



# News from Cumnor School

*Spring Term Number 1*

*7<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year enjoyed the break and stayed safe. It has been lovely to see all the children back at school this week; not only full of stories about their Christmases but also really enthusiastic about their new topics. We have given a warm welcome to Mrs Sadia Ali to our team this week. Mrs Ali will be working as a teaching assistant in Year 2 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. We have also welcomed Apollo to Year 2 and welcomed back Moiz to Year 5.

## **New Year Resolutions:**

I wonder if you will be able to keep some New Year Resolutions for me this year?

- Parking around school remains a problem with people still parking in the bus bay and blocking drives, particularly at the end of the day. Please park considerately;
- Please drop off and collect your children on time. In particular we are getting an increasing number of children being late for school. The school doors open at 8.35 and all children need to be in class by 8.50.
- Make sure your children have plenty of layers on – we have CO<sup>2</sup> detectors in each class and when they reach a certain level we open all the windows and doors for a blast of fresh (and very cold!) air, so extra layers help keep the children warm.
- Take LFD tests whenever – the sooner any infections are caught, the less chance there is of infecting others, thus minimising the impact infections have on the rest of the school.

Thank you!!

## **Covid**

During the INSET Day on Tuesday we reviewed the school Covid Risk Assessment and decided to keep it broadly the same as last term. Currently children shouldn't notice any difference to their experiences in school. They may just notice that staff are wearing their face masks more often (all communal areas, but not necessarily in their own classrooms). We will keep the risk assessment under regular review, and adapt the ways in which we work in response to infection levels both locally and within school itself. As I know you are aware, Covid infections levels are very high across the country at the moment, and look to worsen in the next few weeks. As we get new infections in school, I will of course let the parents of children in the classes affected know. I have been contacted by a few parents though, asking about the overall situation in school. Each week in the newsletter I will write a brief summary of the numbers of new infections and the classes that are affected. I hope this will serve to both inform, and hopefully reassure you.

Currently we have 9 people isolating with Covid-19. However, all but one, were contracted during the Christmas holidays and haven't had any contact with other children in school, eliminating the chances of infection being transmitted within the classes. The single case identified whilst at school this week is in Year 2.

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Yr 1 - 1 case

Yr 2 - 3 cases

Yr 3 - 2 cases

Yr 5 - 1 case

and one member of staff.

### School Lunches Next Week (week 2):

The School Lunch Company have produced a new winter menu, I hope your children enjoy it. As well as the usual meat and vegetarian options, children also have the option of a jacket potato with fillings (beans on Monday and Friday, cheese on Tuesday and Thursday and tuna on Wednesday).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham and Cheese Pizza OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza OR Baked Potato with Beans	Italian Chicken Pasta OR Quorn Pasta Bake OR Baked Potato with Cheese	Roast Gammon OR Roast Quorn Fillet OR Baked Potato with Tuna	Burger in a roll OR Vegetarian Burger in a Bun OR Baked Potato with Cheese	Fish Fingers OR Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel OR Baked Potato with Beans

### Letters this week

Apologies for the flurry of emails and letters this week – there's so much going on! Primarily, you will be receiving a copy of your child's class newsletter today along with their topic overview and an email regarding afterschool clubs which will be starting the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> January.

### From the PTA Committee:

**Christmas Appeal Update:** Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to 2022 as much as we are. What a whirlwind of festive fun and holiday spirit December was! If you attended or supported any of our events in December – the Classroom Christmas Craft sale, Outdoor Christmas Fayre and Carols, Mulled Wine & Mince Pie bites at the Nativity performances, our Christmas Jumper Drive, the Cake Sale, the Big Christmas Raffle and Santa's extremely exciting visit to Cumnor – or donated directly on our JustGiving page, THANK YOU so very much! We are thrilled to announce that our Christmas Appeal total has nearly reached £3000!

If you haven't had a chance to support the Christmas Appeal somehow, it's not too late! To add your support with a New Year's donation, please just click here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/xmas21cumnor>. Thank you!

A special THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's **Big Christmas Raffle** which raised a whopping £1113 towards our Christmas Appeal! A huge thank you to all the people and businesses listed below who so generously donated products and services as prizes in our raffle and helped make our festive fundraising so successful! Many businesses have struggled to survive throughout the pandemic but still happily gave to support our school. Please visit and support them in return if you can! Thank you *Batsford Arboretum, The Bear & Ragged Staff, The Blain Family, Blenheim Palace, Chiltern Valley Winery & Brewery, City Sightseeing Oxford, Club Energy Football Camp, Cogges Farm, Cotswold Falconry Centre, Cotswold Motoring Museum, Cumnor Clinic, Fairytale Farm, The Fishes, Fro Goodness Cakes, Gardens for Good, The Greyhound, Goldilox Cakes, Guppy Books, Millets Falconry, Mint & Marigold Salon, Niki's Nails, Oxford Treatments, Pippa's Flower Patch, The Poon Family, Prana Yoga Oxford, The Sleepi Tipi Company, The Story Museum, Tesco Botley, Thames Art Nails, Waitrose Botley, The Vine Inn, The Woodcock Family and Yarnton Home and Garden.*

**Call for Christmas Jumpers:** Do you have any festive jumpers, big, small or in between that you no longer need? One or two the children have grown out of or one that's been sitting in a drawer for a while? Please donate them to the PTA! We are collecting *now* to hold a Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper Sale next November. We want to help every old jumper to find a new home in time for the Christmas season, so please drop them in to the school office or contact [cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com) to arrange collection from your home.

After 4 years, Adrian Pitts has stepped down from the role of PTA Committee Chair. Please join us in saying thank you very much to Adrian for all his efforts, enthusiasm and optimism during this time. He will be missed by the team and we wish him well.

**Cumnor Preschool Nursery**

Finally, the Preschool are recruiting for a nursery assistant. Please see the attached advertisement if you are interested.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Read". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ed Read