



Cumnor House
School for Girls

Girls' Newsletter - 15th September 2023

Key Dates.....

September	Wednesday	6		
	Thursday	7		
	Friday	8		
	Saturday	9		
	Sunday	10		
	Monday	11	6pm – 7.30pm Reception Meet the Teacher	
	Tuesday	12		
	Wednesday	13	6pm – 7.30pm Years 1, 2 and 3 Meet the Teacher	
	Thursday	14	6pm – 7.30pm Years 4, 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher	
	Friday	15		
	Saturday	16		
	Sunday	17		
	Monday	18	Open Week	Extra Curricula Clubs/Activities Start Years 1-6
	Tuesday	19		
	Wednesday	20	2pm Year 5 (A) & Year 6 (H) Netball V Ewell Castle	
	Thursday	21		
	Friday	22	Jeans for Genes	
	Saturday	23		
	Sunday	24		
	Monday	25		
	Tuesday	26	Year 6 Parents' Evening 4pm – 6pm face to face	
	Wednesday	27	2pm Year 5 Netball V Banstead Prep (A)	
	Thursday	28		Year 6 Parents' Evening 4pm – 6pm face to face
	Friday	29	Global Be Well Day	
	Saturday	30		
October	Sunday	1		
	Monday	2		
	Tuesday	3	2pm Year 3 Netball V Banstead Prep (A)	
	Wednesday	4	2pm Year 5A&B Netball V Seaton House (H)	
	Thursday	5	1pm Year 5 - Croydon Junior Citizenship Scheme	2pm Year 4 Netball V Banstead Prep (A)
	Friday	6	1pm Year 5&6 A Team Cross Country @Epsom College	
	Saturday	7		
	Sunday	8		
	Monday	9	Flu Immunisation	3.30pm Swimming Gala @ Sutton High U8-U11
	Tuesday	10	1.30pm Woldingham Choral Day Yrs 5+6	
	Wednesday	11	1.30pm Year 6A Netball Tournament @Aberdour	2pm Year 5A&B Netball V Seaton House (H)
	Thursday	12		
	Friday	13	Black History Day	
	Saturday	14		
	Sunday	15		
	Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October			
	Saturday	28		
	Sunday	29		
	Monday	30	Term Starts	
	Tuesday	31	Parents' Evening Rec – Yr 5 (Face to Face) 5pm – 7pm	

A Message from Mrs McShane

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was super to **welcome** so many parents this week to see our safeguarding presentation and to meet their new form teachers. It is wonderful that you take an active interest in your daughters' education, but it is also good to see the friendships that exist amongst parents. Hopefully you now all have a flavour of what the next academic year holds for your daughters. We will send out the class presentations, as well as the safeguarding presentation, so that you can look back on them and refresh your memories as necessary. In the next couple of weeks, I will be presenting a Teams meeting for Years 4 and 5 parents regarding senior school choices, please look out for your invitation.

We are excited to have moved to **online planners** for Years 3 -6 this year. We know that this will be of great benefit to the girls, see later in the newsletter for more information, as well as some information about the **online platforms** that we use when teaching the girls.

Uniform - the start of the year is always busy with getting new uniform as the girls seem to really shoot up during the summer! It is normal for there to be some delay getting some items but hopefully all the girls will be correctly dressed before too long. Please make sure that all uniform is correctly labelled so that lost items can be reunited quickly with their owners. A reminder that all girls in Years 3 – 6 should

have the red sports top, they wear this on Games days and for matches. Also, the grey pinafore dress should be the one from Perrys as it is a specific style.

A special thanks to Ms Cheeseman who runs the GAN (Good as New) uniform sales, this takes a great deal of time and care. This summer was a bumper year which has kept her very busy, but this also means that stocks are now very low. If you have any good as new uniform, please consider donating it to the GAN, please bring any clean and folded items into the office. We are only accepting items with the new logo. Thank you.

Drop off and collection - Another reminder about morning drop-off, we operate a drive in and drop off system in the main road of the driveway and the gravel horseshoe. Please do not park in the horseshoe as it causes congestion which ultimately makes the situation unsafe with people reversing to get out of their space. If you must park for any reason, please park in the lane, and walk in with your child. In the evenings, all parents must park in the lane and wait in the horseshoe. If you are waiting for siblings, boys coming on the bus, you are welcome to wait in the fenced off area where it is less busy and more comfortable as there are benches and bench tables.

If you are collecting girls from the Boys' School from swim squads or shuttle buses, please note that, like the Girls' site and for the same safety reasons, **there is no parking available on the front drive at the Boys' School**, the drive needs to be kept clear as the school buses frequently come and go.

Breakfast club runs from 07.30 – 08:00, the main doors to Piccadilly open at 8:00 when children go through onto the playground where a teacher is there to supervise them. The door closes at 08:25 and at that time all girls should be in their classrooms for registration and form time. Dismissal times are staggered to ensure safe dismissal and to prevent crowding.

- Rec 3.10pm
- Year 1 3.15pm
- Year 2 3.20pm
- Year 3&4 3.55pm
- Year 5&6 4.00pm

Please be prompt, teachers often have clubs to run, or meetings to attend, at the end of the school day. Girls not collected will be taken to after school care.

Jeans for Genes Day is on the 22nd of September. Girls may come into school in jeans – still with blouse, cardigan, and blazer and with normal school shoes. We ask for a donation of **£2 per family** for this which should be paid using our “justgiving” link, please see separate letter below.

[Jeans for Genes Day Letter](#)

Just a heads-up to **Harvest**, we will be holding our harvest assembly on 11th October. This is not one for parents to attend, but we will be requesting donations to Purley Food Hub.

Congratulations to Miss Julia and her team, we had our annual unannounced inspection from the Food standards Agency and scored the maximum of 5 again.

We will be holding a **transition event** on Saturday 7th October for girls looking to join us in Reception in September 2024. If you know anyone who may be interested, please point them in the direction of our admissions team so that we can ensure that they get an invitation.

**You don't need to know the whole alphabet of Safety. The a, b, c of it will save you if you follow it:
Always Be Careful.** - Anon

Reminders/Important Info.....

Extra Curricula Activities start on Monday 18th September with the exception of Swim Squads starting on Monday 25th September.

Absence Notifications

Please can we remind parents that if your daughter is going to be late/absent from school can you please call the school office on **020 8668 0050 option 2** and/or email her Form Tutor **and** admin.purley@cumnorhouse.com for **each day** of her absence.

Late/ill - please inform us **before 9.30am** each day

Appointments/other - please inform us at least **24 hours** in advance where possible

Year 1 Trip to Brooklands Museum - Thursday 28th September

Year 1 parents please ensure you complete the consent form on Cognita Connect by Thursday 21st September.

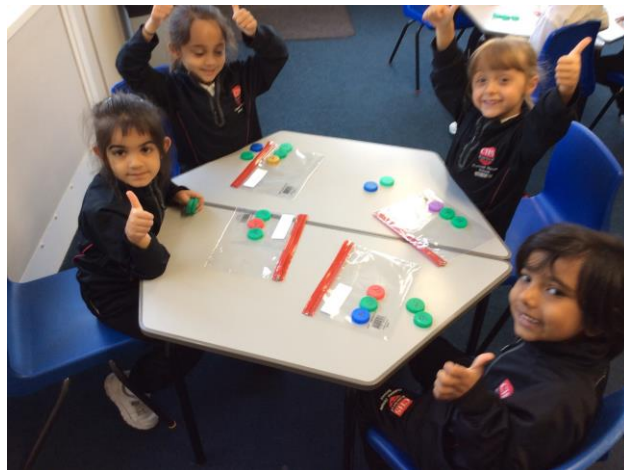
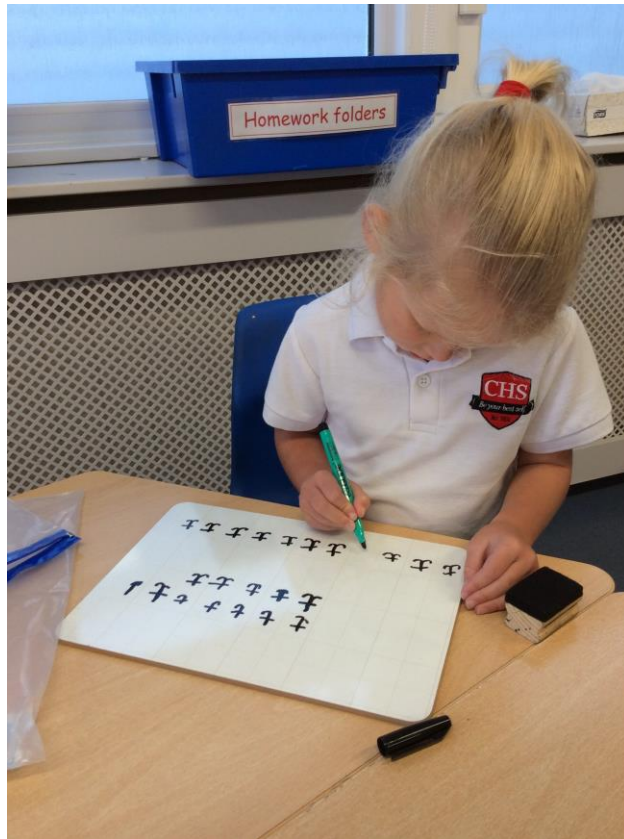
This week at the Girls' School.....

Reception - Phonics

This first full week back, the girls have hit the ground running! They have learnt five new sounds and are learning to write cursively, also blending the sounds to make simple words.

We are very proud of you all, keep up the great work!





Year 3 and 4 Science

Year 3 and 4 have had a wonderful start to their learning in Science this week. Year 3 have been learning about the different parts of a plant and have started an experiment to observe what happens if sunlight, water or warmth is taken away. We'll be keeping a close eye on what happens to the plants over the next few weeks. In year 4, the children have been learning about vertebrates and invertebrates. This week, the girls took advantage of the lovely weather to go on a hunt on the field to see what they could find!









Year 5 Humanities

Year 5 enjoyed examining different Victorian artefacts , discussing the historical sources and working out what they were about.





Year 3's new laptops

Year 3 were very excited to receive their brand new laptops last week. Every girl receives a laptop in Year 3 to enhance their digital learning across the curriculum. After some advice on staying safe online and

wellbeing connected to device use, the girls were able to log on and access Teams for the first time and communicate with one another. We look forward to beginning to use these in school over the coming weeks before sending them home.



Spotlight on Digital Safety.....



This week your girls have been reminded about keeping themselves safe on technology and all signed the digital safety agreement.

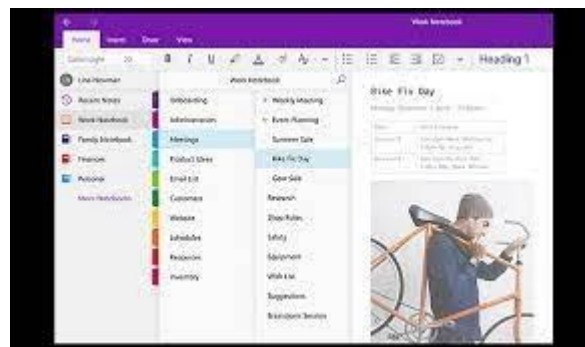
[Reception, Years 1 & 2 Digital Safety Agreement](#)

[Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Digital Safety Agreement](#)

Other News.....

Digital Planners

As a school striving to help our pupils to be future ready, we have made the decision to move to digital planners for Years 3-6. This will allow the girls an online platform to record, share, note and look up information meaning that it is never forgotten, lost or left at home. The idea of the planners is that they will contain all of the useful information the girls need such as timetables, diary dates etc. As well as this they have a safe personal space to make notes and record information useful to them. We are rolling these out at a pace that will allow the girls to succeed in using them and will build them up week by week. The digital planners are stored within One Note and as parents you can view these using your daughter's login details. They are not designed as a communication tool for parents. They also link with Teams which shall continue to be used for messages between staff and pupils, sharing of resources and some homework tasks.



IT Learning Platforms

Please find below more information about IT learning platforms that we use with your girls. TTRS is available for all of the girls. Century, LbQ and Atom are used in Years 3-6.

IT Learning Platforms

At Cumnor, the introduction of the 121 devices for pupils in Years 3-6 has been a great success. Staff have adapted these into both class and home learning, exploring a number of different programmes and creative ways to engage IT into the girls' learning. We thought it would be useful for you to know a little more about the platforms we are currently using.

Century Tech



Century Tech provides pupils with an individual learning path. Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) via a series of diagnostics, Century identifies a pupil's strengths and areas for development and then plans tailored learning for each pupil. It also provides pupils with feedback so that they can identify how to improve. Pupils are also assessed so that teachers are able to identify the progress being made. Teachers can focus the learning on key aspects of English, Maths and Science to tie in with topics and the current focus in class.

Atom Learning



This platform allows pupils to learn by interacting with questions, video tutorials and teacher-produced resources. This programme's adaptive technology identifies your child's ability level, and their areas for improvement. The content continues to adapt to fill learning gaps, leading to constant progression and accelerated learning. This programme supports 11+ and secondary exam preparation.

Learning by Questions (LbQ)



LbQ provides teachers with a range of interactive resources that can be used within lessons. This programme supports individual, group and whole class teaching. Using questioning as its focus, it allows pupils to practice key skills in all subjects. It can also be used as teaching tool to assess pupil progress, identify areas needing consolidation and teach new skills and strategies. A range of question sets allows for all pupils to access questions at the appropriate level as well as offering an opportunity to stretch those of a higher ability. Instant feedback allows pupils to reflect, practice and learn.

TT Rock Stars



Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practise. The website allows the children to practise their times tables through a competitive element. When you log on, you can select different areas known as arenas to complete a range of times table tests. As the teacher, we can set the times tables which we want the children to be able to access. Your child should be using the Times Table Rockstars log in on a regular basis as part of their home learning.

Harvest Donations



Please consider donating one or more of these items
to Purley Food Hub

- ♣ *Sweet/Chocolate flavoured Breakfast Cereals*
- ♣ *Long life Whole Milk*
- ♣ *Jars of Honey*
- ♣ *Hot Chocolate Drink (requiring hot water only)*
- ♣ *Tinned Ready Meat Meals*
- ♣ *Tins of Pulses – Chick Peas, Kidney Beans, lentils*
- ♣ *Tinned Vegetables – Peas, Carrots*
- ♣ *Jars of Pasta Sauce*
- ♣ *Tinned Rice Pudding & Jellies*
- ♣ *Chocolate Treats for Children*
- ♣ *Small bottles of Squash/ Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice*
- ♣ *Female Sanitary products*

*Purley Food Hub provides food and other items to local people
in crisis – thank you for your support*



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