News from Cumnor School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the hot weather this week – it has been bearable in school, but it looks as though the last few days of term next week are going to be super-hot. We have put measures in place this week to ensure children are staying in the shade and staying cool in the hot weather and this will continue next week also. Please ensure your child has a **water bottle** and a **sunhat** and applies **sun cream** before school. If they are reapplying sun cream themselves during the day, please make sure they know how to do this sensibly and know not to share sun cream with anyone else.

Year 6 Leavers

The weather was fabulous for our Year 6 day out on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful day at LEGOLAND; enjoying the rides and also the refreshing cool of the splash park at the end. It was a great way to celebrate a great class of children

before they all move on to secondary school. Thank you to the PTA for funding the day.

The children continued with their end of year final events with the leavers church service at St. Michael's this morning. It was nice to be able to have the whole school join them, along with friends and family, as they recounted their best memories of school and were presented with a Bible from the church.

I am sure they will all enjoy the end of year BBQ from 5:30pm this evening and we then just have their final, and often emotional, farewell at their end of year assembly from 9.00am on the last day of term.

Y5 Pizza Making

In Year 5, teams design, advertise and make their own truffles. The winners of the chocolate project received their reward this week which was to make and eat their own pizza! This was very much enjoyed by all. Well done to them and thankyou to Amy, our school cook, for leading the session.

Reading Challenge
We welcomed Elizabeth Ward, the manager at Botley library, to an assembly on Monday afternoon. She told pupils all about the Summer Reading challenge being run by the library. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Pupils who complete the challenge over the summer will also be celebrated in a school assembly in September.

Y1 Summer Walk
Year 1 enjoyed a summer walk on Thursday morning before it got too hot! They were spotting signs of the season and comparing to their earlier Spring, Winter and Autumn walks!

Parent Questionnaire
Thank you to everyone who filled in the parent questionnaire this year. We had just over 100 responses and a variety of views were expressed. In preparation for September, we have already had a look at the overview of opinion and will look at this in more detail over the next few weeks. Here is a brief summary of some of the key findings:

In almost all areas the satisfaction levels were well over 90% (many around 95%) Most importantly:

- My child is happy at school 95%
- The school is a welcoming place 98%
- I would recommend the school to other parents 96%

The lowest agreement rates were:

- I am kept well informed about the progress my child is making 87%
- The homework provided is appropriate 81%
- The values of a church school are important to me 72%

Some of the themes which were mentioned by several parents included:

- Homework to be more consistent and engaging
- A wider range of after school activities especially for KS1
- Resumption of inter-school sports competitions
- Communications regarding events and the progress of pupils
- The quality and quantity of reading books in Reception

Over the summer we will look into ways of addressing these areas ready for September. Thank you again for your feedback.

September 2022
A reminder that Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd of September are INSET Days with the children all starting back on Monday 5th September (Reception half days on the 5th and 6th).

PTA News:
Our annual End of Year BBQ is happening tonight at the school from 5:30pm. Thank you to all those who indicated you may be joining us. Even if you haven't replied we would love to see you there! There'll be delicious food to eat, as well as drinks from our fabulous bar and music for all to enjoy! This year, we even have a climbing tower! A limited number of climbing tower tickets will be available to purchase at the BBQ for just £2 per climb. We suggest you purchase your climbing tickets as soon as you arrive to avoid disappointment. Give it a go and see how high up you can get! This is our final official school get-together of the year and a chance to bid farewell to our lovely Year 6 class. Bring your family! Bring your friends! We look forward to seeing you all tonight!

We have lots of pre-loved uniform in stock for sale at just £1 per item. Much of it in like-new condition! We do plan to have a uniform sale as soon as possible once school starts in September. In the meantime, you can email cumnorprimaryuniformpta@gmail.com with your requests and we will try to find you what you need as soon as possible. We will be monitoring this email address during the holidays but responses may be a little slower than usual. Please include the item type, sizes you need and how many of any items are required. Thank you.

Are you wondering how you can get more involved in the school next year? Please approach any of the PTA Committee members anytime for a quick chat or email us cumnorschoolpta@gmail.com to let us know. Our next pub meeting will be in September and we'd love you to join the team!

A final reminder that we will finish for the year at 1.15pm next Wednesday. I hope to see you at the PTA's end of term BBQ later this evening.

Yours sincerely,

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