



News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 7

23rd October 2020

Dear Parents,

Hill End Trips

Unfortunately, the Year 1 Hill End had to be postponed to the 6th November because of the torrential rain on Wednesday but the other two trips for Year 5 and Reception went ahead and the children had a wonderful time. Photos are on the website.



School Photos

Your child's school photograph should have come home with them this week. If you would like to order a copy and have it delivered to school, then the deadline for returns to the school office is the 10th of November.

Secondary School and Primary School places

If your child is currently in Year 6, please ensure that your application for secondary school is complete. Every year we have a few parents who don't fill in the application in time and so they, and their children don't hear along with the rest of the class and then have an anxious wait to see if a place becomes available. The application closing deadline is the 31st October.

On a related note, we are not able to show around prospective families of children hoping to start at Cumnor in September 2021. If you have a child, or know someone who has a child, who should start next year, please do get in touch. We have a link to a video tour of the school we can send you and I am always happy to talk with you about the school and your application, over the phone. Applications for new children starting school in September 2021 can be made between 3rd November – 15th January 2021.

Parent / Teacher Meetings – sign up times available now

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 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.

Sign up times are now available so please log on to your Scopay account and select the 'Parents Meetings' tab to choose a time. Incidentally if you have more than one child please don't choose consecutive times as it takes a few minutes to switch from one account to another and, this year more than ever, teachers will need to keep to their allocated time schedule.



Poppy Appeal



We will be collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal as usual this year. The only difference will be that we have allocated a set of 30 poppies to each class so if your child would like to support the appeal, they can bring in a donation and collect a poppy themselves from the box in their class.

Food Hygiene Inspection.

The food hygiene inspectors called this week and have judged that our kitchens should retain their five-star food hygiene rating. Well done to the ladies who work in the kitchen.



School Lunches

The School Lunch Company have made a few amendments to the lunch menu. After half term the revised menu will look like this, starting with week 1 on Monday 2nd November:

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 1 | Chicken and Sweetcorn Pizza OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice Diced Herby Potatoes Sweetcorn, Peas Apple Crumble with Custard | Oven Baked Sausages OR Vegetarian Sausages Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans, Carrots Oat and Apricot Cookie | Spaghetti Bolognaise OR Macaroni Cheese Broccoli, Carrots Raspberry Cupcake | Oven Baked Beef Burger in a Roll OR Southern Style Quorn Burger in a Roll Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fruit Cheesecake | Fish Fingers and Chips OR Quorn Dippers and Chips Peas, Baked Beans Iced Fruit Smoothie |
| 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 |

A reminder that we are a nut free school, so no nuts in lunch boxes please. We also have children with allergies to eggs so again please don't include egg sandwiches. Thank you.

From the PTA Committee:

Happy half-term everyone! The children will be bringing home their brilliant Cauliflower Cards creations today! This will give them a chance to add any finishing touches and parents a chance to decide what items to order online by November 3rd. Designs can go on greeting cards, gift-tags, wrapping paper, gift mugs and more! The school receives a portion of all sales so we really appreciate your support to make this first fundraiser in so long a big success!

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. 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.

Pre-loved Uniform: 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 mornings 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 big black container by the bike shed by 9am. We particularly need logo cardigans, jumpers and fleeces. We kindly ask that all items left are in clean, ready-to-wear condition. Thank you!

If you require any uniform items, just send your request to cumnorprimaryuniformpta@gmail.com and we will endeavour to find you what you need. Items are £1 each. *** **Autumn Special: All trousers, shorts and skirts are 2 for £1** *** Grab yourself a bargain!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the **PTA AGM** last Monday. We are very pleased to welcome Tiffany Simmons and Andria Poon to the PTA Committee!

Cumnor Pre-School Nursery

Cumnor Pre-School are arranging a Halloween pebble hunt around Cumnor on Saturday 31st October from 5pm - 6.30pm, to start and end at the bottom of the school drive. Get dressed up and bring your torches, £2 per child payable on the night.

Cumnor Minors

Cumnor Minors Football Club is starting up new football sessions for Under 8 Girls and Boys.

Any Girls or Boys from years 2 or 3 are eligible, and no previous experience is needed – the only criteria is that they want to play football!

We train on Wednesday evenings and the coaching is FA-qualified and DBS-checked.

The long-term plan is to get new Girls and Boys teams up and running, but in the meantime we are just getting together to have fun and learn to play.

Please contact Chris Morris at morricscotty@live.co.uk or on 07792 866705 to find out more.

What's my child been doing this week?

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| Reception | Learning our new sounds, making collages about our favourite parts of school and exploring on our trip to Hill End. |
| Year 1 | Enjoying an Alphabet scavenger hunt, adding single digits to 10 and reflecting on our musical performances. |
| Year 2 | Subtracting on a number line, writing our own non-fiction and meeting Florence Nightingale. |
| Year 3 | Learning multiplication facts, writing our own How to Train your Dragon adventures and listening to music from 1967 to 1970. |
| Year 4 | Rounding decimals to the nearest whole number; using apostrophes for different purposes and completing our lightboxes. |
| Year 5 | Writing persuasive letters, reflecting & translating shapes and using pop rockets in science to change one variable at a time in an experiment. |
| Year 6 | Writing biographies, drawing and painting famous Oxford buildings and writing descriptions of the character Gollum. |

Thank you for all your support this term – it hasn't been easy for any of us, but having a united and collective effort has certainly help. Thank you for your help in ensuring that every one stays as safe as we can make them and a big thank you to all our staff for trying to make sure that the children have as happy and as positive an experience as we can give them.

And finally in case you missed it, and at the risk of being a little pollyannaish, I will leave you with a final and hopefully positive piece of news from this week's headlines:

Jonathan Van-Tam, England's deputy chief medical officer, has told MPs that the Oxford University vaccine might even be ready by December: "We aren't light years away from a successful vaccine. It isn't a totally unrealistic suggestion we could deploy a vaccine soon after Christmas"...and a health department official confirmed a "robust and comprehensive training programme" was being developed by the NHS to train more people to administer injections. (Sunday Times)

Have good half term break.

Yours sincerely,



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