

CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY DIGEST



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR TREETOPS NURSERY, CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Summer Term 2017, week 1

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IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS

Across the Cumnor House Schools and Treetops Nursery



Cumnor House School is committed to improving parent-school communication

It's a new term and a new look newsletter for the Cumnor House Group of Schools and Nurseries. In response to parent feedback, we know you want to hear more from all the Cumnor settings.

If you're a parent of a child at Treetops for example, we want you to see what's happening at the schools too, so you can picture your little one there in a year or two. If you're a parent with children at both schools, we want you to hear equal-

ly about the wonderful things that happen every week in both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools.

We also recognise that you're all busy parents who want to keep in touch with the schools' and nursery's activities and news in a variety of ways.

That's why we will be posting more on our Facebook page and on our Twitter page. We'll also be keeping the news pages of our own website up-to-date with regular stories, as well as adding more photos to our gallery pages.

Did you know we have a new youtube channel? Still in its infancy, we are continuing to gather videos from recent trips, sporting and music events. Do take a look and subscribe to be notified of new videos.

Take a look now at some amazing videos from the

recent Dubai Cricket Tour run by the Boys School over the Easter holidays. What lucky boys and what impressive cricket they played in top quality cricket grounds. An experience creating memories that will last a lifetime.

With so much news across all the channels, you may find that the newsletter itself is shorter than it has previously been. The aim will be to keep it focused on the important messages we need to tell you about and to summarise the past week's events, while reminding you about what's coming up.

We hope you will like what you see and, as always, welcome your feedback and ideas. Please see our back page for a reminder of our social media addresses.

**Floyd Steadman
Dina Mallett
Carole Finch**

See the highlights of the week

- MATHS ACHIEVEMENTS
- MODERN ART
- MUD PIES!

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THE TRUE MARK OF A SCHOOL IS WHAT LIES WITHIN



Floyd Steadman

A Word from the Headmaster

Firstly I would like to welcome all the boys back after what I hope has been a restful Easter holiday. Historically the summer term tends to be relatively short, but very busy with so many activities on offer. I am very much looking forward to watching the school play next week and must remind you that the performances are being held in the Carterham School theatre. I have again challenged the boys to try to get involved in as many activities as possible. Your son may have told you about the theme of my assembly on Wednesday morning. I spoke to the boys about doors, which initially must have sounded strange. I

went on to explain that each new opportunity we are given is like a door. We can choose to keep the door shut and not walk forward and pass through it – we can choose not to take the opportunity given to us. Or we can say ‘yes’ to the opportunity. To say ‘yes’ is like opening a door and walking through it to experience whatever the new opportunity has to offer.

I would like to congratulate all of the boys who took part in the very successful cricket tour to Dubai over the Easter holidays. I enjoyed reading the daily blogs, and the boys clearly had a

fantastic experience. They also performed extremely well on the pitch, winning 4 of the 6 matches played. Equally satisfying was the very positive feedback about their conduct and behavior, they did themselves and our school proud.

Finally I would like to thank parents for the many kind words and emails in response to the letter I send to you on the last day of the spring term. I have already been in contact with Mr. Cummings, and we are arranging times when he will visit our school.

Learning about Growing Plants in Year 1



Year 1 have started learning about Growing this week. The 1S and 1T classrooms have started growing beanstalks which look great. This afternoon

1S were making the giant’s castle in art, using different beans as seeds.

Mrs Shelley

Stars of the Week

Aarush Raghavendra	1C
Charlton Reiner	1S
Umair Khan	1T
Rahul Chakravarty	2C
Karthikeyan Sunil	2S



Future Events

Next Week's Calendar

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Swim to Win Week 1	Aladdin Dress Rehearsal	Aladdin Dress Rehearsal	Aladdin Performance	Aladdin Performance	Junior Maths Challenge	Author Visit

Moses, Ovie and Charlie 7M



Mathletics Challenge in Year 7

CHS boys came a very creditable 37th out of 330 schools who entered the March Mathletics Challenge.

Special congratulations go to the boys of 7M who made a very determined effort. In particular to Charlie in 7M who gained an impressive 7th place on the World leader board during the Challenge. Moses came top in year 7 and Ovie came second.

Overall a fabulous school wide effort. Very well done to everyone who took part.

Mrs Roberts



Sports Events

- Monday—Cricket
 - U13B Boys—late training
 - U12A vs Trinity School (away)
 - U8A Cricket Trials
- Thursday—Cricket
 - U11A Cricket Trials
 - U10A Cricket Trials
 - U9A&B Skills Training
- Thursday—Tennis
 - U13A vs Reed's School (away)
- Friday—Cricket
 - U8ABC&D vs Downsends School (home)
 - U7A Cricket Training



It's the start of hayfever season, so would all parents please ensure they send in the necessary medication and/or inhalers if their child is affected.

Year 5 and 6 Trip to Tate Modern and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre



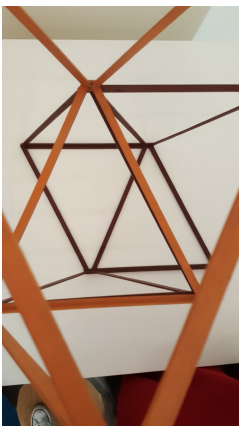
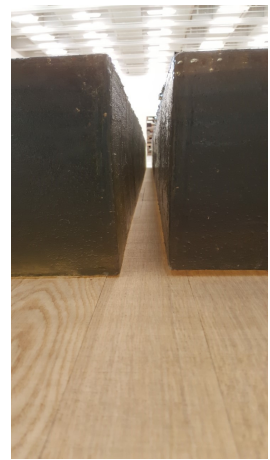
On Thursday 20th April the Year 5 and 6 girls popped into London visiting both the Tate Modern and the Globe Theatre. The Year 5 girls studied art and artists they had been introduced to at school, having lots of fun matching their physical pose to that of statues and canvas. Meanwhile, Year 6 were in the 'Between Object and Architecture' room where the girls were given a word-based, photography challenge - matching art to visual impact whilst considering abstraction and interesting angles for pictures.

Following lunch we headed to the Globe Theatre,

where we were fortunate enough to observe the actors in a 'Technical Rehearsal' for the latest production of Romeo and Juliet (which Year 6 performed last year for their school show). We then completed a workshop based around Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' which Year 5 performed at school prior to the Easter break.

An amazingly entertaining, fun and highly educational day was had by all.

Mr Tindall



A Word from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new term; I do hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful break. It has been a delight to discuss with the girls the activities in which they have participated during the school holiday, especially those which involved running around in the fresh air, part of the 'Headmistress's Holiday Homework'.

We have had a busy start to the term: as I type this, our Year 5 and Year 6 girls are currently at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, following a morning at the Tate Modern, and Year 3 are doing something very interesting in the playground during their science lesson that is prompting me to go to investigate... My highlight of the week so far has been sitting with Year 1 at lunchtime today, listening to an in-depth

debate about the tooth fairy. Already, aged 6, these Cumnor girls were showing impressive conviction in their views and confidence to voice them!







I am looking forward to an exciting term ahead and reporting many successes and achievements to you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Dina Mallett

Stars of the Week

	Fatima	for her excellent attitude towards her learning and for always trying her best.	RT	
	Whole Class	for settling in so well with their new teacher and behaving so beautifully.	RM	
	Olanna	for answering questions very well in class.	1SC	
	Isabella	for excellent understanding when adding 10 more and taking away 10 from any given number.	1M	
	Anoushka	for always thinking of fantastic sentences to include in her handwriting homework.	2H	
	Darcy	For the effort she's put in joining her handwriting	2L	

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				Girls School Open Morning 9.30-11am	Staff Meeting	

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TREETOPS NURSERY NEWS

From the Head of Nursery

Welcome back to the Summer term at Treetops, I hope you all had a relaxing Easter Holiday.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents who attended the two coffee and croissant mornings this week to meet new staff members. We will be sending out mini bio's on all our staff by the end of next week, so parents who didn't attend or who are new to Treetops have the chance to find out about the practitioner team on both the Purley and South Croydon sites.

New calendar dates will be also sent out to all parents by the end of next week, with both the nursery and school events which have been planned for the Summer term. Events taking place include the Summer Concert, Fathers Day afternoon and Forest School week.

Over the Easter holiday the South Croydon site trialed a new routine, this allows more one to one time and more opportunity for the Key Person to sit down with their key children and carry out more focused activities. This was a huge success, and is now continuing in the Pavilion building. We hope to do this in the Bungalow and at the Purley site in the next few weeks. The routine will be changed to meet the needs of the children in each room.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, I am currently based at the South Croydon site.



Carole Finch

**DON'T FORGET
YOUR SUN HAT!**

What's been going on at Treetops this week

Following our first week back from the Easter break, the children have been exploring and enjoying the beautiful weather in our wonderful nature garden. The children have been exploring the sandpit, filling and emptying containers and making beautiful cupcakes in the mud kitchen. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their gross motor skills by stirring, mixing and pouring, using natural resources. We have also been having discussions at circle time about what the children have done over the Easter holiday and the adventures that the children have experienced. We hope the wonderful weather continues. Please remember to provide a soft brim sun hat for your child that can remain in the classroom.





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For regular updates from the schools and nurseries, please like or follow our Facebook and Twitter pages @WeAreCumnor.

The Boys Sports department has a Twitter page @chsfixtures, and the Girls Sports department has a Twitter page @Cumnor_Girls

Our Youtube channel is called 'Cumnor House School & Nursery'.

Also check our News and Galleries on www.cumnorhouse.com

LATEST NEWS

Hold the back page—Latest News Just in

15% Off Everything and Hewitts Annual Charity Family Fun Day

Hewitts of Croydon, proud suppliers of Cumnor House School uniform would love to invite you to join in our annual Charity Family Fun Day. We will be hosting a fabulous event in store and would love for you to join in the festivities.

Date: Saturday 6th May 2017

Time: 12.00pm - 18.00pm

Place: Hewitts of Croydon, 45 -51 Church Street, Croydon, CR9 1QQ

On the special day you will be able to enjoy:

- 15% Off Everything in-store and Online
- Free Face painting for children
- Free Goodie bags
- Charity Cake Sale
- A prize draw to win a £50 Helix Stationary Voucher
- A prize draw to win a £50 Hewitts Voucher
- A prize draw to win a pair of £89 Hunters Boots
- A prize draw to win a William Turner Summer Fun Backpack and Accessories Set

Other prizes to be announced soon

We will also be running a **Limbo** Competition that both parents and children can participate in. The winning prize will be a £50 Hewitts Voucher and all proceeds will go to our chosen charities Saying Goodbye and Shooting Star Chase. Terms and conditions can be found on our website.

