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Welcome to As One

The world feels like an ever-changing place right now, yet certain things at Cumnor remain very much the same.

The first is our core belief that every child is unique and wonderful, and our role as educators is to provide all the children in our care with the best range of activities and expertise so as to discover their gifts and talents and then help them flourish. A flick through these pages, indeed through all of our 'As One' publications, can show you at a glance just what extraordinary moments we can create here. Moments such as the Pre-Prep Nativity, the Year 7 Musical or the Year 8 Shakespeare. Moments like the Winter Wonderland Concert, the Summer Serenade, or our Community Music Day at Arundel Cathedral. Moments like competing in National Finals (even winning them), our Swimming Galas or our Sports Day. Moments like our Year 8 Scholars Art Exhibition or Young Art competition entries. Moments like our Fireworks Night, Christmas Fair or Grandparents Tea. Moments like 60% of our Year 8s winning scholarships to top senior schools, outstanding senior school entry success in Year 6, or just the most wonderful set of Leavers enjoying their last night at Cumnor 'Racing the Sunset'.



Fergus Llewellyn
HEADMASTER

*a termly celebration
of our children's
achievements, and
a spotlight on
school life.*

The second is our strong sense of community, and whilst we continue to evolve, what binds us all is supporting the collective endeavour to give our families the very best of starts in life and provide a network that offers support, encouragement and inclusion.

This is our final 'As One' publication, as we look to share these moments, stories and success through different channels. I hope you have enjoyed seeing what we do, sharing the success and fun our children have, and feeling a part of this great community.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.



Nursery & Pre-Prep

Shakespeare coined the phrase 'all the world's a stage' in *As You Like It*. He was preoccupied by how individuals go about their lives and interact with one another.....something we pursue consciously in school as we help children to learn how to play, learn and grow. The ability to work with others - something most of us will rely on in our adult working lives - is for the most part a learnt skill. Similarly, the courage to stand alone or to keep going when the going gets tough.

This term has seen us take to the Bard's happy place more than ever before, providing the perfect opportunity to test these skills. Grandparents' Tea in September, Harvest Festival in October - both filled with poetry and song - as well as our recent Nativities, in Pre-Prep and the Nursery.

These were, of course, truly joyous events, for performers as well as the audience; yet also so much more. Building confidence, stepping outside one's comfort zone to try something new (slightly scary, even) is a valuable life skill children will call upon again and again as they mature. Further supported by a rich and varied curriculum in the classroom, horizons can be expanded further. And then a little bit more! The Autumn Term often prompts reflection. The end of the calendar year and the dawning of a new beginning as we move into January.

I am so proud of our Pre-Prep and what they have achieved since September. The children and their teachers have worked incredibly hard, and always with our motto at heart: *aim high, be kind, dare to be different*. You know, I think we really did!

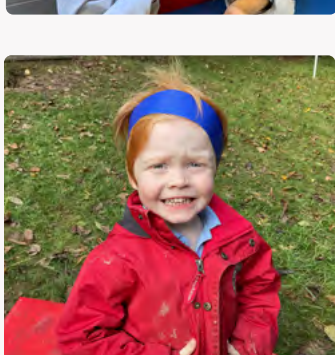
Merry Christmas, everybody, and a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Jacqui Freeman

HEAD OF PRE-PREP







School Life



Year 5 Show in a Week



Creative Arts



Performing Arts



Sporting Achievements



Trips



Events



Growing Together Week



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