



Coniston Primary School Newsletter

14th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy first full week back at Coniston with lots going on across all our classes. On Tuesday, I spent about 20 minutes in each class and it was great to see how well (and quickly!) the children have settled into their new classes. It was also lovely to welcome the parents and carers of children receiving rewards to our weekly Celebration Assembly for the first time today. We hope you enjoyed sharing your children's achievements.

Messages & Reminders:

Parking:

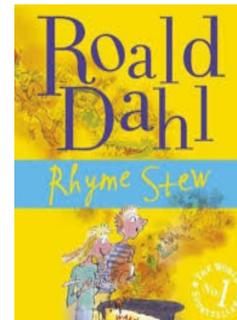
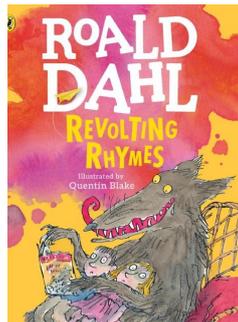
I am sorry to say that this week I have received several complaints from local residents about parents blocking garages or parking in resident only parking areas when dropping off and picking up children from school. If you need to park outside Coniston during these times, please ensure you do it respectfully and with consideration for our neighbours.

Message from Mrs Stabb:

As of 17th September there will be a small increase to the cost of our school uniform. We are sorry that we have had to pass this on however it is the first increase in cost for over 4 years. If you would like to order uniform, please pick a form up from the office.

Roald Dahl Day!

Yesterday, all our classes celebrated Roald Dahl Day by taking part in a performance poetry session. Later on in the day they also published and illustrated their rhymes using their neatest handwriting and best drawing skills. These will soon be displayed in our KS2 hall.



Next month, to mark National Poetry Day on 4th October, each class will be performing their Roald Dahl poem or rhyme to the rest of the school. We look forward to watching them!

Extra-curricular activities:

Next week sees Year 6 head off to their week-long residential trip to Croft Farm, Tewkesbury. For the rest of us, you should have received a letter about the clubs on offer in term 1. New options on offer this term include a girls football club, computer club, Y5 multi-sports club and singing club. Next term Miss Hann will be running a science club, Mrs Young a KS1 art club and Mrs Dickinson a library club (where she will take children up to Patchway library).

Raising the Profile of Reading:

This year, one of our key priorities as a school is to improve children's progress and attainment in reading. In assemblies this week, we have been talking to the children about the joy of reading for pleasure as well as the strong link between being a good reader and experiencing academic success. We would like you to support us in raising the profile and importance of reading by ensuring that children read to you regularly at home and record this in their reading diaries. For children in Years 3-6 this should be for 20 minutes at least three times a week. Younger children benefit most from frequent, 'short bursts' of reading. Later on in the term, Mrs Dickinson, our English leader, will be running a parent workshop about best to support children with their reading at home.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.9	95.4	100	97.9	97.9	97.2	99.1

Well done to Year 2 with 100% attendance, this is wonderful to see! The overall attendance this week was 97.5%. Our target of 95.5% has been bettered which is what we want to see every week! Let's keep up the good work.

This week's lateness totals are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
5	0	4	2	7	6	2

Well done to Year 1 with 0 lates this week! Punctuality across almost all classes is getting much better. Come on Reception, Year 4 and Year 5.

	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Coniston Learning Champion
Reception			
Year 1	<i>Finley</i>	<i>Isabella</i>	<i>Olivia</i>
Year 2	<i>Livia</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Logan</i>
Year 3	<i>Abdur</i>	<i>Rylee</i>	<i>Freya</i>
Year 4	<i>Randy</i>	<i>Katie</i>	<i>Ryan</i>
Year 5	<i>Patryk</i>	<i>Alysha</i>	<i>Sue-Ann</i>
Year 6	<i>Efe</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Sarah</i>

Key Dates (new events highlighted in green)

w/c Monday 17th September— Term 1 clubs begin	Monday 5th November— INSET day (school closed to children)
Monday 17th — Friday 21st September Y6 camp	Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November— Parents Evenings
Friday 28th September - School Council Elections	
Thursday 4th October—National Poetry Day	

Have a fantastic weekend everyone.
Sue Lock—Headteacher

