



News from Cumnor School

Summer Term Number 8

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Dear Parents,

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Bridgestock has had her baby – a little girl called Erica at 5lb 6oz. Both mum and baby are doing well. Hopefully Mrs Bridgestock will be able to pop into school sometime before the end of term with little Erica!

Cricket Success

Congratulations to our Cricket teams who both played brilliantly in the local tournament at Chandlings this week. Both boys and girls teams played very well, showed superb teamwork and won all their matches as a result. Well done to Esme, Hazel, Layla, Grace W, Ashley, Fleur, Ava and Rhiannan for the girls and Joshua, Ashwin, Toby, Willem, Tom, Oliver, James and Jens for the boys.

Year 6 International Banquet

Our Year 6 did a wonderful job at their International Banquet on Thursday. They prepared over 40 different dishes from around the world, for the class, staff and invited guests to enjoy. We were lucky enough to welcome the head chef from Cumnor Hill House who helped with the preparation of the food and a couple of the Nursing Home's residents joined us for the meal. Not only was the food delicious, but the children behaved superbly well as hosts, looking after their individual guests very well, and making us all feel very special. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to all the staff involved – and to the parents for helping prepare such a wonderful feast.



Goodbye to our students

On Wednesday next week we will be saying goodbye to our two students, Miss Sparks and Miss Gibson who would have completed their final teaching practice and qualifying as teachers. We wish them both all the best for the future in a wonderful and rewarding profession.



School Photos

The deadline for returning your order forms for class photos is today. Any orders should be placed online by the end of the day. If you do miss the deadline then photos can still be ordered, but you will have to pay postage.

Sponsored walk

Thank you to those of you who have been able to return your sponsored walk forms and money to school this week. If there are any last minute collections to be made, please do so this weekend so that we can announce a grand total next week.

External Audits

We have had a couple of external audits in recent weeks. One was for Health and Safety and the other Food Hygiene. The Health and Safety audit looked at over 160 different areas of the school's work and I am pleased to say that the result was outstanding with the only area for improvement being the separation of vehicles and people routes on the school drive, where we do our best to mitigate any dangers by keeping the school gates closed at key times. The Food Hygiene Audit was also successful. The School Lunch Company were commended on their training, food hygiene and cooking, with only one main area of concern. A new inspector and new regulations deem that we should now have a door between the kitchen staff washroom and the main kitchen. Unfortunately, this omission has meant that our overall rating has dropped dramatically from our usual 5* rating to a 2* rating. The door in question will be fitted in the summer holidays and we will be reassessed in September, which I am sure will result in a return to our 5* rating.

From Your PTA

Tonight's the night we've all been waiting for!!! Our **Summer Fete is happening tonight at the school from 5:30pm!** Adults £2 & children are free!

There will be loads happening throughout the evening: Our Reception children will be serving up delicious homemade lemonade and our Year 2 and Year 5 children will be dancing around the Maypole! There'll be three tombolas with over **300 prizes** to be won! We'll have stalls including 'Go For Goal', 'Radar Speed Ball' and 'Tepee Surprise', as well as glitter tattoos and free crafting! Coaches from *Oxfordshire Skills Aquisition Academy* will be running **free** football sessions for the children and there will even be a special performance by Border Morris dancers, **Armaleggan**, at approx 7:30pm!

The Big Raffle will be held at 8pm. Tickets will be available to buy until 7:30pm. If you have completed tickets already, please bring them along with you tonight so we can get them folded and into the draw in time! Once again, we have fabulous prizes from restaurants, sports clubs and a huge variety of family-day-out destinations including: **Argos, The Ashmolean, Batsford Arboretum, Bekonscot Model Village & Railway, The Bear & Ragged Staff, Beauty Within, Benugo Restaurants, Birdland Park & Gardens, Blenheim Palace, Bonnersin the Covered Market, Broughton Castle, Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Cotswold Falconry Centre, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Crocs of the World, Cumnor Clinic, Cumnor Cricket Club, Dean Court Community Centre, Fairytale Farm, Farmer Gow's, The Fishes, The Greyhound, Hedges Family Butchers, idlewild Salon, iScream, Jemini Flowers, Little Kickers Football, Living Rainforest, Millets Falconry, Mint & Marigold Hair Salon, OSA Academy, Oxford Garden Centre, Oxford Ice Rink, Oxford Lawn Tennis Club, Sainsbury's, Seacourt Bridge Pub, Supercamps, Tesco Botley, Ultimate Activity Camps, The Vine, Waddeston Manor, Waitrose, and Waterperry Gardens.**

This annual event raises vital funds for our school and we are really counting on your support. So bring a blanket, bring a chair and roll up with the whole family to celebrate the Summer Solstice with yummy food and drink, games, music and fab entertainment. See you there!

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	We have made ice and experimented with ways to melt it again, we have designed bunting and labels for our lemonade stand and of course we have learnt how to make lemonade and talked about sweet and sour tastes.
Year 1	Lots of adding and subtracting, starting our project folders about China and counting to 10 in Mandarin.
Year 2	Writing descriptions of our secret garden, revising fractions in maths and making predictions in science.
Year 3	Measuring perimeters of polygons, checking our spellings using a computer spellcheck and practising our touch typing.
Year 4	Finishing off painting our mountain landscapes and writing formal explanation texts about mountains. We have also learnt about e-safety.
Year 5	Researching Isambard Kingdom Brunel and SS Great Britain in preparation for our residential, writing about Kensuke's Kingdom in the voice of the orangutan and reflecting and translating shapes.
Year 6	Preparing for and hosting our banquet, attending a sports morning at Matthew Arnold and making volcanoes.

Diary dates for next week:

26 th – 28 th June	Year 5 Residential visit to Somerset
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WEEK 3 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Turkey Meatballs with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Creamed Potatoes Or Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Bolognese Or Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake with New Potatoes	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy Or Roast Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Teriyaki Chicken Or Neapolitan Pasta	Oven Baked Fish Fingers Or Cheese and Onion Pinwheel

I look forward to seeing you at the fete later.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher