

February Half Term 2019 Chess & Activity Club At Cumnor Primary School

If you are not sure what to do with your children during the school holidays, consider enrolling them with us in one of our Holiday Chess and Activity Clubs. The aim is to provide the chance during their holiday for pupils to learn how to play chess or to improve their game and to interact with other children interested in chess. They can also enjoy other board games and sporting activities such as football and badminton.

The Oxford New Generation Chess & Activity Clubs team includes an experienced professional chess coach and qualified sports instructors.

Dates Monday 18th February 2019

Tuesday 19th February 2019 Wednesday 20th February 2019

1 day (or daily) - £45, or all 3 days - £135 (Lunch not included but includes two snacks) Reduced rate for existing regular weekly members of ONG clubs.

Times Drop off: 09:00 to 09:30* Pick up: 16:00 to 16:30*

Age and Ability

The club is suitable for anyone currently in year 2 (aged 7) to year 10 (aged 15) who would like to learn to play or improve at chess. For the chess lessons, children will be grouped based primarily on experience rather than age in order to receive teaching appropriate for their current level of ability.

What to Bring

Packed lunch, water bottle, chess scorebook, pen/pencil, a notebook and a reading book. Scorebooks will be available for purchase from our bookstall at morning registration if you do not have one. Children should wear comfortable clothes (e.g. tracksuit) appropriate for any sporting activities they wish to partake in, and bring shoes with non-marking soles and a racket if they wish to play badminton.

^{*} Optional early drop-off 08:30 to 09:00 and/or late pick-up16:30 to 17:00 for additional daily fees (see registration form)

Please fill in the attached registration form.

In order to make the club viable and to keep the teaching group sizes small, we have upper and lower limits on the number of children we accept. To secure your child's place please make a £45 deposit via BACS payment. We will send an acknowledgement on receipt of your registration form and deposit.

Format

The mornings will consist of chess! Each day this will include teaching in groups (split according to experience) and playing games. Chess lessons, especially for the beginners' group, will build on previous knowledge day by day. To put their knowledge into practice children will also take part in competitive tournaments appropriate for their level. Tournament trophies will be awarded and other chess prizes for effort and achievement in the lessons. Non-chess activities will take place in the afternoons.

Typical Daily Timetable

Below is a typical timetable plan (details will vary from day to day):

09:00 - 09:30	Registration and informal activities (including chess)
09:30 – 10:15	Chess lesson (parallel groups)
10:15 – 10:30	Morning break
10:30 – 11:15	Chess lesson (parallel groups)
11:15 – 12:00	Chess tournament
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch and informal activities
13:00 – 14:45	Indoor activities (e.g. board games & calligraphy)
14:45 – 15:00	Afternoon break
15:00 – 16:00	Sporting activities (e.g. football & badminton)
16:00 – 16:30	Collection

Club Leaders and Coaches

The club will be led and administrated by **Yanling Cheng**, an Oxford-based businesswoman with a master-level degree in Accountancy and Consultancy. She has been resident in England since 1994 and has 3 children at local schools. She is an able player of the strategy game Go and enjoys seeing her children play chess at a high local level for their age.

The chess coaching will be run by **Dr Andrew Varney** who is an ECF-accredited professional chess coach and qualified ECF arbiter. He has 10 years of experience running school chess clubs, tournaments, managing junior teams and giving individual coaching from beginner level up to England junior standard. He teaches and runs chess clubs in nine local schools, is the main coach at the Oxfordshire Junior Squad club and has many 1:1 students. Andrew will be assisted by other local junior chess coaches.

Afternoon sports activities will be run by qualified coaches for football and badminton.

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We look forward to seeing you all!