News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter **Number 1** **7th September 2018**

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break.

We've had a lovely first few days back at school. It has been good to see all the children back at school again, relaxed, happy and ready for the term ahead. The children have been very keen to share with us some of things they got up to over the summer and it sounds as though they all had a great time.
Many congratulations to Miss Anfray who got married in the summer and has now changed her name to Mrs Bridgestock. We welcomed five new children, Zach in Year 1, Dantae in Year 3, Caleb and Maddie in Year 4 and Joshua in Year 5. They have all settled in really well. All our classes are now full. Our new Reception class children are brilliant too and seem to be getting used to their new routines really well. We are all really looking forward to the year ahead.

New Term Reminders
Just a quick couple of reminders to help the morning run smoothly:

- ✓ It has been lovely to see all the children return to school and to see so many parents too. You would have noticed how congested the corridors get, particularly the Key Stage 2 corridor, so please, from next week, could Key Stage 2 parents say goodbye to their children in the reception area and allow the children to walk to their classes on their own. Obviously if you need to speak to a member of staff please do so.
- ✓ Although it's not an ideal situation, unfortunately we have to share the driveway between the staff cars and children and parents walking into school. We have had some children bumped into by scooters as they walk down the drive and a few cars scratched by children playing around the cars. Please could you ensure that your child walks their bike or scooter down the drive and then doesn't play games around the cars whilst waiting to come into school first thing or at the end of the day?
- ✓ Finally a reminder that we use the bus stop quite a lot both first thing in the morning and at the end of the day as well as for trips, visits, swimming, sports events etc. I know parking is tight in the village, but please don't be tempted to park in the bus stop! We are grateful to The Vine for allowing parents to park in their car park if they need to at the start and the end of the day.

Class Newsletters
By now you should have received a class newsletter from your child's teacher. This is packed with information about the work the children will be doing over the next term and includes a few reminders too. Please ask in the office or in class if you haven't received one.

After School Clubs
Today we will be sending home details of this term's after school clubs. Please send through your child's preferences for clubs to the office at the start of next week. All clubs will restart the week beginning 17th September, with the exception of Karate which starts on Wednesday 12th.

School dinners:
School meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. I hope that the children in Year 3 will continue to have their hot school meal, but bear in mind that meals will be charged at £2.30 a day now. It is easiest for our staff if you can pay in advance or on the day for your child's meals rather than waiting to be invoiced at the end of the month. Year 3 children no longer get a fruit snack either so please provide them with something healthy to eat mid-morning. This is kept in the classroom rather than in their lunch boxes.

WEEK 2 Menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Salmon nibbles Or Macaroni cheese	Chicken & vegetable casserole Or Vegetarian Quorn sausage twist	Roast chicken Or Spring vegetable bake	Tuna and pasta bake Or Cheese and onion pinwheel	Butcher's beef burger OR Vegetarian burger

Church notices:
New School Year 2018/2019 Party for young people (0-18) in the Old School, 11am-1pm on **Sunday 9th September** … games, mini worship and food…all welcome! Please email Jez or Gemma should your child have any special dietary requirements. gemma@cumnor.org or jez@cumnor.org or call 07983 701 892 with any questions.
St Michael's Junior Choir starts again on Friday 14th September. We'll be singing all sorts of songs, old and new. We meet from 6pm -6-40pm in St Michael's church and sing for about 35 minutes before the (very popular) refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Just come along. We have a lot of fun!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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Cumnor School Diary Dates:

Tuesday 18th September	10.30	Year 5 start swimming lessons
Tuesday 25th September	2.30pm	Year 3 visit to Hill End
Friday 28th September	2.30pm	Year 6 residential visit to Kilvrough meeting
Wednesday 3rd October	AM	Flu vaccinations for Years 1,2,3,4 and 5
Wednesday 3rd October	All day	Year 6 visit to Oxford Castle
Thursday 4th October	All day	National Poetry Day
Thursday 4th October	All day	Year 5 Visit to the Living rainforest
Friday 5th October	Evening	PTA disco and AGM
Thursday 11th October	9.30am	Harvest service at St Michael's Church.
Thursday 18th October	5.30pm	Reception 'Books at Bedtime' open evening
22nd – 26th October		Half term break
Friday 2nd November	All morning	Individual school photos taken
Tuesday 6th November	AM	Year 6 Visit to the JR hospital for the IMPS programme
Tuesday 6th November	3 – 7pm	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 7th November	3 – 5pm	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Thursday 15th November	All day	Year 1 to the Oxford Castle
Friday 23rd November	All day	INSET DAY – school closed
Wednesday 5th December	All day	Year 4 trip to see Matilda The Musical
Friday 7th December	Evening	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Thursday 13th December	2pm and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Tuesday 18th December	2pm and 6pm	Reception, Yr 1 & 2 Nativity. Parents and friends welcome.
Wednesday 19th December	PM	Christmas Dinner and Afternoon Cinema
Thursday 20th December	9.30pm	Christmas Service. Family and friends welcome.
Thursday 20th December	1.15pm	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Monday 7th January		Children return to school
18th – 22nd February		Half term break
18th – 22nd March		Year 6 residential visit to Kilvrough
Friday 5th April	1.15pm	School finishes for the Easter break
Tuesday 23rd April		Children return to school
13th – 16th May		Year 6 SATs Tests
27th May – 31st May		Half term break
Monday 3rd June		INSET Day – staff only
Tuesday 4th June		Children return to school
26th – 28th June		Year 5 residential visit to Hill House
Thursday 18th July	9.30am	Year 6 Leavers Service at St. Michael's Church
Tuesday 23rd July	9.00am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 23rd July	1.15pm	School finishes for the summer break