



Coniston Primary School Newsletter

12th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we mentioned last week, this year we are looking at more ways to help parents support learning at home. Thank you to those of you who came to our KS2 reading workshop on Tuesday morning. Next Tuesday afternoon at 2.45pm Miss Bendall will be running an information session about phonics in EYFS. On Thursday, at 9am, Mr Glover will be leading a maths workshop (mainly for parents of children in Y2, 3 and 4) on how to help your child learn their times tables. Please come along!

Parents Evenings & Family Learning Events:

Hopefully you will, by now, have all received the letter about our forthcoming parents evenings which are to be held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November. We have already had lots of you sign up and hope that everyone will be able to attend.

The first parents evening of the year is a great opportunity to hear about how your child has settled into his or her new class, as well as how they are doing with their learning. Class teachers are also a really good source of information in terms of providing hints and tips for how best to support learning at home. We aspire for all our children to make excellent progress and know that working in close partnership with you is the best way to achieve this goal. Parents evenings are also a lovely opportunity for you to see the work your child has been doing in class and celebrate these achievements with them. I have spent a lot of time in classes this week and have to say that the work looks amazing! I'm sure you'll be as impressed and proud as I have been.

Next term we will be holding our first family learning events of the new academic year. These sessions are opportunities for you to come in and work alongside your child in class. Look out for dates, times and the focus of the sessions which class teachers will be sending out soon.

Community Diwali Festival:



Save the date for this event! Later in the term, some of our KS2 pupils will be taking part in a lantern-making workshop led by community artists. We will also be learning more about the festival of Diwali during a special assembly on Tuesday 23rd October.

Half-Term Library Events:

Spooky Fun

Bradley Stoke Library: Tuesday 30 October, 2-4pm
Patchway Library: Wednesday 31 October, 10:30-11:30am
Filton Library: Thursday 1 November, 2-3:30pm

Come along to make your own spooky crafts
FREE
Suitable for children aged 4yrs and over. Children must be accompanied by an adult

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Reading Books:

We have recently been lucky to receive a grant from the Royal Bank of Scotland, £1000 of which is being used to replenish class reading books in KS2. Further to our reading workshop earlier in the week, if you are looking for more ways to support reading at home, or are not sure which books to choose when buying or borrowing from the library, the following websites are definitely worth a look:

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home - this website contains over 250 free e-books for children of primary age.

www.lovereading4kids.co.uk - first chapter of all books for free.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk>

www.thebookpeople.co.uk—lots of great books to buy for around 75% off RRP.

As said before, reading daily at home (even for just a short while) makes a massive difference to children's progress in all areas of the curriculum at school. KS2 children should be aiming for 20 minutes each night.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
86.2%	93.8%	93.6%	90%	88.7%	92.6%	99.6%

Well done to Year 6 with 99.6% attendance. This is brilliant. The overall attendance this week was 91.8%. This is way below our target of 95.5%. There really is a strong link between good attendance and good progress so please ensure that your child is in school every day unless they are really unwell or there is an exceptional circumstance.

This week's lateness totals are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
6	1	7	5	16	10	3

Well done to Year 1 with only 1 late this week! Please help your class to win an attendance award by being in school every day **on time**. Most of us are now really good at this. Your child's class teacher will be talking to you before the end of term if they have been late repeatedly during the last 6 weeks to support an improvement in T2.

	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Coniston Learning Champion
Reception	<i>Logan</i>	<i>Remi</i>	<i>Erdem</i>
Year 1	<i>Vinnie</i>	<i>Olivia F</i>	<i>Albie</i>
Year 2	<i>Elliot</i>	<i>Maisie</i>	<i>Savannah</i>
Year 3	<i>Texus</i>	<i>Blazej</i>	<i>Rhys</i>
Year 4	<i>Layla-Marie</i>	<i>Jaydon</i>	<i>Oshiana</i>
Year 5	<i>Emilia</i>	<i>Freya</i>	<i>Gabriella</i>
Year 6	<i>Thabiso</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Emily</i>

Key Dates (new events highlighted in green)

Reception 2019 open days / tours –Tuesday 16th Oct (2pm), Thursday 25th October (9.30am) and Tuesday 13th November (6pm)	Monday 5th November— INSET day (school closed to children)
EYFS Phonics workshop for parents - Tuesday 16th October 2.45pm	Tuesday 6th November—Community lantern parade and Diwali festival (see poster above)
How to help your child with times tables at home' (Y2, Y3, Y4) Thursday 18th October 9.00am	Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November— Parents Evenings

A massive congratulations to this week's Coniston Value Star Trophy winners, Charlie P in Year 6 and Cheri in Year 2. You are the very first children EVER to be recognised as shining out for showing our Term 1 value of Respect. Please remember to bring the trophies back next Thursday so that they are ready to go out to the next winners!!
Sue Lock, Headteacher

