



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL  
*The true mark of a school is what lies within*

## A Message from the Nursery

Dear Parents

A big thank you to all parents who have attended our parents evenings so far this week, we have had amazing feedback from our parents and welcome any more comments. One piece of feedback that we have received is in regard to nursery handovers; All staff will give parents a daily verbal handover however during busier periods this handover may be shorter. Daily written feedback is available for all children under 3 years old. If a longer handover is required then please contact the nursery manager.

The children this week have been exploring their Hungary Caterpillar topic, have continued their Yoga classes and have had a parent visit from Isaac's parents who are both doctors. If you would like to support our 'People who Help Us' topic; please speak with your relevant nursery manager.

I hope you have a great bank holiday weekend, and both nurseries will reopen on Tuesday 8th May.

Mrs. Carole Finch  
Head of Nursery

Parking Notice:

Please can we ensure that we keep to the speed limit and parking correctly at both sites. This will support the flow of traffic on to site in the morning and evening.

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Silver Birches

As part of this terms theme, 'The very hungry caterpillar', the children have been butterfly printing. They were encouraged to create patterns with a range of colours on one side of the butterfly. They then folded the paper in half to make a symmetrical pattern. The end results were fantastic!



Silver Birches

The children have started taking part in yoga sessions on Friday mornings. This week they followed the instructor in moving like animals while listening to rain forest music. It was a great way to encourage the children to build concentration and to engage in physical activity. In the following weeks each session will be adapted to support a theme.



Willows

We have had lots of fun looking at different types of dinosaurs this week. We read lots of different stories, and also had fun playing in our tuff tray together. We also learnt about fossils and made our own ones using clay and dinosaurs.



### Willows

As part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic we have welcomed the visit of Isaac's parents, who are both doctors. They explained to the children what doctors do when patients are unwell and enabled them to practice on a teddy bear the basic tasks a doctor would perform e.g. checking temperature, mouth, ears, eyes, heart and tummy. The children were very enthusiastic and keen to listen and role play.



### Willows

The children had their first session of Yoga on Friday and were very keen to participate. The children had to pretend that they were going on a journey through the jungle and were encouraged to imitate the actions of the jungle animals and the noises they make. The children were all very enthusiastic and cannot wait for the next Yoga class.





### Chestnuts

The children in Chestnuts have loved role playing in their fruit and vegetable shop this week. They have been engaging in imaginative role play based on first-hand experiences. Shopping activities capture children's imaginations and provide a wide range of learning opportunities.

They have enjoyed taking turns to act out the role of customer and shopkeeper.

We have had discussions about how people pay for their shopping at the till using coins, notes, cards, telephones and even watches!

The children had the opportunity to handle real coins and bank notes and looked at the different numbers on them. They were interested and asked "who is that lady?", which led to a conversation all about our Queen, Queen Elizabeth.

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### Chestnuts

This week in our maths area the Chestnuts children have been busy practising matching quantity to digit. In keeping with our current story 'The very hungry caterpillar' the children used unifix cubes to match the numbers on butterfly pictures. This activity was extended by adding one more and subtracting one less, then counting the cubes to find the total amount altogether.



### Chestnuts

Relating to our current story 'The very hungry caterpillar' by Eric Carle, the children in Chestnuts have been learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been using the class computer and watching YouTube to witness a caterpillar spinning its cocoon and then emerging out of its cocoon as a beautiful butterfly.

The children have been expanding their vocabulary learning new words such as: life cycle, egg, hatch, lava, emerging, cocoon, chrysalis, pupa, stages, symmetry and the really big one metamorphosis, which in Latin means change of form or shape.

To display all this learning the children have been learning about using different media in their arts and crafts to demonstrate the life cycle of a butterfly. We used pumpkin and sunflowers seeds to replicate the egg, fusilli shaped pasta for the caterpillar, conchiglie shaped pasta for the cocoon and bow shaped pasta for the butterfly.



### Chestnuts

A big thank you to Shaylen of Chestnuts class for bringing in a leaflet from the Butterfly house in the Horniman museum which he visited with his parents last weekend linked to our theme this half term, the life cycle of a butterfly.



### Pines & Little Acorns

This week we have been talking about the life cycle of a butterfly and other mini beasts we might find in our back gardens, so we took our learning outside into the nature garden to explore the natural world around us,



the children enjoyed looking in the tyres and under logs, we found a Spider, Centipede and Ants as well as making mud pies.

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Caterpillar



Shidai

Butterfly Millicent



Pines & Little Acorns

We are continuing with our story theme "The Hungry Caterpillar"; with adult supervision the children in Pines and Little Acorns

have been busy drawing caterpillars and butterflies on the iPads, showing a good understanding on how to operate a simple word program.



Pines & Little Acorns

Using our numbered caterpillars the children have been learning to accurately recognise numbers and recite in order to 10.





## Upcoming Events



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO..

### **SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF SLEEPING**

A FREE TALK ON HOW TO BEST SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF A CHILD WHO IS STRUGGLING WITH SLEEPLESS NIGHTS  
HOSTED BY ANDREA GRACE

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When?  
25th June 2018 - 18:00-20:00

Where?  
Cumnor House Girls School  
1 Woodcote Lane, Purley, Surrey, CR8 3HB

Tickets: [cumnorhouseschool.eventbrite.com](http://cumnorhouseschool.eventbrite.com)



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CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO..

### **SOLVE SCREEN DEPENDENCY**

A FREE TALK ABOUT MANAGING SCREEN TIME & SCREEN DEPENDENCY  
HOSTED BY DR ARIC SIGMAN

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When?  
16th May 2018 - 18:00 - 20:00

Where?  
Cumnor House Girls School  
1 Woodcote Lane, Purley, Surrey, CR8 3HB

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The CHS Parents' Association would like to invite you to their Charity

## **GREAT GATSBY SUMMER BALL**

Saturday 16th June

**Drinks Reception  
Dinner  
Dance  
Silent/Live Auctions**

Surrey National Golf Club  
Rook Lane Chaldon CR3 5AA

7pm till late

Dress Code: Black Tie

This event is being held in support of the CHS House charities.

Tickets available [here](http://BUYTICKETS.AT/CUMNORHOUSE SCHOOLPARENTSASSOCIATION)

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