



# News from Cumnor School

*Autumn Term Number 3*

*25<sup>th</sup> September 2020*

Dear Parents,

As you know, the latest daily Covid figures are on an alarming rise (now over 6,000 a day which is higher than at any point during the pandemic). The school is, of course, remaining open, but obviously anxiety levels are high, and we are tightening up on our Covid-security as much as we can. Thank you again for following all the guidance and supporting our staff as much as you can by following the school's Covid procedures.

## **Hill End Trips**

Year 2 enjoyed the first of our trips to Hill End this week. The theme was centred on well-being and the children really did seem to have a great time – it was a welcome break for many of them following the national lockdown, restrictions in the summer and then the limitations we have to put in place at school. It was lovely for them to be able to play games, build dens and express themselves in a large open space. More photos are on the Year 2 page of the school website. Year 4 have their trip on Monday next week.



## **National Poetry Day**

We will be celebrating National Poetry in school next Thursday. The children will be listening to poems, writing their own and sharing their favourites with their friends. We have also arranged for each class to perform some poems to other classes virtually, over Google Hangouts. I'm sure they will all enjoy the day.

## **Parking at The Vine**

Unfortunately, the management of The Vine have decided to no longer allow parents to park in their car park at the start or end of the school day. They claim that this is because there is a view from some, that it is a village car park and so park in the car park at other times too and some have been abusive when staff ask them to leave. This obviously makes parking around the village at key times more problematic, so please do try to walk or cycle to school if you can. If you do need to drive and park, please be additionally aware of other traffic and pedestrians and to leave enough space for parents with buggies, mobility scooters and our neighbours to be able to access their driveways. Thank you.

## **Flu Vaccines**

Please find attached information about the flu vaccine which will be available to all children this year. Please seriously consider having your child vaccinated this year as there is a real prospect of Flu becoming quite virulent this winter and widespread vaccination will also help ease pressure on the NHS. I'm afraid the registration process is a bit of a faff, but do persevere if you need to. (Hopefully the next vaccine we'll be telling you about will be the Covid one!)

In summary click:

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>

and type in our school code:

**OX123146**

## Covid Questions – What will happen there is a case in school?

As you are aware, we are doing everything we can to prevent an outbreak of Covid-19 in school, but there is still the chance that someone, perhaps being asymptomatic, will introduce the virus to school. Anyone who has any of the three main symptoms is being asked to stay at home until they have had a negative test. Currently most results are being returned within three days. During this time we will be sending a selection of work home for them to complete in the same way that we did in last term.

If there is a confirmed case, (we will notify all parents if this is the case) then we will contact the Local Health Protection Team for advice. The most likely scenario will be that anyone who has been in close contact with the infected person will need to stay at home for 14 days and possibly be tested too.

‘Close contact’ means within 2 metres for over 15 minutes or face to face contact for any amount of time. With our ‘bubble’ approach, this should be just the class (adults and pupils) the person is in. The whole school will only close if there are several cases in different classes or in the case of a national lockdown or circuit break lockdown.

If a class, or the school, is closed then we will provide online lessons for all those self-isolating. This will take the form of the regular curriculum lessons, providing continuous learning and as many video lessons and live lessons through hangouts as we can feasibly manage.

Fingers crossed we won’t need to implement any of the above!

## PTA Committee News

Please like and follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Cumnor-Primary-School-PTA-2303883376352068>. If you are interested in joining the PTA Committee this year, please get in touch with our Secretary at [tara.cm@gmail.com](mailto:tara.cm@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome any new members and would especially love for some Reception class parents to join us this year!

We are currently unable to accept uniform donations via the school office. So, for now, we will have a designated uniform drop-off day/time of \*Monday morning only\* when a PTA Committee member will be on hand to safely collect and store it. Please place any uniform you wish to donate into the marked container outside the school tower doors by 9am. We are especially in need of navy cardigans, logo navy jumpers, logo zip-up fleeces and Year 6 purple jumpers. We kindly ask that all items left are in clean, ready-to-wear condition. Thank you! If you require any uniform items, please send your request to our designated email address, [cumnorprimaryuniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:cumnorprimaryuniformpta@gmail.com), and we will endeavour to find you what you need. Items are just £1 each, to be paid for upon receipt.

## Next week’s meal menus (week 1)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice	Oven Baked Sausages OR Vegetarian Sausages Mashed Potatoes	Pasta Carbonara OR Macaroni Cheese	Oven Baked Beef Burger in a Roll OR Southern Style Quorn Burger in a Roll	Fish Fingers and Chips OR Quorn Dippers and Chips
Diced Herby Potatoes	Baked Beans, Carrots	Broccoli, Carrots	Sweetcorn, Coleslaw	Peas, Baked Beans
Sweetcorn, Peas	Oat and Apricot Cookie	Raspberry Cupcake	Ginger Cookie	Iced Fruit Smoothie
Apple Crumble with Custard				

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

Reception	Talking about our families, painting autumn pictures and learning our new sounds m and n.
Year 1	Recording equations as "number sentences", asking questions to Neil, Buzz and Mike about the first moon landing, creating artwork in the style of Kandinsky.
Year 2	Reading and writing instructions, adding ten in maths and enjoying a great day out at Hill End promoting our wellbeing.
Year 3	Learning our multiplication and division facts, using third person pronouns in our writing, and having our second guitar lesson.
Year 4	Working on the 3x, 6x and 9x tables; using the autobiographical <i>Boy</i> to find out about Roald Dahl's childhood and comparing characters in <i>Matilda</i> .
Year 5	Writing a summary of the first 3 chapters of <i>Journey to the River Sea</i> , starting to multiply 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers either in a grid or using long multiplication and using shades of colour to create rainforest flower pictures in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.
Year 6	Writing play scripts based on the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, using negative numbers in context and Roman numerals and practising basketball skills.

Have a good weekend

Yours sincerely



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