News from Cumnor School

Autumn Term Newsletter **Number 1** **8th September 2017**

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break.

We've had a lovely first few days back at school. It has been good to see all the children back at school again, relaxed, happy and ready for the term ahead. The children have been very keen to share with us some of things the got up to over the summer and I have put up a quick display entitled 'A Summery Summary' where children can stick a photo of something they did over the summer. Please feel free to send them in with a photo and we can add it to the board.
Miss Anfray has now joined us as our new Reception class teacher and we have also welcomed four new children into Year 3: Julia, Lily, Aisha and Emily. They have all settled in really well. Our new Reception class are brilliant too! We are all really looking forward to the year ahead.

Class Newsletters
By now you should have received a class newsletter from your child's teacher. This is packed with information about the work the children will be doing over the next term and includes a few reminders too. Please ask in the office or in class if you haven't received one.

School Lunches
A reminder that the cost of school dinners has increased to £2.30 a meal, although meals are still free for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.
It is also worth reminding everyone that we do have several children with nut or egg allergies, including airborne allergies, so we would appreciate it if you could avoid including nuts or eggs in your children's lunch boxes. Thank you

Lunchtime Supervisor needed
Unfortunately, for health reasons Mrs Karen Hancox hasn't been able to re-join us as Lunchtime Supervisor this term. Karen has been a fabulous and highly committed Lunchtime Supervisor for six years and we will all miss her. As a result, we are now looking for new Lunchtime Supervisor(s). Lunchtime is from 12pm until 1pm and the role is a mixture of overseeing the children, keeping them safe, busy and happy both outside and in the hall while they have their meal. If you think you may be interested, please call into the office for more details. The job doesn't necessarily have to be 5 days a week, so if you just have a few days spare, please do consider us.

See the Best, Be the Next!
One of the best ways to inspire children is for them to see and hear from people who have become highly successful in their field and achieve amazing things as a result of their passion, enthusiasm and talent. We believe strongly that if the children can be inspired by someone, then it may ignite a spark for them too to try something new, persevere a little more with something they have a talent for and perhaps go on to achieve great things themselves. The recent World Athletics Championships summarised this effectively with the slogan 'See the best…Be the next.'

To that end we have several exciting and inspiring visitors coming in to school over the next few months, including author and illustrator Korky Paul, entomologist and TV presenter George McGavin and, starting next week, power tumbler Ben Goodall. Ben should be an inspiration for all our children, especially those interested in gymnastics. His gymnastics and power tumbling in particular are absolutely awesome, and he has represented Great Britain at many gymnastics

competitions around the world. Do check him out: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zBi8Bbwcz8 and we very much look forward to seeing him next Tuesday.

After School Clubs
Today we will send home details of this term's after school clubs. Please send through your child's preferences for clubs to the office at the start of next week. All clubs will restart the week beginning 18th September, with the exception of Karate and Sketching Club which start on Wednesday 13th.

The All New St Michael's Children's Choir
Does your child like to sing around the house or at school ? Why not give our new choir a try? There will be fun activities, food and songs to enjoy at our Opening Party on Friday 15th September 6-00pm to 6-45 pm at St Michael's church. Sessions will be run by Voirrey Carr, experienced singer, teacher and conductor of Cumnor Community choir.
For more information contact stmichaelschoir2@yahoo.com or ring 01865 863899 or just come along on the 15th September! We look forward to meeting you!

Yours sincerely,

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Diary Dates:

Tuesday 12th September	assembly	Ben power tumbler presentation
Tuesday 19th September	10.30	Year 5 start swimming lessons
Wednesday 20th September	2.30pm	Phonics meeting in the school hall
Thursday 28th September	All day	National Poetry Day
Wednesday 4th October	All day	Year 6 visit to Oxford Castle
Wednesday 4th October	PM	Year 2 visit from Homeless Pathways
Thursday 5th October	9.30am	Harvest service at St Michael's Church.
Friday 6th October	All day	Year 5 Visit to the Living rainforest
Friday 6th October	All day	Year 4 Visit to the Roald Dahl Museum
Tuesday 17th October	All day	Visit from George McGavin
Thursday 19th October	5.30pm	Reception 'Books at Bedtime' open evening
Friday 20th October	9.00am	Year 2 class assembly. Parents and friends welcome
23rd – 27th October		Half term break
Tuesday 31st October	PM	Flu Vaccines for Reception an, Yrs 1,2,3,4
Wednesday 2nd November	All day	Korky Paul visit to school
Friday 3rd November	All morning	Individual school photos taken
Tuesday 7th November	3 – 7pm	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 8th November	3 – 5pm	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 8th November	AM	Year 6 Visit to the JR hospital for the IMPS programme
Thursday 9th November	All day	Year 1 to the Story Museum and Oxford Cathedral
Thursday 9th November	AM	Drama workshop for Yr 2 & Reception Class
Monday 13th November	All day	Year 6 visit to Hill End
Thursday 16th November	AM	Dance Workshop for Year 1 and 2
Friday 17th November	9.00am	Year 5 class assembly. Parents and friends welcome
Friday 24th November	All day	INSET DAY – school closed
Wednesday 29th November	All day	Year 4 trip to see Matilda The Musical
Friday 1st December	9.00am	Year 3 class assembly. Parents and friends welcome
Friday 8th December	9.00am	Year 4 class assembly. Parents and friends welcome
Tuesday 12th December	6.00pm	Carols By Candlelight Evening
Thursday 14th December	2pm and 6pm	Reception, Yr 1 & 2 Nativity. Parents and friends welcome.
Monday 18th December	PM	Christmas Dinner and Afternoon Cinema
Tuesday 19th December	9.30pm	Christmas Service. Family and friends welcome.
Tuesday 19th December	1.15pm	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Thursday 4th January		Children return to school
12th – 16th February		Half term break
Thursday 29th March	1.15pm	School finishes for the Easter break
Monday 16th April		Children return to school
14th – 18th May		Year 6 SATs Tests
28th May – 1st June		Half term break
Monday 4th June		INSET Day – staff only
Tuesday 5th June		Children return to school
11th – 15th June		Year 6 residential visit to Woodlands
27th – 29th June		Year 5 residential visit to Hill House
Friday 6th July	PM	Sports Day afternoon
Thursday 19th July	9.30am	Year 6 Leavers Service at St. Michael's Church
Tuesday 24th July	9.00am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 24th July	1.15pm	School finishes for the summer break