



Coniston Primary School Newsletter

7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! On behalf of everyone at Coniston we hope you all had a lovely summer. For those of you who are completely new to us this year we would also like to extend a warm welcome. It has been great to see our new Reception starters settling in so well ... and our new Reception teacher, Miss Bendall too! It is also lovely to see some familiar faces returning to us too. Welcome back Mrs Hayes and Mrs Stabb.

Messages, Updates & Reminders:

Year 3 Staffing:

Before the summer we informed you that Mrs Prideaux would be job-sharing with Mrs Hayes in Year 3. Since then Mrs Prideaux has decided to take early maternity leave so, to provide continuity, Mrs Young will be teaching Year 3 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning until Mrs Hayes returns full-time.

Reception:

Please feel welcome to bring your child into the classroom to settle them to a task next week but because everyone will be in (30 children) the classroom will be busy we politely request that prams be left in the playground, away from the door and only one adult per child come into the classroom. Thank you.

Clubs:

This year we are aiming to extend and expand the range of extra-curricular clubs and activities on offer to our children. Look out for a letter detailing what's new next week!

New School Values:

During our INSET days we spent time thinking about the vision and values of our school, what attributes are important to us and what would we like to foster in our children. We considered the current values of Trust, Pride and Respect and whilst these still ring true we felt they could be expanded and made clearer. After much discussion we landed on **Respect, Aspiration, Courage, Resilience, Thoughtfulness and Curiosity**. Over the coming weeks and terms we will explore each of these values, both as a staff and a school community so we have a shared understanding of them and are able to support the children in holding these values central to themselves.



Attendance Badges:

Wear with Pride!

If you received an attendance badge at the end of last term, please dig it out and wear it every day. Having good attendance is something to be proud of and something we all want to celebrate with you, wearing your badge will mean we can.

Celebration Assembly:

As some of you may know, every Friday afternoon we hold a 'Celebration Assembly' whereby we come together as a whole school to celebrate our children's achievements and successes, both in and out of school. This academic year we would like to invite parents and carers of children being presented with a certificate, medal, badge or trophy to join us for these assemblies. Should your child be receiving an award, you will be notified by text message the day before. We do, however, ask that you keep this a surprise from your child... it's much nicer if there is an element of anticipation as to who will be receiving recognition each week! Assemblies will start at 2.45pm and the office will let parents in from 2.40pm. We look forward to seeing some of you join us next Friday.

Roald Dahl Day and National Poetry Day:

Roald Dahl was also the author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, *The BFG*, and a treasury of original, evergreen, and beloved children's books. He remains for many the world's No. 1 storyteller. September 13th 2018 will be Roald Dahl day, something we are looking forward to celebrating.

We are going to link this day with National Poetry Day on the 4th October.

Each class is going to learn, write, decorate, create drama based on a Roald Dahl poem on the 13th September and on the 4th October we will be performing them!



Attendance

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.9%	93.1%	94.2%	85%	100%	100%	97.1%

Well done to Years 4 and 5 with perfect attendance. The overall attendance this week was 95%. This is just below our target of 95.5%.

This week's lateness totals are:

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

Well done to Year 6 and Year 1 with only 0 lates this week! Come on Years 2, 3, 4 & 5, can you have 0 next week? Let us start the year as we mean to go on, be in school on time and ready to learn next week please.

	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Coniston Learning Champion
Reception	<i>No certificates this week but we look forward to welcoming you to our Celebration Assembly next week</i>		
Year 1			
Year 2			
Year 3			
Year 4			
Year 5			
Year 6			

Key Dates

10.9.18—1.30 Year 6 block swimming	17.9.18 Year 6 Camp
10.9.18—3.30 Yr6 camp meeting	
Wk Bg 10.9.18—Forest school starts (check classes for days)	
13.9.18 Roald Dahl Day	
14.9.18—9.00-10.00 Coffee morning	

Finally, let us once again welcome you back and thank you kindly for your continued support. We look forward to a fun, learning filled year!

Enjoy the weekend
Miss S Lock & Mrs S Young

