News from Cumnor School

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school this week. It's been a busy one too with new lunch arrangements, a visit from the Fire Service in Year 2 and a trip to see Matilda the Musical in London for Year 4 and 5. The children had a particularly fantastic time at the theatre; for some this was their first time at the theatre and for others, their first time in London. Their awe and excitement was truly palpable and hopefully it will have been an experience they won't forget.

School Drive Safety

I will be reminding the children next week that they shouldn't be cycling or scooting down the school drive in the morning or at the end of the day. With so many people about there are inevitably accidents with children bumping into each other, other adults and the parked cars.

We have also had a few parents driving down the drive to collect children from after school clubs at 4 o'clock. Again with quite a few children on the driveway at this time, there is a real risk of accidents. Please continue to park outside the school gates at collection time. Thank you.

Online Safety

Virtual Online Safety Parents Workshop. 123ICT are our website provider and maintain all our ICT equipment and software. Their Online Safety Ambassador, Nick Speller is a qualified teacher and provides some very useful online safety advice for all parents. The event is on Tuesday 9th November 2021 from 8-9pm. It is a free one-hour online safety workshop for parents and carers via live stream. (Please note, this workshop contains materials that are NOT suitable for children) The workshop includes information about the risks of using the internet and tips on how to reduce these risks and where to get help and support all based on the latest research and evidence. To register your interest please visit https://123parents.oxon.in

Please see this week's parent guide to YouTube. I hope you are able to make the online parent workshop next Tuesday.

Chicken Pox and Head Lice
We have had some cases of chicken pox in both year 1 and year 2, and a case of head lice in year 1. Please check your child over the weekend and act accordingly as needed.

Teach Your Monster To Read App
This app is currently free until November 10th (normally £5)? It's a great phonics game, particularly for Reception and Year 1 children.

Poppy Appeal

We will be collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal as usual this year. If your child would like to support the appeal, they can bring in a donation next week and collect a poppy.

From the PTA Committee:

The **Cauliflower Cards** order deadline of Monday November 8th is fast approaching! The children brought home their brilliant creations to complete and show to parents just before the half-term break. Their designs can go on greeting cards, gift-tags, wrapping paper, gift mugs and much more! The finished pieces always look fabulous and the school receives a portion of all sales, so we really appreciate your support to make this first fundraiser of the year a big success! **Orders must be placed online at home by 11:59pm, Monday November 8th and all artwork must be received back in school by the following day, Tuesday November 9th**. Please see the attached poster below. 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 us at CumnorSchoolPTA@gmail.com.

Call for Christmas jumpers! Does your family have a surplus of festive jumpers from Christmases past? Any the kids have grown out of or one that's been sitting in the back of the closet for a few years? Please donate them to the PTA! Our December school event plans include a **Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper Sale** where shoppers can find something festive and fun to wear for a great price and those lovely jumpers can find a new home. Please drop them in to the school office or contact CumnorSchoolPTA@gmail.com to arrange collection from your home. Thank you!

Our PTA is registered with **easyfundraising**. Throughout November, they are running a ***Spin to Win*** daily giveaway that we would LOVE every single Cumnor School family to participate in. Simply go to http://efraising.org/5bhQxYCr8Q, register with easyfundraising if you haven't already, nominate **Cumnor School PTA – Oxford** as your chosen cause and spin! Every day, you'll get another chance to win up to £50 for the school. It is free to play and if you click on a retailer afterwards (no purchase necessary), you get an extra spin! Please have a go!

Our next PTA Committee meeting will be **8pm at The Vine on Thursday Nov 11th**. All welcome!

School Dinners Next Week (week 1):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham and Cheese Pizza OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Spaghetti Bolognese OR Macaroni Cheese	Toad-in-the-Hole OR Vegetarian Toad-in-the-Hole	Mild Chicken Curry OR Quorn and Sweet Potato Curry	Salmon Fish Fingers OR Mediterranean Vegetable Tart

Diary dates for this term: (We have lots of Christmas events in the pipeline and will finalise those ready for next week's newsletter - details to follow)

Monday 8th November	AM	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 11th November	8.00pm	PTA Meeting at The Vine
Friday 12th November	All day	Year 6 day at Hill End
Wednesday 17th November	AM	Barn owl visit for Year 2
Thursday 18th November	5.15pm	Books at Bedtime for Reception and Year 1
Thursday 18th November	2.45pm	Year 6 residential visit meeting
Friday 19th November	All Day	Whole school art day
Tuesday 23rd November	AM	Year 2 visit to the Oxford Synagogue
Wednesday 1st December		School Christmas postbox opens
Wednesday 1st December	All Day	Year 1 visit to Oxford Castle
Monday 6th December	All Day	Year 3 visit to Hill End
Friday 17th December	1.15pm	Term ends
Wednesday 5th January	8.50am	Children return to school

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read

YouTube is a video sharing site/application that enables you to upload, view, rate, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.9 billion logged-in monthly users who watch a billion hours of video daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

What parents need to know about YouTube

SPENDING A PREMIUM

YouTube Premium (formerly YouTube Red) is a new paid streaming subscription service in the UK, offering a three-month free trial to tempt viewers into a £12-per-month plan. This includes the ability to download videos, stream videos with the app in the background, gives exclusive access to original content and a separate music streaming service and gaming app.

DANGEROUS 'CHALLENGE' & VIRAL VIDEOS

On YouTube, 'challenge videos' are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One person may post a video of themselves doing something unusual like eating a hot chilli or jumping in a river and before you know it, the video goes viral and everyone wants to join in and share their videos. The speed in which challenge videos spread across the Internet makes it difficult to keep up with the latest ones.

SHARING VIDEOS

As well as watching videos, many children are keen to share their own videos online, emulating their YouTube heroes, such as Stampy or DanTDM. However, if they post something on YouTube, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive hurtful or negative comments regarding not only their content, but also their appearance. YouTube's comment section is infamous for being one of the most opinionated on the Internet.

IN-APP MESSAGING

When your child is logged into their Google account and browsing the YouTube website, they can share and talk about videos with their friends using the chat bubble. This can be found at the top right of the desktop site or through in-app messaging on their mobile or tablet. When they tap on the 'Friends' icon, they have a list of suggested people from their contacts – which can be any contact they've had on Google or somebody who has sent them an invite link.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS

As YouTube is the biggest video sharing website in the world, there is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to be aware that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, yet offensive content may still slip through.

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Top Tips for Parents

TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE

'Restricted Mode' is an optional setting you can use to help screen out potentially mature content you may prefer your child not to see. Restricted Mode works on the browser or device level, so must be turned on for each browser or device your child uses. To do this, follow these steps:

Desktop:
- Go to the bottom of any YouTube page and switch 'Restricted Mode' to 'ON.'
- To make it more difficult for this to be turned off, you will be given the option to lock restricted mode onto your browser.

Mobile:
- Tap the three vertical dots at the top-right on the screen and press, 'Settings.'
- Click on 'Restricted mode filtering.'
- Press 'Restrict.'

Please note that you can't 'lock' restricted mode on a phone in the same way that you can on a desktop. You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

CREATE A FAMILY GOOGLE ACCOUNT

By having a shared family Google account, checking the history will enable you to see exactly what your child is watching and sharing on YouTube. To see the history on a computer, on the right hand menu under the library section, click 'History.' On mobiles, the viewing history can be found by clicking on the 'Library' tab.

YOUTUBE KIDS - PARENT APPROVED CONTENT

On the YouTube Kids platform, parents can now handpick videos and channels for their children to view, giving parents and guardians full control over what their children view on the app. Simply enable the feature within the account settings and select "approved content only". It's important to note that this feature is only currently available on Android devices.

BLOCKING ACCOUNTS

When using YouTube, there may be instances where your child receives negative comments. If somebody's giving your child a difficult time, here's how to block them and prevent future comments and replies:

- Go to their channel/account by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'About.'
- Tap the dropdown box with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block user.'
- Tap 'Submit.'

MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING

The only way to truly know what your child may have been watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their viewing history. YouTube videos can also be easily downloaded, so it is important that your child understands the associated dangers of content they are uploading and that it could harm their online reputation in the future. Show them how to set their videos to private or choose a small network of YouTubers to share with. To get started, your child can use YouTube Studio which offers learning modules on creating a YouTube channel, however, you should encourage them not to use their real name.

DIGITAL WELLBEING

YouTube has launched a tool called 'Time Watched' that allows you to see how long has been spent on the platform. Once you have discovered how much time has been spent on the app, there is the option to set a time limit. Once the limit is reached, a reminder will pop up on the screen. You can also disable sounds and vibrations to help resist the urge to check for notifications.

OPT FOR A FAMILY PREMIUM PLAN

A YouTube family Premium plan may be a cost-effective option if you have more than one child. For £17.99 a month, it allows you to share a YouTube paid membership with up to five other family members – aged 13 and older – living in the same household. As the account holder, or family manager, you must create a Google family account.

MANAGING IN-APP MESSAGES

If your child is accessing YouTube via your account, bear in mind that they may be contacted by Google contacts who are complete strangers to them. You can remove someone from the suggested contacts list by pressing and holding the person's name and tapping on the red 'x.'

YOUTUBE GAMING

YouTube has created its own destination for gamers, which highlights the top gaming videos from the user's subscriptions, including live streams. There are hundreds of YouTube accounts which show other people playing and commenting on games. These are called 'Let's Play' videos. While YouTube can be a great resource for hints, tips and news for games, it is a good idea for parents to keep a close eye on what YouTuber's are posting. Often, the games they are playing will contain strong language and violence. A few examples of popular YouTube gamers for you to have a look at are:

- Stampy
- Yogscast Lewis & Simon
- PewDiePie
- EthanGamer
- Markiplier
- PopularMMOs
- Captainsparklez
- Jacksepticeye
- LtCorbis
- Dan TDM

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