



# News from Cumnor School

*Autumn Term Number 5*

*9<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

Dear Parents,

## **Hill End Trips**

Another super week for 2 classes at Hill End; Year 3 on Monday and Year 6 today. Photos should be on the website by the end of Monday.

## **Harvest**

We enjoyed creating and then watching our harvest service online this week. If you haven't had a chance to view it yet, it's still on the school website: [www.cumnorprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.cumnorprimaryschool.co.uk) – home learning – videos – songs and assemblies. Thank you too for all your donations to the Oxford Emergency Foodbank, we had more than ever! I am sure they will be very much appreciated.



## **London Marathon update from Mrs Merrill**

I did it!

26.2 miles, 4 hours 47 mins of running, 5 hours 14 mins in total including stops to change very wet clothing just after halfway and also refuel rather than carry everything with us.

The weather conditions were brutal; it was very, very wet, cold and sometimes windy. We had to change our planned routes due to flooding and all of this made the challenge of a marathon even tougher and really hard going from mile 23, but I was never going to give up. I had the company of my youngest son (16 yrs) on his bike beside me for the last 5.5 miles and he just kept talking to me and encouraging me all the way. He was amazing, as were the friends and fellow staff members who turned up at the finish line to cheer me on.

Strangely enough though, I did enjoy it and am actually looking forward to doing it all over again properly in London in April 2022. Kindly, Oxfordshire I.M.P.S have said they will give me one of their allocated charity places for this race as I missed out this year. Watch this space!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sharon-merrill>

## **Parent / Teacher Meetings**

We have arranged for our autumn term Parent / Teacher meetings to be held in the week of 9<sup>th</sup> November. These will be after school and virtually through Google Meet. One of the advantages of doing these meetings through video conferencing is that we hope it will be more practical for both parents to join us without having to get back home early from work, or arrange to look after children. Both parents will be able to join the meeting on separate devices at home, work or on the go! To keep things simple, we are intending to use the children's google accounts for these meetings. These have already been set up and hopefully you, or they, already know how to use the video conferencing element already built in. Full instructions will also be sent home nearer the time along with sign up times.

## **Flu Vaccines**

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.

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

and type in our school code:

OX123146

### School Photos

The school photographer will be coming in next Thursday to take individual photos of the children. Unfortunately, because of the new bible system we won't be able to have family photographs taken or include siblings from pre-school. All will simply be individual. We're hoping that we will be able to take the photos outside, but if not then we may have to use the hall and sanitise in between class groups. It may take all day though!!

### Covid Questions – Now that Oxford is on Red Alert, what does this mean for the school?

Simple...



### Dates for your diary:

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Individual school Photos
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Year 5 visit to Hill End
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	All day	Year 1 visit to Hill End
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	All day	Reception visit to Hill End (Letter to follow)
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term	
W/B 9 <sup>th</sup> November	After School	Parent / Teacher meetings
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	All Day	INSET DAY – staff only in school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	Flu vaccines for all children
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15pm	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	Children return to school

### PTA Committee News

Our annual **Cauliflower Cards** festive fundraiser is happening now! 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 school receives £1 from each pack of cards sold!** Designs can also be placed on gift-tags, wrapping Paper and gift mugs. The children will be given time to work on their creations at school before half-term and parents will have a chance to view the designs and decide what to order during the break.

**Orders must be placed online at home by 11:59pm, November 3rd and all artwork must be received back in school by the following day, November 4th** so that cards can be printed well before the holiday season. Please keep designs flat and damage free, as marks may 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-how-it-works> or email Adrian at [pitts.adrian@gmail.com](mailto:pitts.adrian@gmail.com). We really appreciate your support to make this first fundraiser in so long a success and look forward to seeing all of the amazing creations back after the half-term break!

This year's **PTA AGM** will be held online on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. The Zoom invite link is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74913869309?pwd=eINNUjErd1JjRUy5MDhnb3lrRWE0dz09>. Meeting ID 749 1386 9309 / Passcode 3tNq7X. Everyone is welcome. If you're thinking about joining the PTA Committee this year, now is the time! Please contact us at [cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com) to express your interest or find out more. We'd love to have you join the team! An updated PTA Committee and Class Representative list will be posted on the PTA board after the AGM. Please have a look!

### Next week's meal menus (week 1)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice	Oven Baked Sausages OR Vegetarian Sausages	Spaghetti Bolognaise 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	Mashed Potatoes	Broccoli, Carrots		Peas, Baked Beans
Sweetcorn, Peas	Baked Beans, Carrots	Raspberry Cupcake	Sweetcorn, Coleslaw	Iced Fruit Smoothie
Apple Crumble with Custard	Oat and Apricot Cookie		Ginger Cookie	

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

Reception	Making autumn decorations, sorting harvest foods in phonics and matching numbers to amounts.
Year 1	Learning pairs of numbers that make 10, practising our letter formation and investigating how our sense of hearing works.
Year 2	Practised using money in maths, learning about keeping clean in science and writing the story of the Gingerbread Man.
Year 3	Typing and formatting reports including photographs on Google Docs, solving money problems, and learning about our skeleton and joints.
Year 4	Learning how to write tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimals, planning and writing a story inspired by Matilda and playing Danish Longball.
Year 5	Making nets for our truffle boxes, drafting adverts for truffles and comparing fractions using our knowledge of equivalent fractions.
Year 6	Writing about Empress Matilda's escape from Oxford castle; exploring the effects of hyphens to change meaning and using formal multiplication methods.

Have a good weekend

Yours sincerely



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