News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 6 *16th October 2020*

Dear Parents,

Hill End Trips
Our final Hill End well-being trips are going ahead next week with Year 5 on Monday, Year 1 on Wednesday and our Reception class going on Thursday. I do hope they all enjoy their days.

School Photos
The school photographer came in on Thursday and, in spite of the covid restrictions, seemed to do a really good job of getting the best out of the children, with some lovely pictures taken. The photos should come home to you next week and if you would like to order them please do so online. It will probably be cheapest to have them delivered to school for us to distribute, but if you are anxious then they can be delivered directly to you.

Parent / Teacher Meetings
We have arranged for our autumn term Parent / Teacher meetings to be held in the week of 9th 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 devises 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.

From the PTA Committee:
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 but may need to complete them at home during the break when parents will have a chance to view the designs and decide what to order.
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. 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 19th at 8pm**. The Zoom invite link is: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74913869309?pwd=elNNUjErd1JjRUY5MDhnb3IrRWE0dz09. 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 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!

Covid Questions – If you do have any other covid-19 school related questions then do ask.

Next week's meal menus (week 2)

Chicken and Sweetcorn Pizza OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn, Carrots Strawberry Jelly Pot	Chicken Burger in a Roll and Chips OR Quorn Dippers and Chips Crudities Fruit Flapjack	Homemade 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	Adding and subtracting, learning our new sounds and making handprint acorns.
Year 1	Telling the time to o'clock, writing the story of Amy, the Woman on the Moon, and making autumn leaf collages.
Year 2	Telling the time in maths, learning from a virtual visit with a nutritionist and writing thank you letters.
Year 3	Writing, editing and reading out our dragon 'retells', learning about equivalent fractions and creating 'Work Hard and Be Nice' posters for our classroom walls.
Year 4	Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, reading and writing book reviews and researching facts about our favourite Roald Dahl books.
Year 5	Investigating the features of persuasive letters, finding percentages of quantities & using a thesaurus to find synonyms & improve word choice.
Year 6	Finding out about the role of insects from George McGavin (our virtual visitor), practising short and long division and researching Oxford authors.

Yours sincerely,

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