



# Coniston Primary School Newsletter

20th December 2019

## Dear Parents and Carers,

What an eventful term we have had! Just when we were building up to a fun Christmas period, Ofsted decided to pay us a visit. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for your patience and understanding over our need to change the dates of parents' evening. This allowed the staff to fully prepare for two very difficult days. The children and staff were amazing and Ofsted were impressed. The report will be available for parents to read in mid-January.

I would like to thank the PTA for all their hard work this year. It is great to see so many parents getting involved in raising money for the children at Coniston. The Christmas Fayre was a huge success, we raised £712!!! Thank you all for your kind donations and for coming along and making it an event to remember. We will build on this and next year will be even better!

We had a brilliant Christmas lunch last Wednesday. The children enjoyed having the staff serve their dinner and were very complimentary about the food. A huge thank you to the kitchen staff for making a wonderful lunch and to the staff for doing a brilliant job of making the children feel special.

I have been at Coniston for almost a year now and I want to thank all the parents and carers for your support and kind words over the past 11 months. There have been lots of changes, some you have agreed with, some you have not, but I want to say thank you for buying into it regardless and for helping me and the staff make Coniston the wonderful school it is. We are on an exciting journey to ensure your children receive the very best education through a broad and balanced curriculum where all children, regardless of ability, make progress and succeed. I want your children to continue to enjoy coming to school and build on the fantastic work they have produced in 2019.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year! See you all in 2020!

Alan Walters

### School Uniform & PE Kit

Since September, I have seen a dramatic improvement in the children's school uniform. They look so smart, even Ofsted commented on this saying that it shows the pride the parents and children have for our school.

It is now PE kit we need to improve. 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. (They must have a change of clothes, not wear their school uniform).

### 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 clubs run by Bristol Sport will cost £2 per session for Terms 3 and 4. School will cover the rest of this cost to encourage more children to attend. This is a great opportunity to increase the amount of exercise our children are having each week. Look out for the letters and sign up as soon as possible.

### Children bringing things into school

Unfortunately, after Christmas we will not be allowing Football Cards in school. This is due to the amount of arguments we are having, children playing with them at the wrong times and cards going missing. We will arrange days in Term 3 and 4 where they can bring them in and have competitions, however, we will inform the parents when these days will be.

We have also had some children bringing in glass water bottles. These are not allowed in school. We insist that all water bottles the children bring to school are made of plastic. This is for safety reasons.

### Sports Update

Our sporting success continues to go from strength to strength. Our Sportshall Athletics Team have become the first ever to win the South Gloucestershire Small Schools Competition and go onto win the main competition as well. As a result, we will represent the county at the Level 3 Games in January at UWE. This is a huge achievement and the children should be very proud of themselves!

Our Girl's Football team are into the Quarter Finals of the Cup after beating Frampton Cotterell 3-0, well done girls!

**After School Clubs**

- Monday**— Dance Club 3.30pm—4.15pm
- Monday**— Bristol Sport KS2, Dodgeball, 3.15pm - 4.15pm
- Thursday**— Bristol Sport KS 1, Football, 3.15pm - 4.15pm
- Thursday**— Bristol Sport KS 2, Football, 3.15pm - 4.15pm
- Friday**— Future Stars, Rec and KS1 Multi-sports, 3.20pm-4.20pm
- Friday**— Future Stars, KS2, Football, 3.20pm - 4.20pm

<b>Key Dates for Term 3 (2019/20)</b>	
<p><b>Monday 6th January</b>—Inset Day (School closed to children)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 7th January</b>— Children return to school</p> <p><b>Wednesday 8th January</b>— Year 5 trip to London</p> <p><b>Tuesday 21st January</b> - Road Safety Workshop (Y3 &amp; Y6)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 21st January</b>—Dangers of Open Water (Y3 &amp; Y4)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 22nd January</b>—Dangers of Open Water (Y5 &amp; Y6)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th January</b> — Yr 5 Pedestrian Training</p> <p><b>Monday 27th January</b>—Block Swimming week Year 4</p> <p><b>Monday 3rd February</b>—Block Swimming week Year 5</p> <p><b>Thursday 13th February</b>—Valentine’s Disco</p> <p><b>Friday 14th February</b>—Last Day of Term 3</p>



*“working together we can succeed”*