



Coniston Primary School Newsletter

5th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, this year we are having a large focus on promoting reading. This includes developing a love of books and reading regularly at home. To further support you in helping your child make good progress in this subject, we will be running a range of reading workshops. The first one takes place next Tuesday morning at 9am and will last no more than 30 minutes. It is designed for parents of children in KS2 (Years 3-6). We hope to see lots of you there.

Messages & Reminders:

Parking:

Some of you may have noticed that this week our community police support officers have been helping us to resolve ongoing parking issues at the beginning and end of the school day. Mr Parry, our caretaker, is also supporting with this. Whilst we know that most of you are fully supportive of our efforts to ensure pupil safety and positive relationships with our neighbours, we are still receiving complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking and rudeness from a small minority of parents when asked to move. Sadly this week, one example of this resulted in a healthcare professional having her access blocked during an emergency visit. We ask again that we work together on resolving this issue.

National Poetry Day

Yesterday, to mark National Poetry Day, children from all classes took part in a special assembly during which they performed Roald Dahl poems and rhymes that they had been learning in class since Roald Dahl day back on 13th September. It was a lovely opportunity for each class to share and celebrate their learning with each other and we were all very impressed with both the quality of the performances and the confidence shown by the children when standing up and reciting their poems in front of the whole school ... especially our new Reception children! Congratulations everyone.



Coniston Values Star Trophies!

Earlier in the term, we informed you of the new school values agreed at our recent INSET day. This term we have been focusing on the value of Respect and encouraging pupils to think about what this means with regard to: respect for self, respect for others and respect for the environment. From next week we will be introducing two new special awards ... our Coniston



Values Star trophies. Teachers, teaching assistants and other staff will be keeping an eye out for children who have been upholding the school value of Respect to a high standard. Each week, one child from KS1 and one from KS2 will be awarded one of the trophies to take home and keep for the week.

School Houses:

Another new addition to Coniston is that of house teams. Over the past few weeks, Y5/6 have been working on choosing names and designing logos for our new 4 houses. In the staff meeting this week, teachers had the hard job of selecting the winner! Congratulations to David in Year 5 who came up with the winning idea of houses named after mythical creatures. By the end of term your children will be told which house they are in.



The four house names are: Phoenix, Pegasus, Centaur and Gryphon.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.4%	92.9%	94.5%	82.0%	93%	96.2%	88.3%

Well done to Year 5. The overall attendance this week was 91.6%. This is way 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
9	2	4	4	14	8	3

Well done to Year 1 with only 2 lates this week! Punctuality across almost all classes is getting much better. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that your children are in school on time and ready to learn.

	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Coniston Learning Champion
Reception	<i>Bethany</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Preston</i>
Year 1	<i>Jayden</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>Nicolas</i>
Year 2	<i>Isla</i>	<i>Kenzie</i>	<i>Oscar</i>
Year 3	<i>Freya</i>	<i>Rielly</i>	<i>Larisa</i>
Year 4	<i>Patrick</i>	<i>Brooke</i>	<i>Laurie</i>
Year 5	<i>Pedro</i>	<i>Charlie</i>	<i>Brooke</i>
Year 6	<i>Callum</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>David</i>

Key Dates (new events highlighted in green)

Tuesday 9th—Reading workshop for KS2 parents: 9.00am

Reception 2019 open days / tours –Tuesday 16th Oct (2pm), Thursday 25th October (9.30am) and Tuesday 13th November (6pm)

How to help your child with times tables at home' (Y2, Y3, Y4) Thursday 18th October 9.00am

Monday 5th November— INSET day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 6th November—Community lantern parade and Diwali festival being held at Coniston (5pm)

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November—Parents Evenings

Have a good weekend.

Sue Lock — Headteacher

