



# Cumnor House Boys' School and Nursery

Friday 25th March 2022

## Key Dates - Early Years and Boys' School

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*A reminder that the school calendar is located under the 'calendar' section of your Cognita Connect app.*

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### EARLY YEARS

- **South Croydon and Purley Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 30th March.** Please send in your home made bonnets **by Wednesday.** *Only children who attend nursery on Wednesday to participate please.*
- **Last Day of Term for Reception & Purley Nursery,** collection at 11:45am on Friday 1st April

### BOYS' MAIN SCHOOL

- **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat** School Performance at Caterham School, **7pm on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March.** Tickets can be purchased via the QR code by clicking [here](#)
- **Last Day of Term, Friday 1st April** finish times as follows:

*12:00pm Year 1 & 2*

*12:10pm Year 3 & 4*

*12:30pm Year 5 & 6*

*12:45pm Year 7 & 8*

## This week in the Boys' School.....



Dear Parents

It has been an extremely busy end to the term over the last week or so. I have had the pleasure of attending the **Year 1 and 2 Spring Concert** which took us through the **Musical Ages**. As a fan of **Jersey Boys and Hairspray** I thought the boys were fantastic and not only were their voices amazing but the dance moves made it such an enjoyable performance. We are very lucky to be able to have shared resources across the schools and performing on stage at the Girls' School was certainly enjoyed by all.

This week was the turn of our **Reception classes** to perform their **very special Spring Concert**. The boys delighted us with songs all about different animals and their habitats and not only had they worked hard on their singing but once again the dancing was outstanding. This performance ended in a very special way with each boy showing a picture of their special person and telling us why they were so special. There was not a dry eye in the house!

Well done to our younger boys for working so hard during their **singing lessons, rehearsals and clubs** to put on such confident performances.

We have also had some super day trips with **Year 2 off to Wisley, Year 1 venturing out to Leeds Castle** and **Year 3 at Wakehurst Place**. It has been such a long time since we have been run trips regularly and we are looking forward to doing much more in the coming term. You can see what lovely weather **Year 1 and 3** had on their trip days below.









On Wednesday our **PTA** opened the **Mother's Day Gift Shop** where the children were able to buy a present, have it wrapped and write a special message all ready for Sunday. It was a real success and

I hope those of you who receive your gifts thoroughly enjoy them. A very big thank you to the parent helpers who worked so hard to put the event together and run it on the day.

It's always fun for the boys to share what they have been doing at home and **1S** have certainly enjoyed their baking for their topic homework. **Jordan** made a **Snow White apple crumble**, Max made a **Rapunzel pear and plum tart** and **Adam** Made a Hansel and Gretel cake house. I can see you all on the 'Great British Bake off' in the future. **Well done!**







Our club provision after school is always very popular and enables the boys to take part in activities that are not always on offer during a normal school day. **The boys in Year 1 and 2 who attend Art Club** have been creating hydrangea pictures using a mixture of medias. They had great fun doing bubble art to create the flower heads, as well as many more stages in the process. One of these

lovely images may be making their way to you on Sunday. You can see **Sidd, Dhiyaan, Aaryan, Viaan and Ben** below with their beautiful pictures.









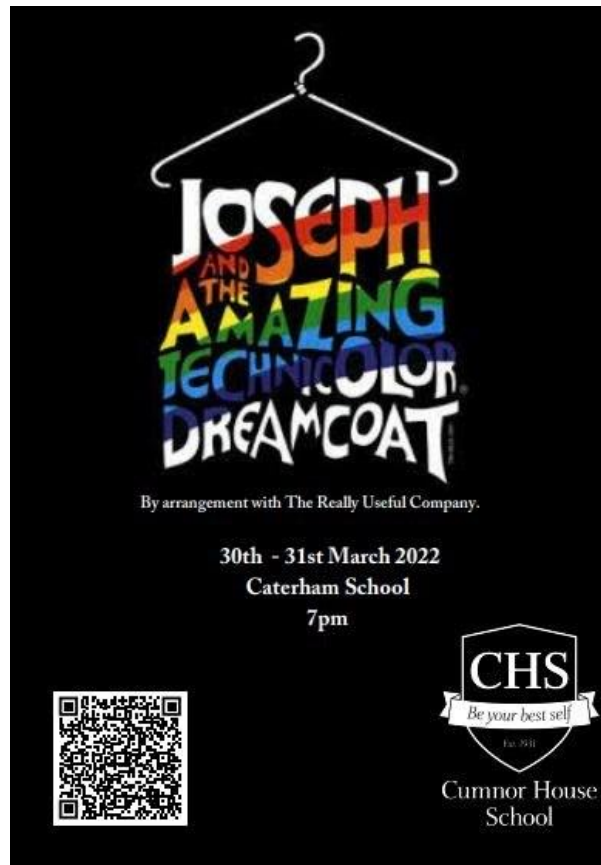
And finally, thank you to all of you who attended the **Quiz Night on Thursday evening**. **Thank you to the PTA** for organising the event and a **special thank you to Mr Jones** who hosted the quiz. I am delighted to report that the **'Non Educators'** were the winners this year. **Congratulations to our Operations team below.**



I do hope you all have a lovely weekend, enjoy the weather and I look forward to seeing many of you next week at the Senior Production of Joseph at Caterham School.

Kind Regards  
Miss Edwards  
Head of School

## Notices:



## A message from Mr Bolton

### **Challenging Gender Stereotypes**

*As part of our PSHE provision, we discuss with the boys about gender stereotypes particularly linked to jobs and careers. We are now hopefully, living in a world where 'male' and 'female' jobs are less in existence and the focus is on the best person for the job. As part of our discussions, we have also focused on aspiration and having no ceilings to become whatever you want to become both personally and professionally. This links to the Ofsted report which highlighted the role that schools should be taking in the prevention of sexual harassment in schools and, whilst aimed at secondary schools predominantly, encouraged us to think about how we can start to teach our pupils about positive relationships and equality between boys and girls in a Prep School friendly way.*

*We would be interested to hear from any of our parents whose job is one that was once considered a job for only a male/female with a view to share your story with the boys via an assembly, a talk within a lesson or a video. If you think this applies to you, or anyone you know, and would like to*

share your story with our Cumnor boys then please contact me on [shawn.bolton@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:shawn.bolton@cumnorhouse.com) to discuss this further.

## This week in Reception and Nursery.....

Dear Parents

As we are now experiencing far sunnier weather please can I request that you **apply a five star rating sunscreen that is a least factor 30 before arriving at Nursery or Reception**, ideally use an 8 hour cream. If you require additional sun cream to be applied during the day please can you send in a small travel size or 100ml, clearly named bottle and help teach your child how to rub it in as independently as they are possible with adult supervision. Please can you ensure that your child has their Nursery or Reception sun hat sent into school if it has not already been sent in. This hat will be left in the classrooms, so please ensure that it is clearly named and supplied as soon as possible.

**Please note** that upon return to school **after Easter weekend** all of the **Pre-School and Reception children** will be asked to wear the **Summer uniform**. For boys this consists of **grey school shorts and long Cumnor grey socks**. For girls, please wear the **school summer dress**. Please note the children will need black school PE shorts for their sports lessons.







**Purley Pre-School** have been very busy learning about their current topic focusing on all different types of animals around the world. This week the children have been **matching animals to their**

**initial sounds.** All of the children have been doing great work during their phonics sessions and have been able to identify initial sounds in words confidently. In this activity they had to "**pinch and pull**" the elastics to join the sound to the animal. This incorporated their topic, phonics and fine-motor skills practice all in one fun game!



This week at the **South Croydon Pre-School**, the children have been exploring 3D shapes. They have played guess the shape, built 3D junk models, went on a shape hunt to see what 3D shapes they could find in the environment and matched the real-life objects to their shape picture. **Pre-School were excellent 3D shape explorers** this week!





With the weather being so bright and sunny this week, **Miss Bennett** brought in some **beautiful daffodils for South Croydon Kindergarten** to paint. They used the colours yellow and green and spoke about the parts of the flower such as stem and petals. The children have been doing brilliantly at holding the paint brushes correctly when painting. They also spoke about how daffodils need water, sunlight, and soil to grow. **Kindergarten** have been enjoying learning about the season of **Spring** and what they may see during this season.

**Purley Kindergarten** have been identifying **numbers 1-5** this week, and then began grouping different breeds of farm animals to the numbers. Keeping with the **farm animal theme** they have also been playing **hide and seek** with the animals in the sand and working as a class decorating a fox for one of our display boards. They have also been working very hard towards a lovely surprise for all their mums or special family members.







**Reception wowed staff and family members this week with a fantastic Spring Concert. The boys treated the audience with song, poetry and dance. The highlight of the concert was a heartfelt message from each boy to a special member of the audience who was there to watch the performance. The result was there was barely a dry eye in the hall. We are so proud of you Reception- well done boys!**

**Congratulations** to the children below who received awards this week:

**Gold Awards:**

South Croydon Pre-School: **Ishani** Purley Pre-School: Ali Reception: **Alexander S (RS) Leo (RUS)**

**Star of the Week:**

South Croydon Pre-School: **Pari and Harrison** Purley Pre-School: **Isaiah** Reception: **Dillon (RS) Mamoun (RUS)**

Wishing everyone celebrating Mothering Sunday this weekend a restful day!

Kind regards

Mrs Shelley

Head of EYFS