



## Consett Junior School January 2018 Newsletter

Welcome back to everyone following the Christmas Holidays, we hope everyone has enjoyed a happy, safe and 'restful' time. Its wonderful to see all the children back at school, eager to get started on the spring terms work.

This half term runs until Friday 9th February, when the school will close for one week., re-opening on Monday 19th February. At 7.45 a.m. for breakfast club.

Please remember to notify Mrs Raine if you have changed your contact details over the Christmas holidays, this information is very important should we need to contact you in an emergency.

### Emergency Contacts

As you are aware, the school operates a text messaging to parents system, by way of easier communication with parents/carers. This system is used for a variety of reasons. If, in the emergency of an individual child, the text message service would not be used in the first instance, telephone contact would be made in priority order, to all numbers on the child's file. If it is a whole school emergency, and evacuation is necessary, then the text message system **would be used**. We understand that, due to the nature of some families jobs, they cannot have their phone to hand. If this is your scenario then please inform school. These parents/carers details will also be added to a list which will be in the evacuation emergency pack. Our school text number is 07937 986237.

### December Attendance

Attendance is an item mentioned on every newsletter. As a school it is our legal responsibility to individually monitor the attendance of all children to ensure they are attending school as the law states. Children's attendance at school is very important, not only for their education but also for their ability to become independent, form strong relationships and gain a sense of achievement as they progress in everything that they do. It may be the view that we are 'policing' the situation, but please rest assured we are following government protocol and only want to support families and the children to be as successful as they can be. If your child's attendance falls below 96% they are at risk of falling behind from their peers, and we want to support you in preventing this. We have many incentives in place to address attendance levels, which are very welcomed by the children. If you have any concerns over your child's attendance then please get in touch, also, if you have been asked to contact the school regarding your child's attendance, following the receipt of your child's attendance letter sent out in December, please do so to prevent a referral being made to the local authority.

|   |  | January 2018   |  |   |   |    |  |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|----|--|
|   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  |    |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |   |   | 6  |  |
| 7 | 8 - Yr 4 swim<br>Dinner Money, school fund and band payments due<br>After school band  | 9<br>3.30 - 4.30 After school Karate Club re-commences | 10 - 8.30 - 9.15 a.m. Morning Yoga (all years)<br>12.15 noon Cross country training (short)  | 11 - Yr 3 swim<br>12.15 noon Cross country training (Long)  | 12 - Fun Friday<br>Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week).  | 13 |  |
| 1 | 15 - Yr 4 swim<br>Dinner Money, school fund and band payments due<br>After school band | 16<br>3.30 - 4.30 After school Karate Club             | 17 - 8.30 - 9.15 a.m. Morning Yoga (all years)<br>12.15 noon Cross country training (short)<br>3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 & 4 After school board games club  | 18 - Yr 3 swim<br>12.15 noon Cross country training (Long)<br>3.30 - 4.30 Year 5 & 6 After school Dodgeball club<br>6.00 p.m. - Year 6 SATS parents evening - year 6 children can also attend | 19 - Fun Friday<br>Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week).<br>3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 Free Art Club                                    | 20 |  |
| 2 | 22 - Yr 4 swim<br>Dinner Money, school fund and band payments due<br>After school band | 23<br>3.30 - 4.30 After school Karate Club             | 24 - School Nurse drop-in session in school, 8.30—9.15 a.m. No appointment necessary<br>- 8.30 - 9.15 a.m. Morning Yoga (all years)<br>12.15 noon Cross country training (short)<br>3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 & 4 After school board games club | 25 - Yr 3 swim<br>12.15 noon Cross country training (Long)<br>3.30 - 4.30 Year 5 & 6 After school Dodgeball club  | 26 - Fun Friday<br>Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week).<br>3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 Free Art Club<br>SATs BOOK ORDERS DUE BACK TODAY | 27 |  |
| 2 | 29 - Yr 4 swim<br>Dinner Money, school fund and band payments due<br>After school band | 30<br>1.15 p.m. Year 6 Heights & Weights in school     | 31 - 8.30 - 9.15 a.m. Morning Yoga (all years)<br>12.15 noon Cross country training (short)<br>3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 & 4 After school board games club  | 1<br>3.30 - 4.30 Year 5 & 6 After school Dodgeball club   | 2 - Fun Friday<br>Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week).<br>3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 Free Art Club                                     |    |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |   |   |    |  |

February dates /events for you to be aware of, please note that they are correct at time of print.

**Key February events:** - Parents/Carers evening appointment letters will go home, date tbc will be in March.;  
**Tuesday 20th Feb - School nurse drop in 8.30—9.15 a.m.;** **Wednesday 21st Feb - After school Valentine's Disco - tickets will go on sale for £3 in February and an App alert will be sent out to inform when they can be purchased. (Disco 3.30 –5.00 p.m. in school);** **Friday 9th Feb, last day of the spring half term, school reopens on Monday 19th Feb.**

## December Attendance.....cont.

The overall % attendance for December was 94.93%, this is a drop compared to November, but it was a shorter month and the dreaded winter virus effected several children. There were 53 children who achieved 100% attendance for the autumn term, well done! We were particularly impressed by the year 3's, they were so committed to achieving this treat for the first time at CJS, and we believe they enjoyed every minute. The Autumn Term reward was a selection of Christmas party games, an afternoon break followed by a short film a snacks. Achieving 100% over a whole year can be a difficult task for some children, therefore providing smaller opportunities shows our children that their efforts are certainly valued and to keep up the good work! Year 5 have taken the lead in the best monthly attendance and will receive their cakes on Friday 12th January, Brilliant efforts!

Oh dear Year 6!

Well done Year 5 :)

| Year | % attendance | Unauthorised | Lates |
|------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| 3    | 95.16%       | 8            | 24    |
| 4    | 94.03%       | 9            | 22    |
| 5    | 98.08%       | 5            | 29    |
| 6    | 92.87%       | 29!!         | 45    |

## Fundraising

### Christmas Toy Appeal

This is a charity we collect for every year, it is a collection of new and unused toys, collecting through the Salvation Army and delivering to families local to us, who like us, have children all hoping to unwrap a gift a Christmas time. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to this, we helped some very local families this year.

## School Dinners

We currently have 90 children accessing school dinners, last seasons menu will continue during this half term. Mr Maddison is very impressed with the exceptional manners and behaviour of children during meals times. If you have any concerns or suggestions for meal arrangements, I would be happy to share these with the catering team. Please remember to give two weeks notice for changing meal arrangements, at times this can be accommodated sooner. But most importantly, please do not change meal arrangements without notifying the office. Thanks

## Mobile Phones

Following the return after Christmas, many children are now bringing their mobile phones into school. Whilst we have no objection to this, we do insist on children following policy if they choose to bring their phones. This alert has already been re-posted on the school app but Mr Dixon will also be writing to parents regarding this matter.

## Scholastic Book Leaflets

Leaflets will go home with children with this newsletter, this is an online only ordering service. You can order at anytime of the year

## School Fund

School fund in December calculated to a weekly average of £30. The money spinner for children to 'spin' their own fund is in reception, this makes it fun for children and keeps them involved. School fund in December was spent on Christmas resources, treats, arts/crafts, prizes and children's gifts as well as supplies for party day. Thank you for your kind donations. We hope more families can spare £1 or less a week so we can raise more throughout 2018.

## School Uniform Orders

Mrs Raine is in the process of moving our uniform providers from School Trends to Border Embroideries (BE school wear). This will be an online only ordering system, and the benefits to parents are :

- There is no minimum order amount i.e. one jumper can be ordered in one transaction
- You can arrange for your order to be delivered to school for free, which is useful if you are at work
- You can order at any point in the school year
- It is cheaper!

Once set up, hopefully by next week, you will be notified by the school app and an 'tile' will also be added to the app home screen do take you straight to the website.

## Clubs

Swimming lessons, as part of the school curriculum, remain as last term.

Year 4 will swim last lesson on a Monday

Year 3 will swim last lesson on a Thursday

### Cross Country Training

This training is for year 4, 5 & 6 children who have been selected to be on the CJS training team. We do not have dates of any county races for 2018 yet, but the training is still ongoing (as we have the best team!). For children who are part of the weekly training, they must remember to bring their kits to school for training every Wednesday and Thursday Children run with 3/4 members of staff at 12.15 p.m., which is over 2 miles on a Wednesday and 3 on a Thursday. Mrs Raine and Miss Oselton also take some children out after school on a Tuesday and we run almost 4 miles!

### After school karate clubs

Kensho Karate club is for children in all years every Tuesday from 3.30 - 4.30, we do have six spaces available and Sesnei Temple arranged a Demo of the club this week, so if any children are interested in joining they need to speak to Mrs Raine. There is only a limited number of spaces available, so please speak to Mrs Raine if your child is interested in taking part. The sessions are £3 each but you are invoiced termly, and payments are paid direct to the club, not the school, although we are happy to pass funds to them on your behalf. The grading this term is on Tuesday 27th March, at 2.30 p.m. [Please visit http://www.kenshokarate.net/](http://www.kenshokarate.net/). The payment for current members for the spring term has been requested, please ensure this is paid before Tuesday 16th January.

### Band

Band rehearsals for all current band children will continue to be after school each Monday until 4.30 p.m. Band is £1.50 each week, if you think you are behind with payments please ask your child to ask Miss Waters about how much is owed. Miss Waters will soon be sending letters home for new band members. Please discuss this with your child, we are pleased so many children want to join the band, but there is a limit to the number of children who can join. A waiting list will be started if there are more children interested than places available.

We will be revisiting after school clubs offered and will notify you once agreed.

### After school clubs for this 4 week half term only (Please ring Mrs Raine for further details)

Wednesday morning Yoga 8.30 - 9.15 a.m. - all years

Wednesday Board Games until 4.30 p.m. - Initially for years 3 & 4, now open to all years

Thursday Dodgeball until 4.30 p.m. - Initially for Year 5 & 6, now open to all years

Free Friday Art club until 4.30 p.m. - Year 3 (previous attendees only)