



Coniston Primary School Newsletter

11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. Your children have returned raring to go and have started the New Year well.

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to the school, Mr Curtis Payne, will be working in Year 2 and will also adopt the role of Literacy Leader, and Mr Joe Smith who will be covering classes across the school to release teachers for PPA.

I have also joined the school. My name is Mr Alan Walters and I will be the interim Headteacher for the rest of Term 3. I have been seconded from another school in South Gloucestershire to ensure the school continues to develop and improve in the absence of Miss Sue Lock. I am very much looking forward to the challenge and have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at Coniston. The children and staff here are brilliant, and I hope over the coming weeks I get to meet as many parents as possible. If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the gate in the morning or arrange a meeting through the office.

Here's to an exciting 2019!

Houses

This term we have introduced a new House system. The four Houses, Pegasus, Gryphon, Phoenix and Centaur will compete against each other each week. The children will receive points for demonstrating the Coniston Learning Behaviours and the School values. The House points the children receive will be totalled up and a weekly winner will be announced in Celebration Assembly on a Friday afternoon. The weekly points will be added to the overall total, and at the end of the year the winning House will be announced.

School Council

The first school Council meeting will take place next week. This is an opportunity for the children to put across their ideas of how they would like the school to improve. Pupil voice is extremely important and is great to see School Council return to Coniston.

PE Days

Monday - Year 4 & Year 6
Tuesday - Year 2 & Year 5
Wednesday - EYFS, Year 1 & Year 4
Thursday - Year 5
Friday - Year 3 & Year 6

EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have Forest Schools once a week and this will include a PE session, however, they do not need their PE kit for Forest Schools.

PE

We will be increasing the amount of PE the children have throughout the week.



They will now have two sessions per week where they will require their PE kit. The kit we expect can be seen below, it will include a t-shirt, shorts, joggers and a jumper or hoodie. It is important that they bring their PE kit on the correct days.



Attendance

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.9%	97.7%	96.4%	87.4%	98.3%	97.1%	93.7%

Well done to Year 4 with 98.3% attendance! The overall attendance this week was 95% which is just below our target of 95.5%. It's good to see 4 classes in the green this week. Let's see even more of an improvement next week.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
6	6	5	6	15	12	5

This week's lateness totals are:

Well done to Years 2 and 6 with 5 lates each this week.

	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Coniston Learning Champion
Reception	Jamie	Bodie	Elijah
Year 1	Layla	Stefana	Jacob
Year 2	Sara	Patrick	Nadia
Year 3	Mega	Rhys	Cameron
Year 4	Ellie	Ryan	Oshiana
Year 5	Isabella	Oscar	Caitlin
Year 6	Wiktoria	Charlie	Emily

Key Dates (new events highlighted in bold)

Monday 14th January—dance club re-starts

Monday 14th January 3.30pm—Yr 5 camp meeting

Tuesday 15th January—Primary school application closing date for Reception 2019/20 starters

Wednesday 23rd January—Maths workshop for parents/carers of Yrs 1, 2 & 3—9.15-10.15

Wk Bg 28th January—Yr 4 & 5 swimming (every pm)

Wk Bg 4th February—Yr 4 & 5 swimming (every pm)

Ashley and Ryan are this week's Coniston value's stars. They have demonstrated resilience this week.

Have a good weekend!

Alan Walters—Interim Head Teacher

