



Coniston Primary School Newsletter

21st December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well Christmas has arrived, it has been a wonderful week of fun with carols, nativities and parties! I am so proud of all the children, they have enjoyed the fun but also maintained a focus on their learning during their morning lessons. Children have written newspaper reports, instructions and chronological reports as well as refined their fractions, statistics and shape knowledge alongside the Christmas celebrations—well done to all.

Christmas:

Christmas festivities have been enjoyed by all this week.



I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all school staff, without their hard work and dedication the events this week would not happen.



Staffing:

January will see some staffing changes with the departure of Mrs Young, we are very excited to welcome Mr Payne and Mr Smith to our team.

Mr Payne is going to join the leadership team at the school as literacy leader and Year 2 teacher. This will enable Mr Glover to step up to acting deputy head teacher for the rest of the academic year, where he will fulfil the responsibilities of Mrs Young. Mr Payne has spent time working with the children in Year 2 and Mr Glover to support a smooth transition in January.

Mr Smith is going to work every afternoon covering teachers PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time, he will teach most classes in the school and has been in this week getting to know everybody.

I know you will all welcome them into our school team #operateasateam



School Council:

Next term our school council will hold their first meeting, Mrs Stabb will be guiding the children in developing the things that matter to them. The children's voice will be heard through class discussions, with class representatives then taking this information to the regular council meetings. School councillors are: Y2—Sara & Mehmet, Y3—Isla & Cameron, Y4—Lily & James, Y5—Lexi & Callum, Y6—Molly & Jayden

Parking:

Following the message from the police last week can I first of all say thank you to those who have been parking carefully outside of the school gates. Can I now ask people to be respectful of staff and children in the car park when dropping off at breakfast club and collecting from afterschool clubs. Whilst we are happy for people to use the car park we do ask that you are mindful of the fact that first and foremost it is for staff use and children are moving around too—be safe!

Thank you:

Our key stage 1 children have, today received a selection box each from Santa. This was very kindly supported by Mrs Tucker and family. The whole school yesterday were given chocolate Santa's from the PTA—thank you.



Attendance

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.7%	91.6%	95.5%	91.7%	94.5%	90.3%	87%

Well done to Reception class with 95.7% attendance! The overall attendance this week was 92.4%. This is well below our target of 95.5%. Let's see an improvement for the first week back.

This week's lateness totals are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
6	7	7	9	16	6	3

Well done to Year 6 with only 3 lates this week.

	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Coniston Learning Champion
Reception)		
Year 1)		
Year 2) <i>No certificates this week—attendance and behaviour rewards instead.</i>		
Year 3)		
Year 4)		
Year 5)		
Year 6)		

Key Dates (new events highlighted in green)

Monday 7th January—school reopens for all children	Wk Bg 28th January—Yr 4 & 5 swimming (every pm)
Wk Bg; 7th January—term 3 clubs start	Wk Bg 4th February—Yr 4 & 5 swimming (every pm)
Monday 14th January—dance club re-starts	
Monday 14th January 3.30pm—Yr 5 camp meeting	

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and support over the last 6 years, it has been both a pleasure and an honour to be your deputy head teacher and I wish everyone the best for the future.

Merry Christmas,
Soraya Young—Deputy head teacher

