News from Cumnor School

Summer Term Number 9 ***1st July 2022***

Dear Parents,

Year 4 Lost Words Trip
Our year 4 children enjoyed an additional unexpected visit on Monday, arranged and funded by Oxford City Council, The Arts Society Oxford and Wytham Woods. The day out was based around the book 'The Lost Words' and the notion that children are losing touch with nature and consequently they are losing the relevant vocabulary. Actors introduced new vocabulary via a performance which took place along the trail in the woods - an unusual way of presenting these ideas, and hopefully the children found it very inspiring and engaging.

Year 5 Residential Visit
Our Year 5 children have been having a fabulous time in Bristol over the last few days as part of their residential visit. They have visited Cheddar Gorge, the Bristol Aquarium and the SS Great Britain and are due home today after a visit to the beach at Weston-Super-Mare. I'm sure we'll hear more about the trip next week.

Move-up Morning
We are welcoming our new teachers (Miss O'Neill - Year 6 and Miss Davidson - Year 2) to school on Wednesday as part of our 'Move-up Morning'. The children will have the opportunity to spend the morning in their new classes with their new teachers, after an assembly. I am sure they will have a great day. Please come to your usual classroom door in the morning.

Summer Fete
It was lovely to see so many of you at the Summer Fete last Friday. It was a pleasure to welcome back ex-students too, some of whom explained how they wanted to come along and support the fete as they had missed their opportunity during the Covid lockdowns.
The PTA did an amazing job as always and the whole atmosphere was as supportive and as inclusive as ever. Well done to them and thank you to you all. An amazing grand total to help school was raised too – see the PTA section below!!

Sports Day
We will be holding our Sports Day on Thursday next week (7th). You are very welcome to join the children on the back school field from 12.00 – 12.40pm for a picnic before the races and activities begin. Hot school dinners will not be served that day, but packed lunches can be ordered in the usual way for children, or you can just bring a big family picnic to share! We will then all transfer to the front field at 12.45pm where the children will be having races on the track and participating in group sports events on the rest of the field. Your child will need their PE kit in school all week, including their house-colour t-shirt and trainers. They will also need a water bottle, and a sun hat if hot. Please apply sun

cream before they come to school. The PTA will also be running a refreshments stall. I hope to see you all there.
House colours: Northmoor - Green, Pinkhill – Red, Kings – Yellow, Eynsham – Blue.

Parent Questionnaire from Governors
Thank you to those of you who have filled in the parent questionnaires so far. So that we can have a full picture of parental views, we would like to see at least 75% of responses, so if you could find the time to respond, we would be very grateful.

- For children in **Acorn (Reception) Class**: click here to access the Acorn Class survey.
- For children in **all other year groups**, please click here to access the main school survey.

Jubilee Books
Your child will be bringing home with them a commemorative book, commissioned by the Government, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year. We hope they will be enjoyed.

PTA News
Congratulations to everybody who won one of the 60+ prizes in our Big Summer Raffle! There are still a few prizes awaiting collection in the school office, so please pop in if you have been contacted. THANK YOU to all the generous businesses and school families that donated such fabulous prizes this time: Blenheim Palace, Brookes Sport, City Sightseeing Oxford, Cogges Farm, Cotswold Motoring Museum, Crocodiles of the World, Cumnor Clinic, Cumnor Cricket Club, Dunelm, Fairytale Farm, Farmer Gow's, Gardens for Good, Guppy Books, Millet's Farm, Mint & Marigold Salon, Niki's Nails, Oxfordshire Skills Acquisition Academy, Oxford Active, Oxford Bus Museum, Oxford Lawn Tennis Club, Oxford Sail Training Trust, Oxford Wet n Wild Aqua Park, Pippa's Flower Patch, Prana Yoga Oxford, Roves Farm, Snakes and Ladders, Thames Art Nails, The Perch, The Vine, Ultimate Activity Camps Waitrose and WR Camps. We are extremely grateful for their support of our school!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer Fête last Friday. It was a most enjoyable evening and wonderful to see students, staff, parents, grandparents and friends from the community taking part and having fun! A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped plan, set-up, run and clear-up the event. The time you gave made this event possible. Thank you to everyone who donated a prize for our ever-popular tombolas. We are delighted to report 105 stuffed toys found a happy, new home! As well as lots of fun, the Summer Fête is a very important fundraiser for our small school and we are very excited to announce a brilliant profit of **£4,620** this year! Every raffle ticket, token, burger, drink and cake you buy, makes a difference! Thank you!

You are invited to the annual End of Year BBQ at the school on Friday evening, July 15th, from 5.30pm. There'll be a variety of delicious food available to eat, as well as drinks from our fabulous bar and music for all to enjoy! This year, we will even have a climbing tower! Give it a go and see how high you can get! This will be our final official school get-together of the year and a chance to bid farewell to our lovely Year 6 class. So do come along with a blanket or camping chair and just chill-out!

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!

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6th July	**Morning**	**School Move-Up Morning and Year 6 visit to Matthew Arnold**
Thursday 7th July	**PM**	**Sports Day – Family and friends welcome**
Wednesday 13th July	**All day**	**Year 6 end of year treat day**
Friday 15th July	**9.15am**	**Year 6 Leavers Service at St Michael's Church, year 6 parents welcome**
Friday 15th July	**Evening**	**PTA End of Year BBQ. Family and friends welcome**
Wednesday 20th July	**9.00am**	**Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Family and friends welcome**
Wednesday 20th July	**1.15pm**	**End of year**

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LEAP FORWARD

Last weekend the very excited Appleton Cubs camped at Youlbury. They climbed and threw axes, played team building games, cooked on the camp fire, hiked, washed up, slept in tents and learnt some valuable skills for life. We all had a fantastic time!

Cubs runs for children aged eight to ten and a half years old. If your child would like to give Appleton Cubs a go please contact Anna Dashwood, Group Scout Leader for more information.

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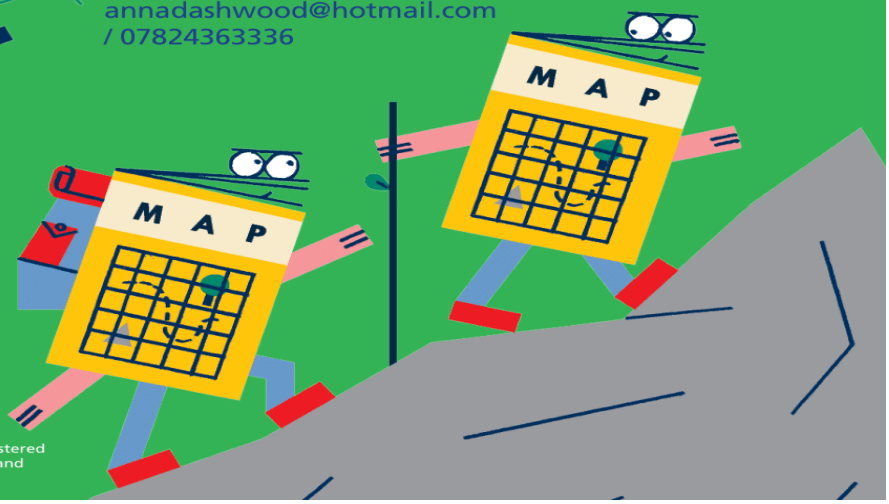

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