News from Cumnor School

Spring Term Newsletter **Number 10** **16th March 2018**

Dear Parents,

Although British Science Week was marred a little by the death of Stephen Hawking on Wednesday, we still enjoyed some great science work and a visit from Jeroen Bergman (Tristan's dad) who entertained us with a fascinating assembly about programming through motion analysis. Jeroen went on to work in our Year 1, 2 and 3 classes to show them how the software worked in more detail. It was a great experience for all of us.

Year 4 class assembly

And we had another fabulous class assembly from our Year 4 children today, all dressing, speaking and learning like Romans! Very well done to all of them, it was a really polished performance and showed off the amazing work they have done on their topic this term.

Recycling Competition

Our Eco-council have been very busy over the past week checking up on how much waste we create and making sure that we are recycling as much as we possibly can. They have also launched a recycling competition: make an animal out of recycled materials. The children enjoyed an assembly where Mrs Crichton showed them some examples of animal sculptures made from recycled bottles and waste.

If your child would like to make a recycled animal using recycling from home, please could they bring it in, with a £1 fee (money going to our school charity, The Blue Cross) by 26th March. Good luck!!

Football
Our Year 4 football team did really well in the district competition at Chandlings this week, winning their three group games comfortably but coming unstuck with the dreaded 'golden goal' in the quarter finals! Very well done to Layla, Rosie, Will, Toby, Zac, Elizabeth and Willem.

Illness
As is often the case, there have been plenty of coughs, colds and a little flu around this term, it is also worth noting, that we have had some other health related problems this term including scarlet fever and of course a never ending battle with head lice.

From your PTA:
Next Friday is Bingo Night. If you haven't already, pop it in your diary as it will be great night, fun for everyone, lots of prizes, good food and a bar. The bingo will run from 5.30 - 7.30pm with the bar staying open until 8.30pm so we have a chance for a chat. Anyone who can come early and help set up, or stay for 20mins at the end to help clear up will be appreciated.
Prizes (donations of eggs gratefully received) will be on display in the entrance hall from Monday 19th with the chance to buy tickets for the night.
See the attached flyer for more details.

Easter Holiday Chess Club
A new holiday "chess and activities" holiday club for children is starting up this Easter holidays at Cumnor Primary School (NB the school is the venue; it is not run by the school). The club will run from 9am – 4.30pm during the holidays. Our external chess coach, Dr Andrew Varney, will be leading the chess coaching. It is suitable for all children aged 7 and above who are keen to learn how to play chess, and for those who already enjoy playing but would like to improve. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Messy Church
The next Messy Church sessions are on Saturday 24th March 3 – 5pm at St Michael's Church in Cumnor and again on Good Friday 30th March from 2 – 4pm at St Andrew's Church in Dean's Court. Fun and food provided!

Rainbows spaces
Our local Rainbow unit has spaces! They meet on a Thursday and the group is open to all girls from the age of 5 upwards. Visit the girl guiding website to sign up your daughter or, for more details, please email Karen at Karen13579@hotmail.co.uk

School Dinners

WEEK 2 menu:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham and sweetcorn pizza Or Cheese and tomato pizza	Salmon pasta bake Or Jacket potatoes	Roast turkey and Yorkshire pudding Or Vegetarian toad-in-the-hole	Mild beef chilli with rice Or Cheese and onion pinwheel	Baked breaded fish fillet Or Quorn in BBQ sauce

What has my child been doing this week?

Reception	Finding out about stars and writing books about them, making pizzas and making rockets and launching them.
Year 1	Solving missing number problems, writing fossil poems and practising attacking and defending PE skills.
Year 2	Finding fractions of amounts in maths, writing a letter and investigating materials in science.
Year 3	Using inverse operations in maths, punctuating dialogue, and practising our typing skills in computing.
Year 4	Finding the area and perimeter of rectangles, learning about Boudicca's rebellion and practising for our class assembly.
Year 5	Finding perimeter and missing measurements of compound shapes, building stamina for distance running, up levelling sentences using relative clauses, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.
Year 6	Using modal verbs in our writing, preparing an Egyptian dance and holding a sorting ceremony to work out which Hogwarts house we all belong in.

Next Week:

Wednesday 21st March	All Day	Year 3 trip to Oxford.
Friday 23rd March	9.00am	Year 6 class assembly – family and friends welcome.
Friday 23rd March	All Day	Year 4 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa.
Friday 23rd March	5.30pm	PTA Bingo Evening.

Have a good week, even though it looks like snow again!!

Yours sincerely,

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