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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The achievements of our pupils this year have been remarkable, and none of this would have been possible without the commitment of our staff, the encouragement of our families, and the enthusiasm and determination of our children.

We have already shared the results of the House competitions earlier this week, but we thought we would take this opportunity to celebrate some of the many other successes from across the school this year.

Attendance

Although we touched on this in our previous letter, attendance has been a real success story this year. We are currently recording our strongest attendance figures for many years, which is a fantastic achievement. We know that good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential, and we would like to sincerely thank parents, carers, pupils and staff for the collective effort that has made this possible. We have included a table below showing a breakdown of attendance across each class. The overall attendance is the highest the school has every had and for the first time, we are above the Local authority target of 96%. Well done everyone!

Year group	Weekly winners	Overall Percentage
Reception	13	95.7%
Year 1	13	95.8%
Year 2	13	96.5%
Year 3	10	96.4%
Year 4	11	98.1%
Year 5	10	96.6%
Year 6	7	96.0%
Overall	N/A	96.4%

Sporting Achievements

Sporting achievements across the school have been simply outstanding. Our pupils have represented Coniston with skill, determination and excellent sportsmanship, achieving success across a wide range of competitions and events. These accomplishments have been celebrated throughout the year and were even featured in the *Patchway Post*.



We have included a summary of our sporting successes below so that everyone can share in celebrating these fantastic achievements. Thank you to everyone who has supported our young athletes throughout the year. Your encouragement and commitment have played an important role in helping our pupils thrive.

Sport	Achievement
Quad Kids	South West Champions
Sports Hall Athletics	South West Champions
Jailbreak	Regional Jailbreak Cup Champions
Dodgeball	Girls National Quarter Finals Mixed National Quarter Finals
Flag Football	South West Champions 10 th at National Championships



Data Outcomes

Subject	Expected Standard				Greater Depth Standard		
	School	South Glos	National		School	South Glos	National
Reading	85%	74%	75%		26%	29%	33%
Writing	85%	75%	72%		15%	7%	13%
GPS	93%	73%	73%		37%	27%	30%
Maths	78%	75%	74%		11%	26%	26%
RWM Combined	70%	63%	62%		4%	5%	8%

As the table above shows, we have once again performed amazingly well in our Year 6 SATs. We have outperformed the South Gloucestershire and National average in nearly every subject area. We are so proud of the children and staff who worked extremely hard to achieve these scores. Great work team!

Sustainability



One of our key priorities this year has been our commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility. We are delighted to share that the installation of solar panels on our school roof has now been completed. This is a significant milestone in our Sustainability and Climate Action Plan and represents an important step towards reducing our environmental impact, while helping pupils learn about the importance of caring for our planet.

Our work around sustainability has also continued through our growing partnership with Pretoria Gardens. Together, we have established several growing beds, producing a wide range of vegetables which pupils have helped to plant, nurture, harvest and even sell at the end of the school day. Through these sales, we raised over £50, which has been reinvested into seeds, plants and resources for next year's growing project.

This initiative has provided invaluable hands-on learning experiences and strengthened pupils' understanding of sustainable food production. We are excited to see this partnership continue to flourish and hope that even more children will have the opportunity to become involved in the years ahead.



Families can get involved too. The gardens are open every Saturday from 10:00am–12:00pm, and members of the Coniston Primary community are warmly invited to visit and help tend our growing beds. We would love to see as many families as possible supporting this wonderful community project.

Transition

As we prepare for September, we are pleased to report that our transition arrangements have gone very smoothly. Pupils have enjoyed meeting their new teachers and spending time with their new classes, while also getting to know the Inclusion Support Assistants (ISAs) who will be working alongside them next year. We hope this transition opportunities have helped children feel confident, excited and well prepared for the new academic year. For ease of reference, we have included the list of classes and their allocated ISAs below for you.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Nigel Halligan and Miss Anna Donlan-Smith to our teaching team in September; both of whom enjoyed their transition days this term. We are sure you will join us in making them feel welcome in September as they begin their journey at Coniston and become valued members of our school community.

At the same time, on Friday we said goodbye to three members of staff. We would like to reiterate our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr Payne, Miss Emond and Miss Catlin. They have played a significant role in our continued school improvement journey and have made a lasting contribution to the lives of our pupils and the wider school community. They will be greatly missed, and we wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Year Group	Teacher	Inclusion Support Assistants
EYFS	Mrs Nicola Gregory	Mrs Beverley Milburn Ms Melanie Elsworth



1	Miss Anna Donlan-Smith	Mrs Rebecca Burgess Mrs Rochelle Matthews
2	Miss Jade Davies Mrs Ella Smith	Miss Victoria Finch
3	Mrs Anna Dickinson Mr Nigel Halligan	Mrs Julie Wood
4	Mrs Catrin Evans-Sage Mr Nigel Halligan	Mrs Jennie Courtier
5	Mrs Zoe Mitchell	Mrs Geraldine Turney
6	Mr Warren Sweet	Mrs Andrea Fisher Mrs Sangeeta Kalgaonkar

Summer Safety

As part of our commitment to keeping children safe, we recently shared a range of age-appropriate Rail Safety and Water Safety resources with pupils across the school in time for the summer holidays. These sessions encouraged children to think carefully about making safe choices around railways, train stations, rivers, lakes, canals and the coast. Key messages included never entering railway tracks, always using designated crossings, staying alert and away from platform edges, recognising the dangers of moving water, understanding how quickly water conditions can change, and knowing what to do in an emergency. The activities and discussion videos were designed to develop children's awareness, decision-making skills and confidence in identifying potential hazards, helping them to stay safe during the summer holidays and within the wider community.

Have a great Summer Holidays

On behalf of all the staff, thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We wish you and your families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and achievement.

Best wishes,

Alan Walters and all the staff at Coniston Primary School

