News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Number 4 *30th September 2022*

Dear Parents,

Harvest Service at St. Michaels
It was great to be able to fill the church once more this year with parents,friends and children as well as lots of donations of food (which will be distributed to the Oxford Homeless Pathways and the Oxford Foodbank). As many of you will have seen, the food gifts were displayed in the church during our service. I hope you enjoyed the children's contributions to our Harvest service.

Year 6 visit to Oxford
Our Year 6 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to Oxford this week, enjoying a tour of the significant literary venues connected with some of our famous authors as well as a visit to the Natural History Museum. All had a great time and were complemented on the wonderful behaviour.

School Meals - Census Day
School dinners for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are all funded by the government. The funding though, comes to the school and we use it to pay The School Lunch Company for the dinners. The strange thing about this system is that the funding is based purely on the number of children who have a meal on Thursday 6th October and Thursday 19th January. If, for example, only 50% of children have a meal on these days, we receive 50% of the funding, resulting in a funding loss of around £17,000.
We would, therefore, really appreciate it if you could encourage your Reception or Key Stage 1 child to have a school dinner on Thursday 6th October. Many thanks.

School Drive
A reminder that for safety reasons we do not allow children (or parents) to cycle or scoot on the school drive. We have had a few accidents in the last week where people have been hit by bikes and scooters as well as quite a lot of near misses. Please push your bikes and scooters up the drive when arriving and leaving school.

What has my child been doing this week?

School Value of the week:	Passion for Learning - perseverance
Reception	We have looked at the composition of numbers 1 - 4 in Maths and have taken a trip to the campfire area in the school grounds to hear the story 'Stickman'. We have been preparing for our Harvest Festival by printing with a range of natural materials.
Year 1	We have been creating our own collaborative artwork in the style of Kandinsky's *Circles in Squares*, practising counting in tens and hearing the story of the lost sheep
Year 2	This week we have been working on addition on a numberline. We have been continuing our learning with the story 'Wild Weather Soup' by identifying the characters, settings and events in the story. We have also been practising projection in music and harvest festival preparations.
Year 3	We have been writing some book reviews, assessing our performances in P.E and enjoyed making Harvest art to share in our Church service this week.
Year 4	This week, we have been learning about the most efficient methods of subtraction, French words for fruit, vegetables and clothes and about the very first King Charles.
Year 5	We have been writing character descriptions using our text "Journey to the River Sea", painting our rainforest flowers and locating chocolate growing regions in the Tropics.
Year 6	We went on a trip this week around Oxford where we took part in a Literature Walking Tour and brushed up on our knowledge of evolution at the Natural History Museum. In Maths we have been focusing on mental methods of multiplication and in English we have been exploring the subjunctive form.

Next week:

Thursday 6th Oct	**All day**	**Year 5 visit to the Living Rainforest**
Thursday 6th Oct	**All day**	**Poetry Day**
Thursday 6th Oct	**Lunch**	**Census day - please encourage your Reception or Key Stage 1 child to have a school dinner**

Yours sincerely,

Ed Read

Meals next week (week 2)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bubble Coated Salmon OR Margherita Pizza Or Jacket Potato and Beans	BBQ Chicken Breast Or Baked Bean and Cheese Wrap Or Jacket Potato and Tuna	Toad-in-the-Hole Or Veggie Toad-in-the-Hole Or Jacket Potato and Beans	Minced Beef Bolognese Or Sweet Potato Quorn and Lentil Curry Or Jacket Potato and Cheese	Fish Finger Or Vegetarian Sausage Roll Or Jacket Potato and Beans