



# News from Cumnor School

*Summer Term Number 12*

*16<sup>th</sup> July 2021*

Dear Parents,

We've had another 'interesting' week at school – quite a few more cases of Covid amongst the families of our children, and although we haven't had any more cases in the children outside Year 3 and Year 6, we now have a fair number of children isolating because a family member has tested positive. We have lost quite a few staff to the self-isolation rules too: Mr Cooke, Miss Fitzgerald, Mrs Davis and Miss Jones have all been forced to work from home as well as 4 of our support staff, so please bear with us as we get through the last few days and give the children the best end of term that we can.

Welcome back Year 3 – having completed their isolation period it was lovely to see them all back today. We look forward to welcoming Year 6 back on Tuesday next week.

Most of the children who have had confirmed Covid results have not had the classic Covid symptoms. A common new symptom seems to be a tummy upset, so please if your child has tummy troubles, please keep them off school and arrange for a PCR test.

As I indicated earlier this week, Oxford Council are encouraging all adults to take a PCR test – the latest request is that:

*“All adults living or working in Oxford are being invited to take COVID-19 PCR tests as the city continues to confront high levels of the virus. The decision to widen the availability of testing beyond the 18 - 29 year-old age group has been taken after there has been a 21 per cent increase in cases in those aged 30 - 59 in the last week.”*

## **Arrangements from 'the end of lockdown rules - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

As you know most of the government's lockdown rules are ending on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Given that Covid levels are so high around the school community at the moment though, we will be carrying on with the same arrangements as we have now, for the last three days of school. So, please continue to wear your face coverings on the school site, continue to follow our one way system around school and maintain social distancing. Thank you.

## **Year 2 at Harcourt Arboretum**

Year 2 had a lovely day at Harcourt Arboretum last Friday – learning about the trees and the great outdoors. They even managed to pick up 23 huge Peacock feathers!

## **School Photographs**

For those of you who ordered school class photographs, they have now been sent home via the children this week.



### School Books

Please could you have a really good look through your children's bookshelves this weekend, to spot any school books which haven't yet been returned? Many are needed for next year's classes, particularly whole class books, dictionaries and the Dandelions Phonics readers. Please drop off any school books you find, to the class teachers.

### Botley Library Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Children across Oxfordshire can take part in the Challenge at their local Oxfordshire Library from 10th July to 11th September 2021. This year the Challenge is celebrating nature and as they read, the children will help the Wild World Heroes save and improve their local environment. Children will be encouraged to read at least six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. As they read, they collect stickers (some smelly) and rewards. If they complete the Challenge, they will be rewarded with a Wild World Hero medal, certificate and keyring and this year will be entered into a countywide prize draw. It's fun! It's free! It's local! There's also a website the children can visit: [wildworldheroes.org.uk](http://wildworldheroes.org.uk). It has ideas of books to read, games to play, competitions to enter and more....

For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge in Oxfordshire Libraries, visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge)

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers play at 9.15 on the front Playground – Year 6 parents only.  End of year Leavers Service available online via the school website.  School closes at 1.15pm
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### Oxford Museum Service Holiday Activities

Join us for a summer of FREE fun @ The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock in collaboration with the Oxfordshire Library Service.

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> August.**

Have a go at making some Anglo-Saxon grave-goods or your own fossil. Try one of our trails. Enjoy the Library Service's Summer Reading Challenge activities. Join our Finds Liaison Officer to take a close look at lots of small, rare and impressive archaeological finds from Oxfordshire.

***Online booking is advised, but feel free to drop in! Children must be accompanied by an adult. This programme is offered free of charge thanks to support from the Friends of the Museum.***

#### **Museum open**

10am - 5pm Tuesday – Saturday

2pm – 5pm Sunday

#### **Admission free**

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/museums/oxfordshire-museum](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/museums/oxfordshire-museum)

Best wishes,



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