



# Coniston Primary School Newsletter

3rd February 2020

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very good term so far. You will all hopefully have read our Ofsted report. We were very pleased with the outcome, however, under the new reporting format, we felt the way it was written was very 'flat' and 'matter of fact'. Therefore, I felt it was important to share some of the positive comments that were made in our feedback session with the two inspectors:

- They praised the culture of our school and were overwhelmingly impressed with the children and their relationships with the staff. They saw evidence of manners and politeness in all areas of the school. They also commented positively about how inclusive we are.
- They saw us as a very nurturing school. We clearly know our children and their needs and we provide support through Pastoral Support for those children who need it.
- Our learning environments were praised and the children were able to say how much they enjoyed lessons because there was support around the room for them without having to ask an adult.
- We have rigorous assessment in place so that every teacher knows where every child is during lessons and can plan accordingly.
- Consistency throughout the school was commented on. Our books, marking, presentation, behaviour management and our expectations are the same in every class without exception.
- The school is tidy and there is no clutter. The children have a wonderful environment to come and learn in. It is a place where children said they feel safe.
- Leadership was highlighted as a strength and it is clear leaders knew the school very well and had clear plans in place to continue its development.

As you are aware our Reading Bus was vandalised 2 weeks ago. This was a very sad incident, however, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the parents and the local community in helping us raise money for repairs and replace the books and games that were damaged. We met our target of £1000 on GoFundMe in just over a week. Thank you to everyone who donated and to Mrs Starling for setting it up. We are now working with the local council and local businesses to find a way to make the necessary repairs and relaunch the bus even better than it was before.

As always, if you wish to discuss any issues at school, please do not hesitate to contact me through the office.

Alan Walters

### Staffing

Sadly Mrs Ferris will be leaving us at half term. She has a new job as EYFS Lead at a school in Gloucestershire. We wish her all the best and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over the last 4 and a half years. As a result, Miss Sambrook will increase her days in Year 2 (Tues-Friday) and will share the teaching with Mr Glover (Mondays).

### Sports Clubs

On Monday and Thursday, the clubs run by Bristol Sport will cost £2 per session for Term 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. If your child has Free School Meals the clubs will be free.

### Sports Update

Our sporting success has continued this term. On Monday, our Sportshall Athletics Team became the South West Small Schools Champions. The Level 3 Winter Games was at UWE and we were competing against the best schools in Bristol, BANES, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. This is a huge achievement and shows how far we have come as a school. The team were outstanding throughout the event and should be extremely proud of themselves.

### Message from our Kitchen Manager

"Hello, my name is Tina, I am the Kitchen Unit Manager at Coniston Primary School. I started here in September 2019. I have worked in kitchens since leaving school. I am enjoying working in Coniston and getting to know the children. We have had several theme days which the children really enjoy. I am open to suggestions for any future theme days. We also have menus for special dietary requirements. Please contact the school if you require any further information. Thank you!"



Meet our Kitchen staff.

Tina—Kitchen Unit Manager (L)  
Leah—Kitchen Staff (R)

**After School Clubs for remainder of Term 3**

- Monday**— Dance Club 3.30pm—4.15pm
- Monday** — Bristol Sport KS2, Dodgeball, 3.15pm - 4.15pm
- Tuesday** — Girls Football club (Yrs 4, 5 & 6)—3.30pm—4.30pm
- 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 &amp; 4 (2019/20)</b>	
<p><b>Monday 3rd February</b>—Block Swimming week Year 5</p> <p><b>Monday 3rd February</b>—Camp meeting for current Year 5 parents/carers—3.15pm</p> <p><b>Monday 3rd February</b>—Girls Football match—3.30pm-4.30pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday 11th February</b>—Jailbreak Cup Yrs 3 &amp; 4</p> <p><b>Wednesday 12th February</b>—EYFS Tapestry parent/carer meeting—9.00am</p> <p><b>Thursday 13th February</b>—School Disco—KS1 – 4.30pm-5.30pm / KS2 5.45pm—6.45pm</p> <p><b>Friday 14th February</b>—Last Day of Term 3</p>	<p><b>Monday 24th February</b>—Start of Term 4</p> <p><b>Wednesday 26th February</b>—NSPCC Speak out, stay safe programme</p> <p><b>Thursday 5th March</b>—World Book Day</p> <p><b>Thursday 19th March</b>—Reception Height/Weight /Measure and Vision checks</p>



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