News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 6 *11th October 2019*

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful end to the week with our first class assembly of the year. Year 2 shared with us all the different ways they are keeping healthy including news of their pumpkin soup and fruit salad making, their recipe writing and a lovely fitness song. Well done to all of them; it was great to see how confident they are becoming.

PTA Disco and AGM
I hope your children enjoyed the PTA disco last week. They AGM was a success too and although we are losing a couple of very established PTA members, including Ailsa Morris who has been treasurer for many years, we have several new members joining us and Adrian Pitts has agreed to stay on as Chair. Thank you to all of our PTA, past, present and future, who do such a brilliant job supporting our school.

Trips this week
Our Year 4 class enjoyed a great Roald Dahl day out on Monday this week, exploring the Roald Dahl Museum and the village where he wrote most of his stories. Year 5 had a day at The Living Rainforest near Newbury looking at the flora and fauna of tropical countries. Both days were enjoyed by everyone and the children's behaviour and enthusiasm were a real credit to themselves and the school.

E-Safety meeting
Along with our partnership primary schools and Matthew Arnold Secondary School, we have organised an E-safety awareness evening for parents this Thursday, 17th October. This will be an opportunity for you to listen to a variety of short presentations covering the benefits, and many positives, of internet use as well as the related issues that children can face. We hope to provide practical advice that is easy to apply on issues such as personal information, social networking, downloading, cyberbullying, gaming, digital footprints, online reputation etc.
The event is aimed at Key Stage 2 parents (Years 3 – 6) and will be held at Matthew Arnold School at 5pm and then repeated at 7pm. I do hope you will be able to come along.

Cross Country School Games
Well done to our Year 3 / 4 Cross country Girls finalists Heidi, Chloe, Niamh, Nina, Eva, Amelia and Cheylha who ran so enthusiastically at Wednesday's district finals. They all did well and we are very proud of them.

Soup Share - After School Today!
Following the success of Kitchen Garden Club's RHS soup share, Year 6 are planning to make it an even bigger event this year. They have made soup using the produce from our school garden as well as other edible goodies and will be selling them after school today. There will be a discount if you bring your own cup or mug, Not only will it raise funds, but the sale will also help us work towards RHS level 5 as part of the campaign for school gardening. Please come and support us.

Governors News
We currently have a vacancy for an additional Parent Governor. If you are interested in joining us and would like more details, do let me know and I can talk through the role with you and how to apply.

From Your PTA
Thank you to everyone who helped make last Friday's School Disco so much fun and such a success! It was an all-round fantastic night and we are very pleased to report this event raised over £850 for the school! Some of these funds have been used to purchase much needed Forest School supplies for all the students to use and enjoy throughout the year! Your support at all PTA-run events makes such a positive difference to children's school experience! Thank you!

Thank you also to everyone who attended the PTA's Annual General Meeting. The PTA Committee officially bid farewell to **Audrey Cahill, Lucy Tappin, Kelly Bartlett, Clare Denton, Erica Martin and Ailsa Morris** (our tremendous Treasurer for the last 4 years!). Thank you all so much for all you contributed during your time on the Committee! We are also very pleased to announce the following new PTA Committee members; **Amanda Widdess, Amy Shearn, Melanie Bernstein, Rosanah Holmes, Sarah Cohen and our new Treasurer, Clive Davies**. Our next Committee meeting will be at **The Vine at 8pm on Thursday October 24th**. New members and ideas are always welcome!

It's time to get creative with our **Cauliflower Cards** festive fundraiser! All of the children are invited to create an original design, drawing or collage to be professionally printed as a Christmas card. Your child is credited as the designer on the back of every card and your choice of holiday greeting is printed inside. Card packs are made up of 12 identical cards with envelopes. The first pack of 12 cards is £5.50 and each additional pack is £4.50. **The school receives £1 from each pack sold!** Designs can also be placed on gift-tags, wrapping paper and gift mugs. A blank design page, order form and details were sent home with each child today. **A separate order form is required for each design**. If any other members of your family would like to join in, please grab an additional form from the office. **Orders must be placed online by midnight November 5th** and all artwork must be received in school by **the following day, November 6th** so that cards can be printed well before the holiday season. Please keep designs flat and damage free, as marks will show on the final print. If you have any questions, please have a look at the Cauliflower Cards website https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/online-products or email PTA contact Adrian at pitts.adrian@gmail.com

Confirmed event dates for your calendars:

- ✓ **Pre-loved Uniform Sale - November 12/13th 2019 (at *Parents Evenings*)**
- ✓ **Non-Uniform/Tombola Donation Day - November 29th, 2019**
- ✓ **Christmas Fayre Friday - December 6th 2019 5:30 – 9pm**
- ✓ **Mulled Wine & Festive Bites - December 17th 2019 (*KS1 Nativity, evening show*)**
- ✓ **Quiz Night - February 7th 2020**
- ✓ **Pre-loved Uniform Sale - March 2020 (at *Parents Evenings*)**
- ✓ **Spring Bingo - March 27th 2020**
- ✓ **Non-Uniform/Tombola Donation Day - June 5th 2020**
- ✓ **Summer Fete - June 12th 2020 5:30 – 9pm**
- ✓ **End of Year BBQ - July 10th 2020**

WEEK 1 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oven Baked Salmon Fishcakes with Jacket Wedges Or Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Homemade Beef Lasagne Or Crispy Quorn Dippers with New Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Stuffing and Gravy Or Vegetable Slice	Mild Chicken Curry with Rice Or Macaroni Cheese	Oven Baked Beef Burger in a Roll Or Fishless Fingers

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Preparing for harvest by learning our harvest song, making carrots for church and practising our number work by counting in twos.
Year 1	Writing down bonds to 10 with + and -, writing questions and investigating using our sense of smell.
Year 2	Practising for our class assembly, creating pictograms and making and eating ginger bread!
Year 3	Adding and subtracting, rewriting a chapter from How To Train Your Dragon, and creating Autumn poems.
Year 4	Understanding tenths and hundredths, planning and writing a story in the style of Roald Dahl's Matilda and exploring balance in gymnastics.
Year 5	Writing fractions as decimals, sewing rainforest spiders and learning about the Tropical Rainforest biome.
Year 6	Drawing pictures of locations in Oxford using perspective, writing descriptions of Gollum and solving division problems.

Next week:

Thursday 17th October	9.30am	Harvest service at St Michael's church, friends and family welcome.
Thursday 17th October	5pm or 7pm	Partnership E-safety information evening at Matthew Arnold School.

Yours sincerely,

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