News from Cumnor School

Spring Term Number 12 *1st April 2022*

Dear Parents,

It has been a rather challenging week in school with so many staff off absent as a result of Covid-19. With the redeployment of staff, provision of additional hours and additional volunteers coming into school, we have managed to ensure that most classes have seen very little disruption other than in some cases having to work with different teachers this week. Unfortunately because of the enormously reduced staff numbers and the fact that all our Reception staff were off today, we had to move Reception teaching to remote learning. I am sorry for the disruption this may have caused. Thank you all for your understanding and a huge thank you to our staff for going the extra mile once again.

Going forward though, the new 'Living with Covid' guidance now means that it is very unlikely that we will face the same situation again. New regulations from today mean that Lateral Flow testing will not be routine or free any more (even school will not be receiving LFD kits) and isolation guidance is similar to that of any other infectious disease: stay off until you are feeling well. This means that there shouldn't be the disruption to attendance or the need for home learning anymore, as it will only be whilst they are feeling unwell that children and staff will be away from school. Infection levels will inevitably increase however, as we won't know who is infectious with Covid-19 and who is not.

Easter Church Service
We hope to hold our end of term Easter Service at St. Michaels' on the last day of term, Friday 8th April. We will be holding two services; Key Stage 2 at 9.15am and Reception with Key Stage 1 at 10.30am. You are welcome to join us if you wish. Please remember that school will finish at 1.15pm on Friday.

Book Fair
With the high illness rates and infection levels, we felt it best to make our Book Fair a virtual event this year. I hope your children have brought home their wish lists. If you are able to make your payment online and return the form to school, we would be very grateful as we receive 50% of all sales in the form of books for our school. All forms to be returned by Tuesday 5th April please. Thank you.

Prayer Week
We were pleased to be able to go ahead with our Prayer and Reflection space this week. Various volunteers from the church came in to work with our children in order to help them think about prayer and reflection through a variety of fun activities. I hope they found it useful.

PTA Committee News
Thank you to everyone who took part in our first ever Spring Hunt! It was a beautiful week to be out and about looking for clues around the village and it was wonderful to see so many families at school on Saturday afternoon, enjoying cake in the sunshine and celebrating the new season. Together we raised over £450 for the school! Our next PTA event will be announced very soon. Watch this space for details!

School Lunches Next Week (week 1):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham and Cheese Pizza OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza OR Jacket Potato with Beans	Teriyaki Chicken OR Oriental Teriyaki Quorn OR Jacket Potato with Cheese	Roast Chicken OR Roast Quorn Fillet OR Jacket Potato with Tuna	Sausage Plait OR Vegan Sausage Roll OR Jacket Potato with Cheese	Battered Fish Fillet OR Crispy Quorn Dippers OR Jacket Potato with Beans

Yours sincerely,

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