News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 4 ***2nd October 2020***

Dear Parents,

Hill End Trips

Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Hill End this week. The weather was wonderful for their day and they loved the variety of activities. (Photos on the Year 4 webpage.) We have Year 3 and Year 6 going next week.

Harvest

Our harvest celebrations will take place virtually this year on Thursday 8th October. Each class has contributed to a video presentation and Jonathan Widdess will kindly be leading the service. It will be available on the school website for those of you who would otherwise be 'joining' us and the children will watch it on Thursday. We are still doing our charity collection. This year we are collecting for the Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank. There will be a box on the driveway for donations on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. They're looking for:

Jams/other spreads
* Sugar
* Tins of vegetables (not tomatoes or pulses)
* Tins and packets of puddings
Tins Meat
Tins Fruit
Cereal
Biscuits
Bottled Sauces
Coffee/Hot Chocolate
Practical Toiletries

** Starred items most critical*

When donating food please ensure that items have a 'sell by date' of at least 3 months and is clearly marked. Thank you for your support.

London Marathon update from Mrs Merrill

As you know I was due to be running the London Marathon in April and was 11 weeks into a 16 week training plan when it was cancelled due to the Coronavirus and postponed to Sunday 4th October. Sadly, it still cannot go ahead 'properly' in London, but instead they have decided to hold it as a virtual event, and participants have been given 24 hours to complete it in as many stints as they wish.
I will be attempting to run 26.2 miles around Oxford on Sunday morning in one go! I may have to walk a little bit, but training has gone well and I completed a 20 mile run 3 weeks ago in 3.5 hours, so am hoping to certainly run most of it.
Thank you to all of you that most kindly and generously sponsored me, I hope to still be able to run the 'real thing in April 2022. I hope to update you all again next week as a marathon runner!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sharon-Merrill

National Poetry Day
We celebrated National Poetry in school on Thursday. The children listened to poems, wrote their own and shared their favourites across different classes using Goggle Hangouts. I hope they enjoyed the day.

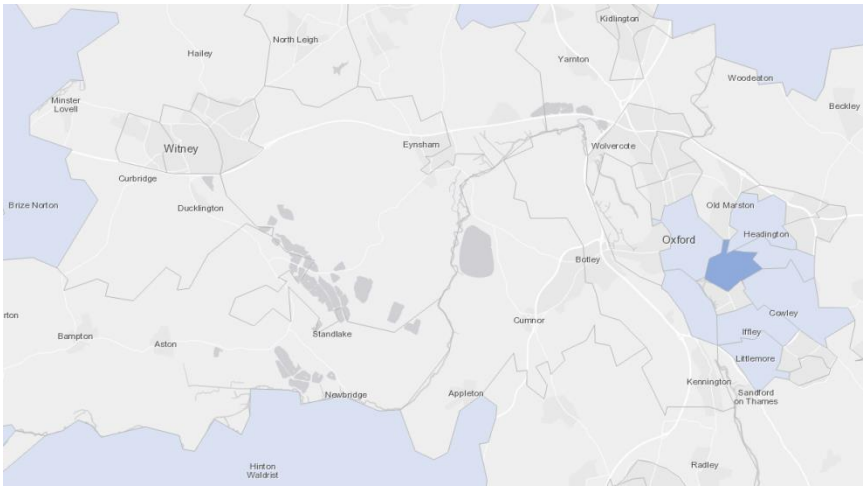
Flu Vaccines
Please find attached information about the flu vaccine which will be available to all children this year. Please seriously consider having your child vaccinated this year as there is a real prospect of Flu becoming quite virulent this winter and widespread vaccination will also help ease 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 – How is testing and tracing working now?
The national picture for new COVID-19 cases does seem to be worsening and the stricter measures in some parts of the country are badly needed. It is interesting to see what the local map looks like around here – there are clearly a lot of new COVID-19 cases in Oxford (the blue areas on the map) and unfortunately the situation may well worsen now that Oxford Brookes University students have returned and Oxford University are welcoming their students back this week. Thank you for continuing to be careful and vigilant.



From school's perspective, the appointments and testing situation does seem to have improved in the last few weeks. Currently we don't have any families off school with COVID related symptoms or awaiting results and those who have had tests recently haven't reported any significant problems in either getting an appointment, or the return time, which is within 48 hours. We did have an anecdotal story from a parent who has a friend working at the walk in clinic at Oxford Brookes (Fuller Building Restaurant) saying that if you turn up at 7.30am when it opens, and importantly are looking ill, then you'll be tested there and then. Good to know if you're desperate.

Next week's meal menus (week 2)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn, Coleslaw Strawberry Jelly Pot	Chicken Burger in a Roll and Chips OR Quorn Dippers and Chips Crudities Fruit Flapjack	Sausage Roll OR (V) Sausage Roll New Potatoes Green Beans, Carrots Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Lasagne OR Vegetarian Lasagne Broccoli, Sweetcorn Chocolate and Orange Cupcake	Fish Fingers and Chips OR Fishless Fingers and Chips Peas, Baked Beans Ice Cream Tub

What's my child been doing this week?

Reception	Learning an autumn poem, making autumn crowns and went exploring in forest school.
Year 1	Finding halves of shapes, enjoying an alien poem together and finding out what baptism is from Jonathan our vicar.
Year 2	Learning about nouns, practising addition and subtraction in maths and thinking about who we are grateful for.
Year 3	Calculating with money in maths, writing about dragons and their eggs, and learning about dragons in Chinese culture.
Year 4	Using diagrams to identify equivalent fractions, finding out about food production and Harvest in Africa and performing a 'Revolting Rhyme' to Willow class in a Google hangout as part of National Poetry Day.
Year 5	Learning about and practising using relative clauses, written diary entries as Rajah the monkey and applying our knowledge of multiplying and dividing to solve problems.
Year 6	Reading and performing poetry; using prime numbers, factors and multiples in maths, using 1 and 2 point perspective in art.

Have a good (wet) weekend

Yours sincerely

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