



News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Snow excitement!

Thank you once again for your understanding regarding our Snow Day on Monday and I hope you have all stayed safe throughout the week. Although the snow stopped on Monday, things seem to have got steadily worse during the week with the compacted snow and ice making walking and driving quite treacherous. The children have had fun at school though:



Christmas Dinner

On Monday we will be having our Christmas dinner at school. Just about all the children join in and there is always a fabulously festive atmosphere in the hall. This year we want to make it even more fun by adding a little festive cheer to their school uniforms. If the children would like to add a little Christmas flourish to their uniform they certainly may, perhaps some Christmas socks, a Father Christmas hat, Christmas hairbands, or a Christmas jumper would all be appropriate.

The Christmas Church Service Will Be At School!

Unfortunately the building works at the Church have slightly over-run and so we will not be able to hold our Christmas Church Service at St. Michael's. We will be carrying on though and the service will be exactly the same but at school in the hall. Because the children won't have to walk down to the church we will be starting slightly earlier at 9.10am. Please do join us if you can.



Christmas Nativity

Very well done to all our Reception and Key Stage 1 children who performed their Nativity beautifully this week. They looked adorable in their outfits, and sang and acted brilliantly. Very well done to them, especially Kate who was a last minute stand-in for Mary. Thank you to all our Reception and Key Stage 1 staff for working so hard on getting the children ready. Ian Wallman (Stan's dad in Year 2) has taken some wonderful photos which are on display in the entrance hall. If you want to buy or download copies they are available at <https://iwphotographic.pixieset.com/cumnornativity2017byianwallman/>

Christmas Carols

I'm sorry we had to cancel our Carols by Candlelight concert earlier this week, and we also had to cancel our visit to Wytham House. The choir still managed to sing at Oxenford House and did so beautifully. Most of the children who were due to play their instruments at the Carols by Candlelight evening will have an opportunity to play in assemblies this week or next instead. Thank you to Mrs Broadhurst who has organised all the music events this Christmas.



Year 6 European Banquet

Well done to all of our Year 6 children, and their families who prepared a fabulous banquet for themselves and all our staff on Tuesday. The range of food was amazing and all of it was absolutely delicious. A wonderful end to their European topic this term.

Out of the Blue

The children are having an amazing time with Out Of the Blue today – the workshops have been superb and we are really looking forward to the concert later today. It's a fantastic opportunity for the children to work with an internationally recognised group of singers and hopefully it will inspire a few of our budding young Ed Sheerans...



Cumnor Christmas Cinema Afternoon

Our school festivities continue next week with our Christmas meal and Christmas service, which will be held in the school hall this year.

Each year we have an afternoon 'Christmas Treat' for the children. On Monday afternoon, all the children will have the opportunity to get a drink and some popcorn before going to their choice of film. There will be 7 films to choose from:

Screen 1 – Elf

Screen 2 – Arthur Christmas

Screen 3 – Pete's Dragon

Screen 4 – Beauty and the Beast (not animated version)

Screen 5 – Nativity 2

Screen 6 – Muppet Christmas Carol

Screen 7 – Moana

I'm sure the children will love the school cinema experience and love mixing up with the other children in the school. They will be shown trailers for each film the morning before. Please have a talk to your children about which film they would like to see and if there are any that you would prefer them not to watch, please let them know, and also tell a member of staff if necessary.

Clubs

Thank you for returning your after School Club preferences. There are still a few vacancies in some clubs, particularly Kitchen Garden on Tuesday and Friday Football club. Mrs Joyce will let you know on Monday if your child has not be allocated a place for a particular club.

Events for the rest of term:

Monday 18 th December	PM	Christmas Dinner and Afternoon Cinema.
Tuesday 19 th December	9.10pm	Christmas Service. IN THE SCHOOL HALL Family and friends welcome.
Tuesday 19 th December	1.15pm	School closes for the Christmas holidays.
Thursday 4 th January	8.50am	Children return to school.

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Shared books, looking for tricky words. Practising and performing our uplifting Nativity. Making Christmas crackers and gingerbread.
Year 1	Inventing and following peg board patterns, writing to a knight and rhyming words.
Year 2	Making and learning about Christingle, inference work and performing our Nativity brilliantly!
Year 3	Drawing and interpreting pictograms, writing instructions and writing in Saxon runes.
Year 4	Creating Christmas fact files, translating shapes on coordinate grids, reading and performing 'Twas the night before Christmas'.
Year 5	Completed our Maya masks - they look fantastic, please do pop into the classroom and have a look. Writing poems in the style of 'Twas the night before Christmas' and reading scales in maths.
Year 6	Hosting our European banquet, playing in a chess tournament, drawing accurate circles and labelling the parts. Also, lots of Christmas singing.

Yours sincerely,



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