



# News from Cumnor School

*Summer Term Number 1*

*23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021*

Dear parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Easter break. It was great to see all the children back on Monday and ready for a lovely warm? Summer term.

It seems that the national and local covid picture is easing, the vaccine rollout is becoming more effective, and the weather is improving. We still need to make sure that we keep our staff and families as safe as we can, but we are hopeful that this will be the term that we can start resuming some of the fun and inspiring activities that everyone at school enjoys. There will inevitably be limitations on the parental participation at events, but within school, and from a children's perspective, it is important that we think creatively about how we can start returning to what they view as 'normal life' in school in a safe way.

As part of this process, we have begun planning various events for the term. All classes are planning additional activities although some of these are yet to be confirmed. I have set out many of these below and I will update the list each week in the newsletter as more are confirmed or if we have to cancel or change any as a result of changes in government policy.

W/B 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 outdoor cycling proficiency lessons begin
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 swimming lessons begin
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School photographer in school for class photos
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole school sponsored walk
W/B 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Chicks arriving for 2 weeks in Upper KS2
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 visit to Coleshill
29 <sup>th</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential stay at Hill End
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day, visiting new classes
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 visit to LEGOLAND
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's evening
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of year service, school closes at 1.15pm

We will do everything we can to ensure the children have a successful final term of the year, by both enjoying themselves and catching up with any learning they may have missed. We obviously need to be careful not to go too far too soon and so I very much appreciate you all continuing to follow the covid security guidance that we have established so well over the last year or so; face masks on the school site, not entering the school building or congregating in the school grounds and keeping your children off school if they have any covid symptoms.

## **Road Safety**

As you may have heard there was another accident on the Cumnor Hill yesterday. I am sure you are increasingly aware of size and speed of the lorries that drive past school on the Oxford Road as well. I have also been alerted to the fact that some children are using the safety barriers across the bridge over the A420 as a balance beam (the barrier is right by the road and so if they fall off they will end up in the road). Please remind your children of road safety and wherever possible get to walk on the inside of the pavement rather than the road side.

## **Lunches**

School dinners continue to be in classrooms at the moment. The children very much enjoy picnicking outside though and we are hoping to be able to start this again soon. The School Lunch Company will be able to offer a packed lunch (including a ham, cheese or tuna roll) for the children to enjoy outside, as well as the cooked meal option from May 4th. More details nearer the time.

Have a good weekend and fingers crossed for a great summer term!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Read". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ed Read  
Headteacher