



CHS Boys' & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 23rd February

Key Dates - Early Years and Boys' School

All school dates for this term are available to view on the 'Calendar' section of your Cognita Connect app.

EARLY YEARS

Monday 26th February 3:30pm-5pm, Reception Parent Progress Meetings (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Tuesday 27th February 10am-5pm, Pre-School Parent Progress Meetings (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Wednesday 28th February 12pm-4pm, Pre-School Parent Progress Meetings (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Thursday 29th February 10am-4pm, Pre-School Parent Progress Meetings (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

BOYS' SCHOOL

Tuesday 27th February 5pm-8pm, Year 1,2,3,4 Parent Progress Meetings (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Tuesday 27th February 5pm-8pm, Year 5 Parent Progress Meetings (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Wednesday 28th February 10am, 6T Class Assembly (Parents Welcome)

Thursday 29th February, Year 6 Trip (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Thursday 29th February 5pm-6:30pm, Year 1,2,3,4 Parent Progress Meetings (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

Thursday 29th February 4:30pm-6pm, Year 5 Parent Progress Meetings (details have been sent via a 'Notice')

A reminder details of all sports fixtures are available on the [CHS Sports Website](#)

A Message from Miss Edwards



Dear Parents

This week we have been celebrating **Random Acts of Kindness**. In assembly **Mr Jones** and **Mr Bolton** discussed the importance of being kind and the concept of '**paying it forward**'. The boys volunteered to talk about some of the things they had done in the past and what they were thinking they could do this week. We also talked about being kind to a friend, a teacher and another adult and then each of those people could be kind to three people. The boys liked this idea very much. Teachers and pupils have received acts of kindness this week in letters, origami hearts and with actions. **Mr Jones** has also put up a kindness wall in the hall and the boys have spent the day on Friday writing something kind on one of the bricks. I am looking forward to seeing this finished piece and sharing the lovely comments.

A highlight of the week has definitely been the annual **House Music Competition**. I was very fortunate to be able to judge the **Bronze Final on Wednesday** along with **Mr Walpot** and **Tom**. The standard was extremely high and it was a tough decision to award **1st, 2nd** and **3rd** place as well as **certificates of recognition**. On **Thursday** the **Silver and Gold Finals** were judged by the **Director of Music from Tonbridge School, Mrs Figueira and Mr Hadfield**. Again the standard was so high the decision for the judges was a difficult one. You can see the results from **Miss Secker** below – **congratulations to all our winners** and to all who took part. It was fantastic to see such a display of talent from voices and instruments. Huge **thanks to Miss Secker and the wonderful music team** who organised the event.

I had the pleasure of spending some time in our **Kindergarten, Pre-School and Reception classrooms** this week. It was lovely to see all the children working hard and having lots of fun. The children spoke confidently about what they were learning and really enjoyed showing me some of the work they had done from their lovely writing to their zebra pictures. **Nursery parents** will also be pleased to hear that as of **April 2024** we will be extending our **15 hours funding to our 2-year-olds**. A letter will be sent to you to explain how you can apply for this.

Another fantastic achievement to our **Swim Squad** this week who won the **Croydon Schools Gala** for the **16th year in a row**. It was an enjoyable evening watching the squad and a pleasure to see you all do so well.



Bronze Lower School

1 st	Daniel G	Clarinet
2 nd	Dhiyaan	Violin
	Ranveer	Dohl Drum
3 rd	Shaan	Voice
	Rian	Clarinet
Certificate of Recognition	William D	Voice
	William D	Guitar
	Joshua Ai	Piano
	Ariyan	Voice

Silver

1 st	Louis	Voice
2 nd	Shaylen	Piano
	Francis	Piano
3 rd	Sebastian	Voice
	Jeremy	Clarinet
Certificate of Recognition	Oliver	Voice
	Laavanyan	Voice

Bronze Upper School

1 st	Suri	Drums
2 nd	Jotham	Voice
	Aaron S	Trombone
3 rd	Laavanyan	Cello
	Henry L	Euphonium
Certificate of Recognition	George	Trumpet
	Shaylen	Oboe
	Marcel	Voice
	Ayden	Cello

Gold

1 st	Francis	Violin
2 nd	Callum	Trombone
	Dhiyaan	Piano
3 rd	Logan	Piano
Certificate of Recognition	Timothy	Violin













Year 7 have produced some fantastic **word art** for our 'Random Acts of Kindness Week'.







The **PTA** are also running some great events in the next few weeks, please see all the details further down in the newsletter.

Our Stars this week are:

- 1C - Noah
- 1L - Sadhiv

1S - Isaiah

2CT - Alex

2R - Shaan

Well done, boys!



Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

Head of School

Happy 20th Anniversary Miss Edwards!

20 years ago an energetic newly qualified teacher arrived to Reception ready to embark on her career as an early years' teacher. Little did she know the impact she would have on our school, and how many she would inspire. On Wednesday, Miss Edwards celebrated 20 years of wonderful service as a teacher, SEN Coordinator, Senior Leader, Deputy Head and Head of School. Emma, we congratulate you for your valuable contribution in leading the school to where it stands today, but more importantly, guiding our young learners in becoming the best version of themselves.

With best wishes from the Cumnor Family





Cumnor House Boys' School Presents Shrek the Musical JR!

Cumnor House School
Presents

SHREK The Musical JR.

13 Mar 7PM | 14 Mar 7PM
At Caterham School Theatre

Click the link below to purchase tickets and for more information:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/chs-present-shrek

Adult: £10 | Child: £8

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig
Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford. "I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.com

Artwork by Reegan in Yr 5

We warmly invite the Cumnor community to join us in **March** to enjoy the **Boys' School Production** of **Shrek the Musical JR**:

Performance Dates:

- 7pm, Wednesday 13th March
- 7pm, Thursday 14th March

Venue: Caterham School

Tickets: To purchase your tickets please click [here](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/chs-present-shrek)

Swimming

Well done to all the boys who competed in the Croydon Schools Swimming Finals on Wednesday evening at Trinity School. All of our boys swam exceptionally well, and we had many personal best times. We **won 9 of the 13 trophies** and **won the top school trophy very convincingly**. Please see below the breakdown of where we finished in each event.

Year 4

Backstroke - **Henry O** - 1st, **Corey M** - 2nd

Breaststroke - **Alessio S** - 2nd , **Haris A** - 3rd

Freestyle - **Christian L** - 1st , **Aaron Jai S** - 2nd

Year 5

Backstroke - **Sebastian S** - 1st , **Jenson M** - 2nd

Breaststroke - **Ayden P** - 1st , **Logan L** - 2nd

Freestyle - **Ammar D** - 2nd , **Leo W** - 3rd

Year 6

Backstroke - **Gabriel J** - 2nd

Breaststroke - **Edmond HG** - 1st

Freestyle - **Henry L** - 5th , **Daniy TL** - 6th

Open

Butterfly - **Christian L** - 2nd , **Sebastian S** - 4th

Medley Relay - 1st - **Sebastian, Ayden, Leo**

Freestyle Relay - 1st - **Christian, Ammar, Sebastian, Gabriel**

It is like likely that **Christian, Henry** and **Sebastian** broke the **Croydon schools record for their events**. We are just waiting for this to be confirmed when we receive the official times of each event.

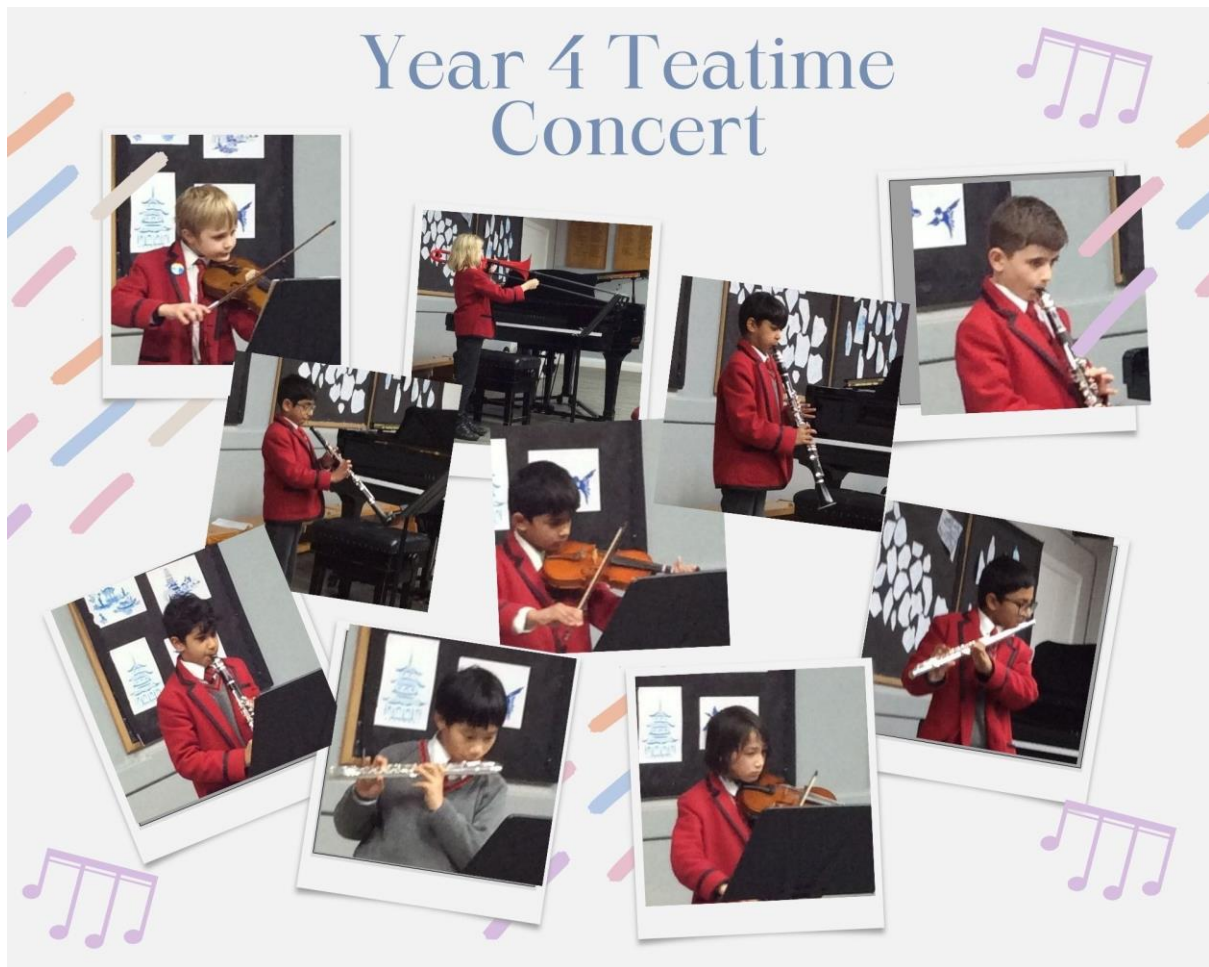
A great team effort and keep up the hard work!

Kind regards

Mr Fitzgerald

Head of Swimming

Music



It has been another very busy time in the **Music Department**.

In the week before half term there was great excitement around the school as the lists were published for the **House Music Finals**. Then on Tuesday afternoon, we had a **Teatime Concert for our Year 4 boys**. It was lovely to hear them playing, particularly as many of them have been learning their instrument for less than a year.

The **Reception** boys were busy composing their own **Lunar New Year** music – contrasting the quiet, calm sounds of a ribbon dance, using chime bars and wind chimes, and the loud, rhythmic sounds of a dragon dance, using drums and gongs.





The second **Teatime Concert** took place – this time for the boys in **Years 2 and 3**. Many of the boys at this age learn piano, but we also had violin, guitar, singing and keyboard. The informal nature of the concert meant that the boys enjoyed performing and were able to show us what **amazing musical talent** we have in our younger year groups.

Boys who have **instrumental lessons** received their half year report from their instrumental teachers. Many of these were very pleasing to read, but there are a few boys who are finding it a struggle to find time at home to practice. Please remember that the rooms in the music house are available most mornings during form time for individual practice – the boys just need to come and find me to sign in first.

I am looking forward to everything this half term brings!

DATES for this half term:

Saturday 2nd March – Little Voices/Junior Voices @ Coulsdon & Purley Festival (email will be sent directly)

Monday 25th March – ABRSM Exams

Early Years

Changes to After School Care, South Croydon Nursery

From Monday, as it is getting lighter, After School Care at South Croydon will run in the following format.

3.30pm to 4:00pm Pre-School eat Tea/Kindergarten Playtime in Pre-School Garden

4:00pm to 5:00pm Pre-School Playtime in Pre-School Garden

5:00pm to 6:00pm Join together in Kindergarten/Dining Hall

If you are collecting your Pre-School child between 4:00pm and 5:00pm please ring the Pre-School intercom and staff will let you in.

Gate

Due to this change we have carried out a risk assessment when moving between the classrooms. To keep all the children safe the gate will now close from 8:20am, to enable Pre-School to cross safely in the morning. It will re-open at 4:15pm. If you are collecting between these times please park on the road and walk in.

This week we have been celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week. In Assembly the children all shared their random acts of kindness and we discussed why it is so important to be kind. It was lovely to see Reception sharing books with Kindergarten.

Congratulations to all the children who received the **Star of the Week** or **Gold Awards**.

Stars of the Week

Pre-School South Croydon: **Harrison**

Pre-School Purley: **Grace**

Kindergarten Purley: **Myren**

Kindergarten South Croydon: **Siyana**

RW: **Jacob**

RL: **Shayn**

RA: **Rafael**

Gold Awards

Pre-School South Croydon: **Anvika**

Pre-School Purley: **Shanaya**

RW: **Raymond**

RL: **Dylan**

RA: **Luke**

Congratulations to all these children.

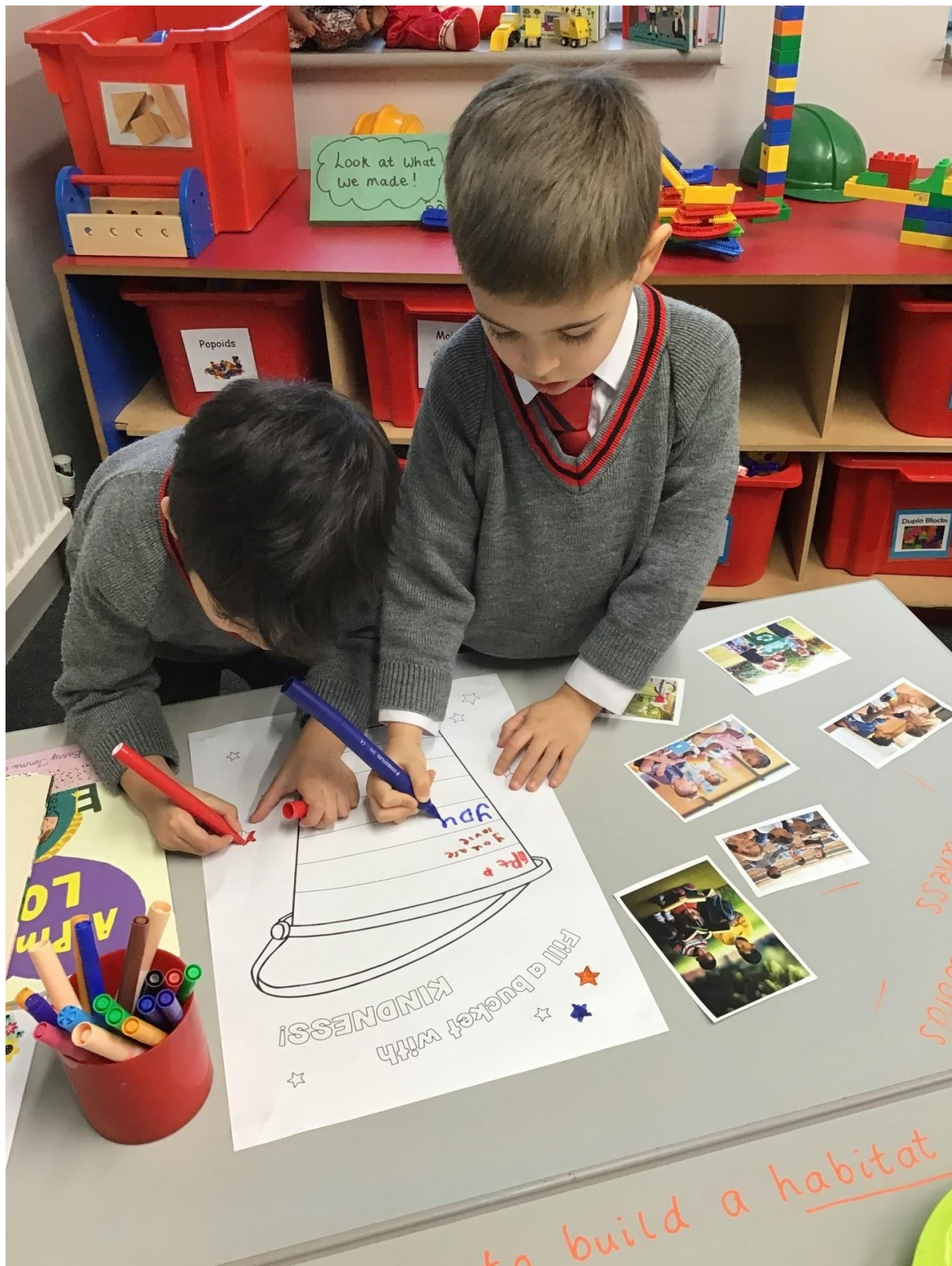
Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Upfold

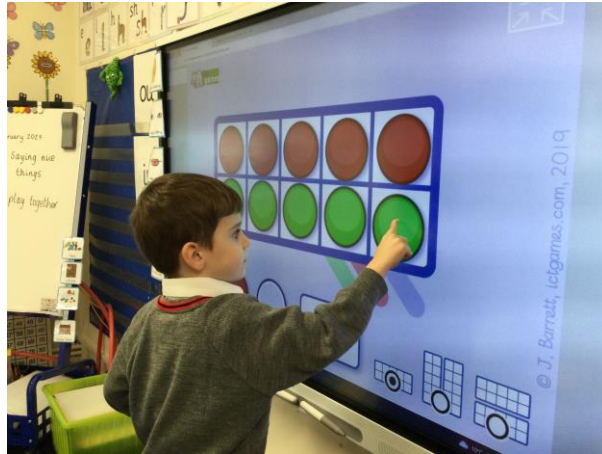
Head of Early Years

Reception



It has been a great first week back in **Reception**. The boys are excited about our new topic '**habitats**'. We have started exploring the different types of habitats in the UK and around the world. During Forest school the boys went on an adventure to find minibeasts and looked at the type of habitat they live in.





In **Maths** the boys have been learning number bonds within ten. They took part in different activities looking for different ways to make the numbers and also spotted patterns in the number bonds.

This week is also '**Random acts of kindness**' week. The boys have talked about different ways we can show kindness to each other. They painted pebbles and wrote lovely words of kindness on them and left them in different place for people to find. They also filled '**kindness buckets**' with kind words and were buddies to the children in **Kindergarten** and **Pre-School** reading stories and playing with them.

Pre-School



Pathway to Pre-School

Welcome to our **new class** who have been amazing this week settling in with their teachers **Mrs Flannery, Mrs Barry and Mrs Head**.

The children have enjoyed settling in their new classroom and beginning our new topic 'Animals around us'. They've spent time in the vets and pets' groomers looking after the animals.

The children have had the opportunity to take part in lots of creative activities including painting their hands and have especially loved exploring the Playdough, using the animal cutters.





Pre-School Purley

We have been learning about **Animals around the World**. We started our week by going back 65 million years to the time of the dinosaurs we explore and discovered T Rex teeth are as big as a banana. We helped Harry find his lost bucket full of dinosaurs in Forest School

We sang a new song all about the continents ready for our journey to Africa to meet zebra, elephants and Gerald the giraffe. Using 3D household shapes we made Gerald. Our hide and seek 3D shape game with Cyril Cylinder was great fun.

We made a wonderful selection of animal craft to bring Africa to our classroom.

We met the sound r and did a fun robot dance. So pleased with how excited you get when we do our stretchy and bouncy sounds. We enjoyed Geraldine the Giraffe together.

A wonderful visit to Africa.





Pre-School South Croydon

This week we have started our new topic of **Animals around the World**, to start this off we have been learning about the Antarctic Animals, did you know polar bears are from the North Pole not the Antarctic. Penguins are found in the Antarctic.

We have also been learning about time lines and routines that we do at home and beginning to look at clocks and realising what they are for and what they might tell us. We have also been celebrating the random acts of kindness this week, we decorated stickers and gave them to our friends to make them feel happy.







Kindergarten



Kindergarten South Croydon

The start of a new term and we are focusing on **Animals around Us**. This week we have been looking at Zoo animals. We are learning about their different patterns, noises and features. The children have

been enjoying the different art and crafts to create their own animals, working on their cutting skills and matching animal games. The children have also loved playing outside on the field area as we have had decent weather this week so please remember to provide wellies and wet weather clothing.



Kindergarten Purley

It was **Shrove Tuesday** last week, so we thought we would talk about pancakes this week. The children told us what they had eaten on their pancakes and then decorated their own pancake using a selection of different toppings and talking about whether they liked them or not. Fruit being a favourite. We also used play dough to make our own pancakes, cooking them in our kitchen role play area before trying to see if we could toss and then catch them again. Unfortunately a lot of our pancakes ended on the floor, but we kept trying.



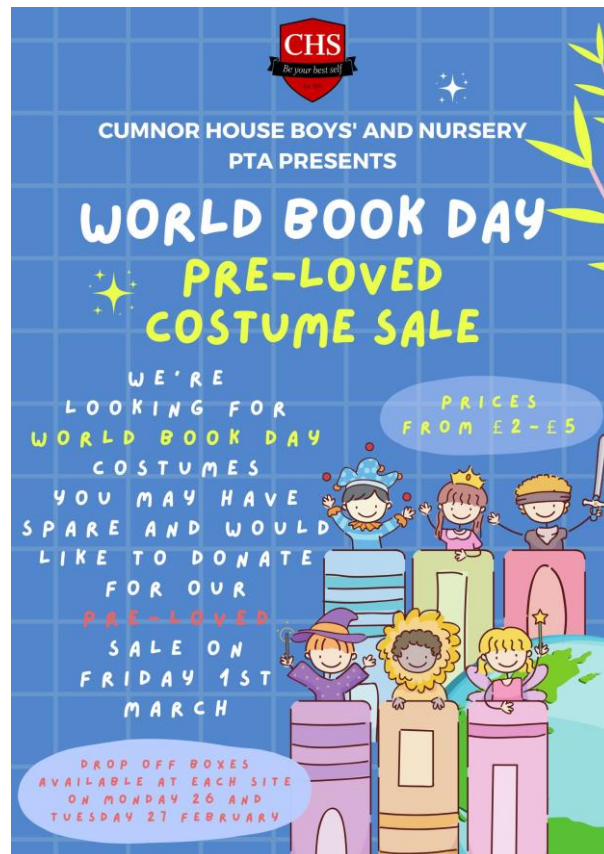






PTA

World Book Day Costume Donations (27th & 28th February) / Sale
(Friday 1st March)



Messy Makers (Early Years), Friday 1st March



Quiz Night, Friday 8th March

The Cumnor House Boys' and Nursery PTA would like to invite you to Quiz Night.

Delve into your banks of useless trivia and join us for a night of fun, laughter and friendly competition with Quiz Master Mr. Jones.

Come down and enjoy a lovely two course Sri Lankan cuisine at the **Machan Kitchen** from **6:00-10:00 pm** on **Friday 8 March**.

Tickets are **£30*** (plus booking fee) which includes a drink on arrival, a Sri Lankan two course meal and nibbles. Bottles of wine can be pre-ordered using the payment link. Tickets will close at midnight **Tuesday 27th February**.

Gather your friends and create teams of **4 or 6** and email them over to cumnorhousepta@yahoo.com by **Friday 1st March**. Those without a team will be allocated one.

Please remember to bring a few coins, for a few fun icebreaker games!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chspta/t-krlqynj>

**Please note that tickets are non-refundable.*

