



News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 8

25th October 2019

Dear Parents,

We finished off this half term with a lovely class assembly from year three. They treated us to some lovely singing, acting and art as well as testing all our online safety knowledge. Well done to all of them – it was great to see everyone thoroughly enjoying their work.

Books at Bedtime

On Thursday we welcomed back our Reception children for a quiet evening of stories and hot chocolate. The reception classroom looked beautiful and it was a great adventure for our children to return to school at bedtime! Well done to everyone involved. Our reception class have had a great half term – it's been a long one but they have done really well and deserve a well-earned rest over half term! Keep reading! Next term, your reception child will be bringing home a reading book.

Netball club

I'm afraid that there will be no Netball Club on Wednesday 6th November, which is the first Wednesday when we come back from half term.

School photos

I've had a few comments over the last couple of weeks with regard to quality of the individual photos taken this year. I am sorry if you were disappointed. We had a few issues with the company when they took the photos last time as well, but gave them a second chance, but now clearly need to look at an alternative company for our next session. While we are in the process of changing photographers, please let me know if you have any strong preferences for styles or format.

Brilliant Badminton

Congratulations to our school team of Brooke, Eva, Samson, Leo, Benji, Nat, Isabelle, Lily, Molly and Bobby, who represented the school very ably and proudly at the Vale Bisi Badminton Festival yesterday. They learned and practised a whole variety of skills for good badminton playing and have come away ready to build on their excellent abilities in the future! Well done everyone.

A couple of reminders:

- ✓ Flu vaccination – please fill in and return the online consent form by the **5th November**.
- ✓ Secondary schools – the closing date for Year 6 children to select their secondary school for September next year is **31st October**. (don't forget as Matthew Arnold in particular is becoming oversubscribed)

Community events

- Big Sunday Story – The story of St Frideswide - Oxford's patron Saint, with Jackie Holderness. - Sunday 3rd November 11.00am at St Michael's Church.
- Civil War Oxford – a 3 hour workshop at Christ Church Cathedral on Thursday 31st October from 1 – 4pm. (www.museumoxford.org)
- Funky Monkey and the Juicy Fruits – a puppet play about some gunky food, some funky food and a monkey dude! This Saturday, 26th October 2pm and 4pm at the Pegasus Theatre. (www.pegasustheatre.org.uk)

Aldi Kit for Schools promotion

We need 31 more stickers to complete our sheet of 300 stickers so we can enter the competition to win £20,000 for our school! Aldi are giving out the stickers until **November 3rd** and we will be collecting them in school until **Monday November 11th**. When you spend £30 in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB athlete sticker to send in to school. There is a collection box in the school entrance. Could you consider doing a weekly shop at Aldi to get a sticker and help us to win?



PTA News

Our annual **Cauliflower Cards** festive fundraiser is happening now! A blank design page/ order form was sent home in book bags last Friday and 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 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. We look forward to seeing all of your amazing creations after the half-term break!

NEW SCHOOL LUNCH COMPAY MENUS STARTING AFTER HALF TERM !!!

WEEK 1 menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Or Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Toad-in-the-Hole with Gravy Or Vegetarian Meatballs with Rice and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Or Roast Quorn Fillet with Stuffing	Savoury Minced Beef with Creamed Potatoes Or Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Oven Baked Fish Fingers Or Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Talking about more than and less than in maths, mixing colours in our autumn pictures and enjoying an amazing evening at books at bedtime. Well done Acorns on a brilliant first term!
Year 1	Reading and writing tricky words, performing our ribbon dances to Mr Read and splashing round the countryside on our autumn walk.
Year 2	Performing poetry with partners, practising our problem solving skills and we had a visit from Florence Nightingale.
Year 3	Recapping the term's work in reading, spelling, punctuation and maths, as well as practising and performing our class assembly.
Year 4	Investigating flight with paper aeroplanes, putting fractions and decimals on a number line and composing our own melodies using a glockenspiel.
Year 5	Writing persuasive letters, experimenting with pop rockets in science and calculating area in maths.
Year 6	Writing biographies, researching saints and developing our tag rugby skills.

First Week Back:

Wednesday 6 th November	All Day	Year 6 visit to Hill End
Thursday 7 th November	2.45pm	Year 6 residential visit meeting
Friday 8 th November	AM	Fire and Rescue visit in Year 2
Friday 8 th November	AM	Reception – Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 12 th November	3.30pm – 7pm	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 13 th November	3.30pm – 5pm	Parent / Teacher Meetings

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful half term break after this busy half term. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Ed Read