News from Cumnor School

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Dear Parents,

A slightly earlier newsletter this week as tomorrow is an INSET day.

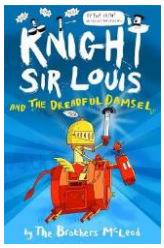
COVID Symptom Study for School Communities

The national Covid Symptom study App (Zoe) has now launched a new extension to their app to study the impact of Covid on school children. Little is known about COVID-19 in children, or how transmission of the virus among school children affects the wider population. Our school is part of this research study and it would be great if you could sign up. For an easy guide on how to sign up, click here: https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools and use our unique login code **ANDULVU**
They need at least 30% of each class to sign up for the study to be viable, so your help would be very much appreciated. Thank you

PTA Committee News

Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Our school is gearing up to celebrate Christmas as best we can under the circumstances and we need a bit of help! Sadly, there won't be a Christmas Fayre this year or any all-school activities like our usual Nativity show in the hall or Carols by Candlelight but that won't stop us from getting holly-jolly and having loads of festive fun!
Firstly, the school would love to have enough **Christmas decorations** to decorate each individual classroom by the start of December. If you have any surplus decorations (baubles, tinsel, small artificial trees, Advent calendars, garland, festive Lemax-type pieces, working lights, glitter...) or would like to contribute something brand new, please bring it in to school ASAP! The collection box for donations will be located by the field entrance gate each morning until Wednesday (weather permitting!). This will give time for quarantining and decorating by the start of December!
Secondly, we are still going to hold our **Big Christmas Raffle** this year! The list of prizes is growing fast with generous donations from the *Batsford Arboretum, Bright Sparks Science, Club Energy Football, Cotswold Falconry Centre, Cumnor Clinic* and *Millets Falconry* to name a few!
If you or your business would like to offer a prize, please get in touch at cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com. Tickets will be sent home with each family soon and as one of our very few fundraisers possible this year, we heartily encourage everyone to participate if you can!

Virtual Visit from The Brothers McLeod



The Brothers McLeod visited our Year 3, 4 and 5 children this week and were really inspirational. I hope the children enjoyed their visit and learning how a book comes into being. If your child hasn't already done so, and would like a signed book, then you should log on to your Scopay account to order a copy of 'KNIGHT SIR LOUIS AND THE DREADFUL DAMSEL' over the weekend. Signed copies of the book will be available next week and after a period in quarantine.

Drop off and pick ups
We often seem to have problems with parking outside school, but things seem to have come to a head this week with a couple of altercations regarding parents parking in the bus bay, stopping on the yellow zigzag lines and coming down the drive at peak times (mainly parents for preschool). Please do remember that the road is dangerous for our children and the rules around the zig zags, bus bay and drive are there purely to keep your children safe. Please park safely and walk your children to the school. Thank you.

Whilst I am writing about road safety, you may have seen the recent petition for a pedestrian crossing on the Eynsham Road near Pinnocks Way. Click here: Eynsham Road Petition if you want to sign it.

Puppet show

Huge thanks to Emma Boor who brought her Shadow Van to school today and treated our Year 2 children to wonderful puppet show. The show was all outdoors and the children had an opportunity to make their own puppets afterwards. I'm sure the children had a great afternoon and learnt a lot about shadows and light too. Emma's got lots of other shows too, go to www.wildboorshows.com for more information.

The Christmas!
Thank you for the Christmas decorations you have donated so far, they have been great and will really brighten up our classrooms. The decorations box will be out at the start of next week too.

Health and Safety Audit
We were the subject of a 163 point health and safety audit this week, and I am pleased to say that the results have been rated as outstanding. The health and safety inspector was particularly impressed with our excellent covid security. Well done to everyone for playing their part in keeping our school community safe, and especially to Sara Harris in the office for her work in tying all the pieces together!

Flu Vaccines
The whole school are having their flu vaccinations next Friday. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to give your permission this weekend.
https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu **School code: OX123146**

Mystery at the Museum with Steve Backshall

Spend a night at the Museum like no other on Friday 4th December at 7pm: join wildlife presenter and explorer Steve Backshall on a hunt for a missing exhibit in this unique live-streamed, online interactive puzzle challenge! Devised by Steve Backshall and escape room creators Agent November, *Mystery at the Museum* will take you on a virtual behind-the-scenes adventure through the spectacular building of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Help Steve solve a series of puzzles to save a missing museum specimen, learning about the natural world along the way.
www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/mystery *Mystery at the Museum* is an interactive online event for people of all ages with a passion for the natural world. The event is free to attend, with donations going towards the Museum's HOPE for the Future project. Reserve your place at: https://tickets.ox.ac.uk/webstore/shop/viewItems.aspx?cg=mnhmystery&c=matm&utm_source=oumweb&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=oum&utm_content=button

Next week's Lunch Menu:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	Practising our number formation, learning about Chinese New Year and making our very own Chinese dragon.
Year 1	Writing and comparing two digit numbers, learning about some local history and practising adding -ing and -ed suffixes to verbs.
Year 2	Practising using arrays, melting chocolate and watching an outdoor puppet show!
Year 3	Planning and writing stories, measuring to the nearest half centimetre, and began using coding and animation using Scratch 2.0
Year 4	Learning about the women's suffrage movement in the UK; rounding whole numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000; enjoying a virtual author visit which inspired us to create heroes and put them into a cartoon story.
Year 5	Learning about the 5 pillars of Islam, practising adding and subtracting decimals mentally and starting to think about how characters are described in narrative writing.
Year 6	Generating and describing linear number sequences, using semicolons, colons and dashes in writing, and learning the capital cities of European countries.

Have a good weekend and we looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

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