# News from Cumnor School

***Summer Term Number 1*** ***26th April 2019***

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, and I hope you had a lovely Easter break, enjoying being together and the weather. We have quite a short half term coming up, with only 5 weeks and two Bank Holidays – but so much to pack in!!!

**Boccia**
We welcomed our partnership Sports Co-ordinator, Danny Taylor, and Oxfordshire's Boccia coach, Lucy Tappin, to school today as we enjoyed Day 1 of our school Boccia tournaments. Danny and Lucy talked to us in assembly about the sport and in particular how inclusive it is. Lots of the classes had a chance to play during the day with the others having a go next Tuesday.

**Students starting next week**
We are looking forward to welcoming two final placement students from Oxford Brookes University to our school for the next 8 weeks, starting on Monday. Miss Sparks will primarily be working in Year 4 with Mrs Davis and Miss Gibson will be based in Year 6.

**Swimming Gala**
Many congratulations to our girls' and boys' swimming teams of Rhiannan, Pippa, Maddie, Amy and Luca, Charlie, Will and Zac. On Wednesday they represented Cumnor School at the District Swimming Finals for the Vale of White Horse and did the school proud, showing excellent determination, respect and enthusiasm. Many thanks to the parents who also came and supported the team, and especially to Nicki Belcher for generously coaching the team on poolside.

**Your PTA News**
There will be a **Second Hand Uniform Sale** in the school hall next week on Tuesday April 30th *after school* AND Wednesday May 1st *before school*. There are lots of summer dresses and shorts available. All items are just **£1** each. Grab yourself a bargain!
Can YOU pick a winner? Our next big social event is **Race Night on Friday May 17th**. It's sure to be another fun and lively night 'at the track' with doors open at 7:30pm and first race at 8pm. Tickets are £5 (available from the office) and include a drink of your choice from the bar. This adults only (16+) event is open to all the community. So bring yourself, bring a friend or bring all your friends! Our superb bar will be open for business offering a variety of drinks with snacks, including hot sharing platters, available throughout the evening. Race attire/fancy hats encouraged. We hope to see you all there!
If you, your family or business would like to sponsor a whole race for £10 or name a horse for £1, please stop by the school office ASAP to sign-up. If the horse you name wins its race, you'll win a prize!

**St Michael's Confirmation Classes**
These are for anyone in year 5 and above who wants to explore the Christian Faith and see if you're ready to make for yourself the promises made for you at your Baptism. We're holding a special Confirmation Service with Bishop Colin at 11am on Sunday 9th June.
Classes start on Sunday 12th May for 4 weeks and run from 3:30pm-4:30pm. The venue is the Olive Herbert Room, which is opposite the Parish Centre on the driveway up to The Vicarage. For more details please email vicar@cumnor.org, ring 01865 861541 or chat to Jonathan.

**Tennis opportunities**
Summer Term - Oxford Sports 'Tennis for Kids' – 4yrs to 11yrs - 6 week tennis coaching courses for beginners – At our Friendly, Family Tennis club in North Hinksey.
Have fun, make friends, learn tennis on our new specialist mini courts.
Starting this week: For just £25 you get: 6 lessons, a new racket and personalised T–shirt. Places are limited so book today: Children aged 4 to 11yrs. http://www.oxfordsportsltc.org/tfk/
Open morning Sunday 19th May 10am to 12noon
Everyone welcome to have a fun morning, with free coaching and playing sessions for all members of the family both children and adults. http://www.oxfordsportsltc.org
Parents – There are also tennis opportunities for you
If you want to take up tennis this year or get back to tennis, have fun, get fit and meet lots of other friendly tennis players then try our popular adult coaching pay and play sessions. Tues evenings or Weds, Friday and Saturday mornings.
For full details of our junior and senior social & competitive programme: www.oxfordsportsltc.org or email: tennis@oxfordsportsltc.org

**What's my child been doing this week?**

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| Reception | Started learning about the sea: exploring seaside holidays in the past and present and writing about our holidays. |
| Year 1 | Memorising bonds to 20, finding landmarks on a map and starting to learn kick rounders. |
| Year 2 | Solving puzzles using place value, exploring the legend of Robin Hood and perfecting our forward rolls in P.E! |
| Year 3 | Enjoying Jamila Gavin's 'Grandpa Chatterji', learning about parallel and perpendicular lines and Bhangra dancing. |
| Year 4 | Ordering and rounding numbers, making inferences about the first chapter of 'The Wind in the Willows' and starting our new topic by learning about the river journey. |
| Year 5 | Negative numbers, fractions and decimals in number sequences, starting our topic by learning about world oceans and thinking about why Michael Morpurgo is a "significant" author. |
| Year 6 | Starting our 'Exploring Planet Earth' topic – designing our own Islands, finding out about Rosa Parks and revising geometry and measure. |

**WEEK 2 menus**

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Pasta Carbonara Or Cheese and Tomato Pizza | Jacket Potato with Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne Or Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans | Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy Or Vegetarian Toad-in-the Hole | Butcher's Sausage with Creamed Potato and Gravy Or Vegetable Lasagne | Oven Baked Fish Fillet Or Vegetable Burger in a Roll |

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

## Dates for this term:

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| 13th – 16th May | Mornings | Year 6 SATs week |
| Wednesday 15th May | All Day | Year 1 visit to Hill End |
| Friday 17th May | All day | Year 4 visit to the Henley Rowing Museum |
| Friday 17th May | 7pm for 7.30pm | PTA Race Night |
| Tuesday 21st May | 8.00pm | PTA Meeting at The Vine |
| Wednesday 22nd May | AM | Year 6 Junior Citizen visit |
| Thursday 23rd May | 5.30pm | Reception Class Books at Bedtime |
| Friday 24th May | 9.00am | Year 3 Class Assembly. Friends and Family welcome. |
| 27th – 31st May | All Week | Half Term |
| Monday 3rd June | All Day | INSET Day – staff only |
| Tuesday 4th June | Morning | Class photos |
| Friday 7th June | All Day | Sponsored Walk (School and the British Heart Foundation) |
| Friday 14th June | All Day | Year 3 visit to Sutton Courtenay Wildlife Trust |
| Friday 14th June | All Day | PTA Non Uniform Day |
| Friday 21st June | AM | Year 6 Matthew Arnold School Sports event |
| Friday 21st June | From 5.30pm | PTA SUMMER FETE |
| 26th – 28th June | | Year 5 Residential visit to Somerset |
| Wednesday 3rd July | All day | Year 6 Matthew Arnold Induction day |
| Wednesday 3rd July | Morning | Move Up Morning – children spending time in the classes ahead of September |
| Thursday 4th July | | Year 6 Aspirations Morning |
| Friday 5th July | From 12.00pm | SPORTS AFTERNOON - Friends and Family are welcome to join us for a picnic on the field followed by an afternoon of sports and races. |
| Tuesday 9th July | All Day | Year 6 Treat Day |
| Thursday 18th July | 9.30am | Leavers service at St Michael's Church. Friends and Family welcome. |
| Tuesday 23rd July | 9.00am | Leavers assembly |
| Tuesday 23rd July | 1.15pm | End of term |
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| Wednesday 4th September | | Autumn Term Starts |