



News from Cumnor School

Summer Term Number 8

18th June 2021

Dear Parents,

Well, we had two weeks of summer, and it has certainly come to an end in a dramatic way! Unfortunately, both the Matthew Arnold Year 6 Sports Morning and the Year 1 trip to Hill End have had to be cancelled today because of the weather. We've rescheduled the Year 1 day for Friday 2nd July and we hope to hear soon from Matthew Arnold School with regard to the Year 6 PE day.

Implications for the delay in the easing of restrictions

As you know, the Prime Minister has delayed the lifting of all covid relating restrictions until at least the 19th July, which is pretty much the end of term. We don't think that this will have a direct impact on the events we have organised for the rest of term, and we had planned these with an expected delay in mind (hope for the best and plan for the worst!). We expect all the events listed on the calendar below to carry on, but we will have to be very aware of the 'bubbling' and social distancing requirements at each one. You may have heard that there have been growing cases of Covid-19 in the area, particularly at Bartholomew School, where we have several pupil siblings, and therefore do need to keep our covid relating protocols tight at this time. It would be very frustrating, having got through the last 18 months without having to shut any class bubbles, to have to do it in the last few weeks of term!

My working assumption at the moment is that the lifting of restrictions will go ahead on 19th July and the government do seem confident that this move will be irreversible. We are therefore cautiously planning for school to 'return to normal' in September. I will endeavour to send out a detailed letter in July explaining what this will look like and include information about uniform, after school clubs, pick-up and drop off arrangements etc. so that you too can plan ahead.

Sports events

We have arranged a few extra sporting events at school over the next few weeks. Firstly, we will be welcoming The Sports Project to school on the 23rd June to provide a sports coaching session to each class. These will be based on their 'Mental, Academic and Physical' principles. We are also hoping to run a tennis tournament at school and finally we have put together a sports day for the children on Thursday 1st July. Unfortunately, the delayed lifting of restrictions means that we can still only have a group of up to 30 outside and so aren't able to welcome parents to watch on this occasion. I am sure the children will enjoy themselves never-the-less.

Year 6 Young Enterprise Project

Year 6 are currently taking part in an enterprising project, called 'Make £5 grow', supported by Virgin money. They have come up with business ideas in small teams. They will be promoting their products and services around the village over the next few weeks. Three of the teams have decided to run car washing businesses. Please look out for their flyers and posters. Two teams have decided to sell products. One group will be selling personalised pet treats and the other group, locally produced honey. On Friday 2nd July these two teams will be selling their products on the front school field straight after school. Please support them if you can (details below). The stalls will be cash only. The 2nd of July is also the date of the PTA's school uniform sale so all stalls will be spread out around the front school field to enable effective social distancing. Thank you for your support of the children with this project.

Promotional ads from the children:

Personal Pet Snacks

Our group is selling pet snacks for your peckish pet. (Dogs, rabbits, tortoises etc) From chicken or fish flavoured treats, to a healthy snack of cut-up carrots or lettuce. We will satisfy all your pet needs. We will also personalise your gift bag. Only £2 - don't miss out!

Wicked Buzz Cumnor Honey

We are selling raw, Cumnor honey for £5 a jar (190ml). You will also receive a seed bomb in a packet and you can get a recipe card for free with your jar of honey. There will be a limited amount of honey and we will only sell 17 jars for now so come early and bring cash to get a jar or two before they are all gone. You can pay for a gift bag with a jar of honey, a seed bomb, a recipe card and three draw ticket codes, all in a decorated box, for £7. You can also just buy draw ticket codes for 50p each, with an excellent, exciting prize: a trip to the apiary, where the bees live and where the honey is made! We hope you will come to the sale - so please remember to bring money!

If you would like your car washed, you will be able to sign up for a wash from the following teams on the 2nd July, at a time to be arranged (out of school hours).

Cumnor Crystal Clear

Car cleaning, window gleaming, Crystal clear will leave you beaming! We will happily clean your car for you. Only £5 for the outside (and £7 for an inside and outside wash!). Plus - a free air freshener with every clear wash! Only at Cumnor Crystal Clear!

Cumnor Car Wash

Would you like your car to be thoroughly and well cleaned? As a team, we will leave you with a bright, shiny vehicle that your neighbours will utterly envy! Just £5 a wash!

Car Spa Deluxe

From cars to trucks, don't be shy, as when it comes back your car will shine! Only £5 and you'll be astonished by beautiful polish! Only at Cumnor Spa Deluxe.

School Nurse Newsletter

Please find attached this term's Primary Newsletter from the school health nursing service.

PTA COMMITTEE NEWS:

Socially, this year has been a very different one without any of the exciting events we traditionally put on for the students and their families. We sincerely hope next year will see us back on track with lots of PTA activities and fun to be had!

All Cumnor Primary parents/carers and teachers are automatically members of the Cumnor Primary Parent Teacher Association. Our PTA Committee consists of a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and several General Committee Members. We are all volunteers. There is one parent liaison or 'Class Rep' for each year, from Reception through Year 6. The role of a PTA Class Rep is simply to make sure parents in their year are aware of what PTA events are happening and what volunteer opportunities are available at those events, as well as to answer any questions about PTA-related activities. If you have any fundraising ideas for the PTA but cannot attend a PTA Committee meeting yourself, please tell your Class Rep so they can pass it on to the Committee.

The main role of our PTA is to provide opportunities for parents, staff and pupils to get together socially and have fun! In a normal year we organise and run the School Disco, Christmas

Fayre, Quiz Night, Family Bingo Night, Pre-loved Uniform Sales, Summer Fete, Raffles and End of Year BBQ. We arrange things like Cauliflower Christmas Cards and Bags for Life. We put on refreshments at the Nativity shows, Carols by Candlelight and Sports Day.

The PTA also fundraises for the school so that our children can have the best and brightest time possible in and out of the classroom. Things we've funded include reading books, Chromebooks, digital class cameras, electronic whiteboards, outdoor play equipment, the KS1 climbing frame, movie days, Year 6 Leavers activities, Forest School and science equipment, fish tank upkeep, friendship benches, School mini-bus upkeep, various visitors to school, Year 3 music lessons and of course, ice-lollies for all the students on Sports Day!

Whether it's planning an event, shopping for the best burgers and sweets, gathering prizes from sponsors, setting up or taking down tables, cooking pizza to perfection, painting a sign, booking the DJ or bouncy castle, thanking sponsors, counting and taking pennies to the bank, researching new fundraising opportunities, decorating the hall, maintaining the second-hand uniform, sourcing Christmas lights, completing a risk-assessment, running a stall, collecting and ticketing items for the tombola, selling raffle tickets or... it takes a brilliant team to do it all and the PTA do need more available volunteers to keep all this going!

If you are able to help out at any PTA events or are interested in joining the 2021/22 Committee to plan and run such events, please let our Secretary Tara Dixon-Chapman (tara.cm@gmail.com) know. We welcome any new members with children in any year.

UNIFORM SALE

Kids growing fast? Do they need some extra shorts or summer dresses for the sunny days ahead? Want to get organised for September with some longer trousers or bigger jumpers? We've got lots AND we'll be running a socially-distanced, in-person UNIFORM SALE from 3pm on Friday July 2nd. All items are just £1 each, except white school shirts which are 3 for £1. Bargain! Cash or card will be accepted on the day. If you have any uniform to donate now, please drop it off in our PTA collection box in the bike shed by the end of June. Thank you!

Wednesday 23 rd June	Year 4 visit to Coleshill Estate
29 th / 30 th June	Year 6 residential stay at Hill End
Friday 2 nd July	NEW *Year 1 trip to Hill End* NEW
Friday 2 nd July	Year 5 trip to Bristol
Friday 2 nd July	NEW * PTA used uniform sale after school AND Year 6 business enterprise stall after school on the front school field* NEW
Monday 5 th July	NEW *Reception trip to Hill End* NEW
Wednesday 7 th July	Transition day, visiting new classes
Friday 9 th July	Year 2 visit to Harcourt Arboretum
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 6 visit to LEGOLAND
Friday 16 th July	Leaver's evening
Wednesday 21 st July	End of year service, school closes at 1.15pm

Best wishes,



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