



Coniston Primary School Newsletter

14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we've had; the key stage 1 children have been practicing their nativity all week and are really looking forward to performing it for you all on Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning and the key stage 2 children have been singing everywhere they go in readiness for their carol services on Thursday.

EYFS:

This week our Reception class enjoyed a visit from a lady who works at the local authority, she was keen to see the great learning taking place and how our tremendous EYFS team support the children to achieve their very best.

Reception have been talking about ways we celebrate Christmas.



"My cousins come to stay" Dolly-Mae

"I have a Christmas tree" Marika

"We have a dinner with potatoes and meat" Ava

"We have a Christmas star" Emily

Reception have been so creative using different materials to make Christmas pictures. They have been busy playing in the Christmas shop and post office, using money and delivering letters. They have also been doing lots of puzzles with Miss Bendall's dad. Mr Bendall is coming in to help the children in Reception and they are loving learning with him, thank you!



Parking:

We have been asked to pass the following information onto families by Avon and Somerset Constabulary:



"The Police will ticket for parking on yellow zig zag lines, for parking on the pavement or causing a wilful obstruction.

The local beat team have decided to devise a scheme to be able to manage vehicles that are parking on the yellow zig-zag lines during school drop off and collection times, and vehicles that are causing unnecessary obstruction to local residents. We will be closely monitoring parking when possible and will keep a spreadsheet of offending vehicles, either witnessed by police or members of the public, so that we can either educate drivers or in some cases issue fines to repeat offenders. No tolerance will be taken when we patrol the area. If you have an issue round the school please highlight this via our website, beat surgeries, email addresses.

To get in contact please email the NENPTSouthGlos@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Christmas parties:

Next week the classes will be having their Christmas parties so please see classroom windows or look out for notes coming home for food requests. On the day of their party children can wear party clothes, please be mindful of the weather and the fact that children will be playing outside so will need suitable shoes and clothes for the current cold spell.

Attendance:

This week and last we have seen a large number of children having time off school, in fact our overall percentage has been well below our target of 95.5%. Please can everyone make a huge effort to be in school next week, especially with it being Christmas performance week.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
85.4%	97.6%	98.2%	87%	94.5%	92.3%	83.9%

Well done to Year 2 with 98.2% attendance! The overall attendance this week was 91.3%. This is well below our target of 95.5%. Let's see an improvement next week.

This week's lateness totals are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
7	2	6	4	13	9	5

Well done to Year 1 with only 2 lates this week and winners for the 3rd week running.

	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Coniston Learning Champion
Reception	Jayden	Kal-El	Finley
Year 1	Olivia F	Sam	Evie
Year 2	Nadia	Mazie L	Francisco
Year 3	Angel	Abdur	Denis
Year 4	Jaydon	Brooke	Chloe
Year 5	Dawid	Tegan	Alysha
Year 6	Wiktoria	Sarah	Efe

Key Dates (new events highlighted in green)

Monday 17th December—2.15pm KS1 Nativity	Monday 7th January—school reopens for all children
Tuesday 18th December—Christmas Lunch	Wk Bg; 7th January—term 3 clubs start
Wednesday 19th December- 9.30am KS1 Nativity	Monday 14th January—dance club re-starts
Wednesday 19th December pm—KS1 Christmas Party	Monday 14th January 3.30pm—Yr 5 camp meeting
Thursday 20th December - 9.30am—KS2 Christmas Carol Service (repeated at 6pm)	Wk Bg 28th January—Yr 4 & 5 swimming (every pm)
Friday 21st December pm—KS2 Christmas Party	Wk Bg 4th February—Yr 4 & 5 swimming (every pm)

Preston & Larisa are this week's Coniston value's stars. They have shown aspiration in everything they have achieved this week. Well done to you both.
 Hope you all have a lovely weekend together and we look forward to seeing everyone next week for the final time before Christmas.
 Soraya Young—Deputy Headteacher



"working together we can succeed"