



Coniston Primary School Newsletter

8th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all enjoyed your half-term break, 8 weeks was a very long term for the children and the staff.

I must apologise for not sending a newsletter out at the end of term, the last week was very busy with me attending meetings and being interviewed for the job of permanent Headteacher at Coniston. Hopefully you will all be aware now that I was successful and I am very much looking forward to continuing my work here at this amazing school, providing the best education for such wonderful children.

I have been here for 10 months now, and there have been a lot of changes in that time. However, I hope you will agree the changes have improved the school and the children are enjoying the structures we have in place.

We are very excited to be developing our new broad and balanced curriculum. We aim to help our children develop a thirst for knowledge and improved skills to apply that knowledge. I want us to improve our outdoor learning, increase the opportunities for extra-curricular clubs and reinforce the classroom based learning through school trips.

For our school to be successful, we must continue to build on the partnership between school and home. I am very keen for this to improve, so if you wish to speak to me at any time, please arrange a meeting with the office.

Alan Walters

School Uniform & PE Kit

Once again the children have come back to school looking very smart. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Could we please ask that the children have **plain black trainers or shoes**, not ones with coloured logos or white soles.

In PE, the children **must have a change of trainers**, not the ones they wore to school. (These can be any colour). Also, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on a Monday morning for the whole week.

Sports Clubs

We have KS1 and KS2 clubs after school on a Monday, Thursday and Friday. I understand that these clubs cost money, however, the children do get so much out of it and the quality of coaching is excellent.

On Monday and Thursday, the KS2 clubs are aimed at helping us select teams to take part in competitions that are coming up in the next few months. Through this the children will get to represent the school.

It would be great to see lots more children attending these clubs.

Children bringing things into school

Please make sure your child is not bring valuable items from home into school. There has been an increase in non-school related items being brought in and we cannot be responsible for these.

In addition, children should not be bringing, 'worry monsters', cuddly toys, or things to fidget with. These are not appropriate for school and it has led to all sorts of things being brought in.

PTA Update

Since the new Coniston PTA was established in September they have raised **£550!** Thank you to everyone involved with this wonderful work.

Sports Update

Our Tag Rugby team and our Football teams were in action last term.

The Tag Rugby team went to a festival and won every game! They scored 15 tries along the way! The Boy's Football team played exceptionally well in the south Glos County Tournament, they only conceded 1 goal in their group, and drew with the eventual winners. The Girl's Football team narrowly lost their first league match, but there is a lot for them to look forward to this season. Well done to all the children who took part!

After School Clubs—

- Monday—** Dance Club 3.30pm—4.15pm
- Monday—** Bristol Sport KS1, Dodgeball, 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- Monday—** Bristol Sport KS 2, Basketball, 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- Thursday—** Bristol Sport KS 1, Dodgeball, 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- Thursday—** Bristol Sport KS 2, Basketball, 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- Friday—** Future Stars, KS1, Multisports, 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- Friday—** Future Stars, KS2, Netball, 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Key Dates for Term 2 (2019/20)	
<p>W/C 11th November—Anti-bullying Week</p> <p>Monday 11th November— PTA Meeting 9.00am</p> <p>Tuesday 12th November— Odd Socks Day</p> <p>Tuesday 12th November - Yr 6 Parents view children’s work, 2.30pm</p> <p>Wednesday 13th November — Open day, September 2020 starters—9.30am</p> <p>Wednesday 13th November —Year 6 Life Skills Trip</p> <p>Thursday 14th November —Reception Class—Phonics Workshop—9am</p> <p>Friday 15th November—Children in Need Day—Wear something spotty, Cake Sale, Class Events</p>	<p>Monday 18th November— Girls Football tournament</p> <p>Tuesday 19th November — Open day, September 2020 starters—6.00pm</p> <p>Thursday 28th Novmeber - Flu Immunisations</p> <p>Friday 6th December—Christmas Fayre—3.15pm—5.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 10th December— Parents Evening</p> <p>Wednesday 11th December— Parents Evening</p> <p>Wednesday 11th December— Christmas lunch</p> <p>Wednesday 18th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—pm</p> <p>Friday 20th December—Christmas parties</p> <p>Friday 20th December—End of term 2</p>



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