an amount, making lift the flap information posters.
Year 2	Rehearsing Nativity, using lines of symmetry, writing own chapter of 'Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and reflecting on the impact of The Great Fire of London.
Year 3	Working with analogue and digital times, creating Viking reports on the computer and retelling the story of Beowulf.
Year 4	Learning about different types of triangles and quadrilaterals, playing netball and practising for our class assembly.
Year 5	Discussing deforestation and its impact, long multiplication and performing the poem 'The Walrus and the Carpenter'.
Year 6	Investigating area and perimeter, writing personification poems and starting to prepare for our banquet.

Yours sincerely,

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