

CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL WEEKLY DIGEST



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

Autumn Term 2017, week 1

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Proud To be Cumnor!

Across the Cumnor House Schools and Nursery

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. The children are back at school showing their effervescent, infectious enthusiasm for learning.

The new term has started with a bang for all the Cumnor House Schools and Nursery. With a new Headmaster, new staff, new pupils and even a new building, we are truly excited about our return to school. We hope you enjoy reading about some of the excellent learning experiences that have taken place later, in our newsletter.

For our new and existing parents, we would like to remind you that there are no cars permitted on the Cumnor House Nursery site South Croydon (Pampisford Road). This includes sports fixtures. The Boys school now has a new drive in and drop off system that appears

*to be working very well. For this to continue working successfully, we ask parents to **only** turn in to the drive by turning left after heading up Pampisford Road towards Purley. Finally, for both of our Woodcote Lane sites we ask that parents respect lane residents by adhering to the speed limit of 15mph, only parking on the school side of the lane (not the verges) and not to 'three point turn'.*

We hope you and your children have an inspirational term.

Daniel Cummings
Dina Mallett
Carole Finch

See the highlights of the week

- ROALD DAHL DAY
- YEAR 8 FORENCIS DAY
- NURSERY NEWS
- LAUNCH DAY 30TH SEPT

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A Word from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and friends of Cumnor House School. Firstly, I thank you all for the warm welcome I have received in my first few weeks at school. I have greatly enjoyed meeting so many of you at parent information meetings, on the drive of the Nursery sites and the school and in some of my many meetings.

Many parents have asked how I am settling in and I would like to take this opportunity to say that with the support of my staff, your children and you as parents I feel very settled and excited about my new role; thank you once again.

In my first few days at school I have spoken to the Boys and staff about being 'Proud to be Cumnor'. The children at our schools should feel great pride and to some extent privileged to have the opportunities and environment that is presented for

them. I hope you as parents also feel the same sense of pride every day when you drop your children off at school.

I have made many observations and received much feedback about the school in my first weeks and I hope to continue listening and making notes to help formulate a strategy moving forward for the advancement of Cumnor House. Initially I am pleased that we have started the rebranding process of the Nursery which will now be known as Cumnor House Nursery. A small change but a huge impact for the staff, children and families that will feel more of a part of the Cumnor House family of schools.

The one aspect of the school that must continue as was noted in the recent **excellent** ISI inspection report, is the achievement of the boys. In my

opinion this can only happen with the continued high expectation of outstanding teaching and learning. This must be delivered in an innovative and inspiring way to the boys. It is my commitment to you as parents that I will be working to ensure that we will continue to strive for outstanding teaching and learning for many years to come.

Daniel Cummings
Headmaster

Year 8 Forensics Day

All year 8s spent Tuesday working on their CSI skills with Jacquie of Pulse CSI. This was an opportunity for them to get a glimpse of the varied nature of Forensic science, which has now become a popular subject.

The morning began with a very informative session on online safety touching on age related social media and games. The honest responses from the boys allowed some good advice on leaving a "digital footprint" to be given.

In terms of practical work the day was then divided into two. The first session involved a Latent Fingerprinting session where all pupils produced a "Hand Print" using magnetic powder. Then Foot -printing was done using Forensic Footwear lifts.



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Year 8 Forensics Day (continued)



Fibre and Hair retrieval was also practised including analysing the fibres under a pocket torch microscope. Pupils managed to try out UV Detection on prepared samples. Keyrings were made by all pupils with their own 'unique' fingerprint impression, a keepsake and memento of the session.

In the afternoon all newly acquired skills were put to the test when the pupils were presented with a mock crime scene. Full attire was worn by all and the pupils were allowed to keep their white SOCO suits.



The boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves and this is one activity that the science department would like to take part in every year.

Art competition

Boys in Years 5-8 are invited to design an art poster entitled 'Celebrating Cumnor Music.'

Entries should be displayed on an A3 piece of paper in a media of their choice. The boys can choose any music related theme to design their poster and the caption 'Celebrating Cumnor Music' must be clearly written on their work.

Completed entries should be handed into Mrs Mitchell by **Monday 2nd October**. Shortlisted entries will be judged by Mr Cummings, Mr Sizer and Mrs Mitchell and the winning picture will be displayed on the cover of the Music Portfolio placed in the hall of the Music House. This is a very special book containing many Cumnor House musical achievements, concerts and certificates over several years. It will be viewed by pupils, parents and visitors alike.

Good luck boys; I look forward to seeing your entries.

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Dahlicious Dress Up Day - Wed 13th Sept 2017



Our Dahlicious Dress Up Day on Wednesday went fantastically well, with boys coming dressed as everything from peaches and chocolate bars to Oompa Loompas and Foxes. We even had a Mr Twit with an extremely impressive beard! Thanks to everyone's hard work and cooperation we managed to raise a healthy collection for Roald Dahl's Marvellous-Children's Charity, which helps provide the best possible healthcare for seriously ill children and young people around the UK.

It wasn't just about the dressing up though – across the school we managed to bring some Roald Dahl magic into many different areas of the curriculum, with even the Maths department enlarging their own Esio Trots and creating BFGs. We created our own classroom rules based on different teacher characters, created some of our own Marvellous Medicine and the Upper School delved into the darker thrills of

some of Dahl's more grown up stories.

Overall, a simply wonderful Dahlicious day that has inspired continued reading of one of Britain's best loved authors, and a day I know pupils and staff look forward to yearly.

Miss Lloyd





Roald Dahl Day 17

Reading fun



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Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Deputy Head Boys



Congratulations to our new Head Boy, **Veer Patel**, and Deputy Head Boys, **Ade Afuwape** and **Arun Oelkers**

Year 1

Our Y1 Boys join us at Pampisford Road

We are delighted to have the Y1 boys, join the 'Big School'. The boys are enjoying being part of the main school; keen to enter their classes, full of excitement, smiles and enthusiasm to see what awaits their curiosity. The boys have also made new Y2 friends and are enjoying playing with them during playtimes. They have settled in well and are engrossed in all the activities of the busy day. We do hope that all the Y1 boys have a happy, fun and exciting year ahead.

Year 1 have had a fantastic week using Bee-bots in Geography, solving numeracy problems, developing fine motor skills, and enjoying Roald Dahl Day . They also enjoyed working together to make marble runs in Golden Time.





Sports

U11A TEAM WIN SHS 7 ASIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT PLATE TROPHY

After impressing with their football skills in the group stage, the team found themselves in the plate competition due to a lack of goals scored. However, the boys could not be faulted for the level of football played and chances created. The team managed to win the plate trophy with ease and bring home the schools' first trophy of the year! Well done to all 10 squad members!

Mr R Brotherton

Stars of the week

These will be confirmed in next week's news letter.

Next Week's Calendar

SAT 16TH	SUN 17TH	MON 18TH	TUE 19ST	WED 20TH	THU 21ST	FRI 22ND
Swim to win— Week 2	Swim to win— Week 2	After school clubs com- mence	U11A v Aldro (A) Surrey Cup 1st Round		U9A, B, C, D & E v Dulwich College (A)	Jeans for Genes day
U13 A v Parkside 7s Football tour- nament (A)		Parents annu- al, general meeting 7pm	U10A, B, C & E v Hornsby House (A)		Year 5 Parent Information evening	U8 A, B, C, D, E & F v Down- send
			Year 6 (11+) Parent Infor- mation Even- ing			

A Word from the Headmistress

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see you all last night at our Meet the Teacher evening; I hope that you found the time spent with your daughter's teachers useful. If you did not take away a printed curriculum outline for the terms ahead, these can be found on our website.

It is hard to believe that we are only a week and a half into the new term; each class seems to have settled so naturally into their new

routine- a special mention has to go to our Reception girls who present as so confident and independent as if they have been here for years!

Clubs start next week, including many new additions, including an early morning fitness session amongst many others. I am delighted that we are able to expand the extracurricular provision, especially for sport. Please see dates listed later in the newsletter for details of events occurring over the

next weeks.

Please may I remind you that all girls must enter and leave school wearing their berets with winter uniform and Years 1-4 should wear their boaters with summer uniform.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Dina Mallett



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Special Edition Newsletter

Look at what our girls have been doing this week in our start of term, special edition, bumper newsletter!



Reception Girls

Our Reception girls have all settled in beautifully to school life here at Cumnor Girls. It is wonderful to see their happy faces coming through the black gate each morning full of excitement and enthusiasm for learning. Alongside learning their first RWI sounds they have already had a chance to experience our wide and varied curriculum with their first ballet, PE, and swimming lessons as well as using our laptops and learning some French. It's been a busy first few days!

Mrs Mearkle



Year 1

The Year 1 girls have settled into their new classes very well. They are currently learning about groups that we belong to in their Religious education lessons. The girls had their photographs taken in class groups, house groups and whole year group.

When we asked how they are finding Year 1, Zoe said, "We do things differently in Year 1 to Reception and the teachers expect us to do more for ourselves." During their first Art lesson the girls painted self-portraits and have produced some lovely work. Here are their wonderful paintings. Please come in and have a look at the boards outside the Year 1 classrooms. We look forward to a wonderful year with the girls!

Miss Maple & Mrs Stoby-Cater



Year 2

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to their P.E lessons by focusing on a variety of games and ball skills. Throughout the term they will continue to develop their ball handling, co-ordination and spatial awareness through netball based activities. They have worked on partner passing as well as getting the ball over a defender. The girls then used these practical skills to take part in possession games. They have therefore already demonstrated how to work individually, in partners and as part of a team.



Year 3

Year 3 have been consolidating writing 3, 4 and 5 digit numbers, using a wide range of interactive and practical resources to develop and explore our understanding of place value.



Year 4

Alongside their daily Maths lessons, Years 4 & 6 have been busy showcasing their skills. Year 4 creating mathematical questions about themselves for others to 'figure out'; and Year 6 producing line graphs from a cross curricular activity, combining knowledge from English, RE and of course Maths.



Year 5

Mrs Carlisle recommends that Year 5 girls explain to their parents the countdown challenge- can you find a solution?!

On Wednesday Neal Zetter (poet, author and motivational speaker) visited the school. With much humour and audience participation, Neal delighted and inspired first Key Stage 2 and then Reception and Key Stage 1 girls with his poetry. Later in the morning he signed copies of his books pre-purchased by some girls and even ended up signing autographs for girls so taken with his talk.



Arty Autumn Days

Autumn is a wonderful time of year for our artist children with the beautiful light, long shadows and natural art materials falling to the ground all around us. One of the joys of my job is my 8.15am playground duty when I have the opportunity to share in the beauty of our surroundings with students young and old.

Often the girls show me their latest drawings and creations or point out interesting creatures that are in danger of being trampled on. This week we found a spectacular moth sitting on the playground surface in everyone's path and foolishly camouflaged as gravel! (We named him Timmy Gravel and moved him to a safer place!)

Arty Autumn Days (Continued)

I was particularly thrilled to see Year 1 student Fatima’s autumn sculpture (*pictured above*). I have never seen anyone DO that with a feather! She inspired me to write this piece. The artist Andy Goldsworthy would be most impressed. He is worth looking up if you find the time.

Have a very happy and creative autumn and don’t hesitate to photograph and email me examples of any Autumn Arty Happenings that take place in your home lives.

Best wishes, Mrs Clingan



Stars of the Week



Saanvi and Anushka	for settling in to Reception so well and being stars.	Reception
Poppy	For excellent table manners and holding her knife and fork correctly.	1SC
Arielle	For being a good ambassador in the playground and displaying a mature and sensible attitude.	1M
Tien	for a fantastic start to Year 2, she always sets a great example to her peers and is a brilliant role model.	2L
Savannah	is the star of the week for her excellent work in maths rec-	2H

Upcoming September dates:

- **Monday 18** Clubs start Paint Purley Purple Assembly (Girls may wear a purple item / accessory and donate £2 to support the South East Cancer Help Centre.)
- **Wednesday 27**
 - Headmistress of Croydon High visiting in assembly
 - 09.00 U10A & U10B - Netball - Away at Old Palace, Old Palace Rd, Croydon CR0 1AX 16.00-17.00
 - Reception and Year 6 Parents Meetings 15.30-19.00
- **Thursday 28** Parent Pop in - KS1 Parent Pop in – KS2 15.30 16.10
- **Friday 29** PA MacMillan Coffee Morning and MUFTI Day 8.00am in the playground by the Black Gate
- **Saturday 30** Cumnor Nursery launch

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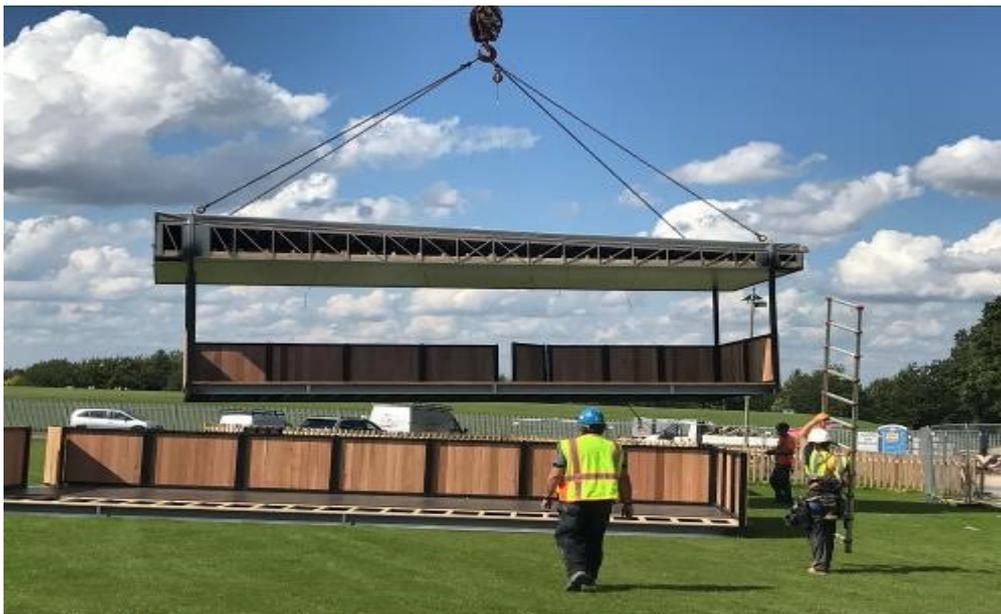
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From the Head of Nursery

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Autumn term at the newly named “Cumnor House Nursery.”

As you were aware, over this summer the South Croydon site had building projects underway, with our new state-of-the-art Pavilion building and our bungalow that has been renovated. If you have not already had a look, here is a sneak preview:



Carole Finch



I hope that you have all been introduced to the new staff. If any parents have not met our new site manager at South Croydon (Mrs Burton) and new EY Practitioners, please pop in to say “hello”.

The nursery will be taking part in Jeans for Genes day on Friday 22nd September, so please remember your donation of a £1 to take part.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend—and we look forward to starting the new nursery curriculum on Monday.





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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

Latest News Just in

Cumnor Nursery Launch Event 30th September 2017

Please come and join us at this exciting free event for all our Cumnor families and friends.

