



Consett Junior School October 2017 Newsletter

We are already, unbelievably, one month into the school year. We are so pleased with how well our new children have settled into school, forming new relationships and participating in new activities/clubs. The children's behaviour at school is very good, they are showing care, concern, kindness and wonderful manners to all, this is always noted and we commend children for this.

In the month ahead we have several events planned, please ensure you check these events from looking at the website and the 'OurSchoolApp,' it is very rare we send text messages now, as we have more powerful and costs effective ways of informing parents/carers of school matters, but you must assist us with this and ensure you regularly check these sites.

Our Year 6 pupils are off to Robinwood on Friday 6th, and we wish them a safe and action packed time!

Coming up we have our whole school parents/carers consultation evenings, Harvest assembly, (pupils only), half term holidays and our Halloween disco.

After school clubs have been very well attended so far, just a reminder that the current clubs (not including band or karate) will end before we break up, but details of the next set of clubs will be circulated shortly...watch out for the 'Countdown to Christmas Movie Club!'

Congratulations to Miss Waters who has been successful in her application to become the Acting Deputy Head of our school, she will support Mr Dixon while continuing in her role as class 8 teacher.

September Attendance

The whole school attendance for September was an amazing 97.60%, which is well above the governments floor target of 96% .

Over the last few weeks we have had a few absences due to sickness, which is unavoidable, but please ensure that you ring school at your earliest opportunity to inform us of the reason they are absent. You can text school on 07937 986237, ring us on 01207 504431 or email us at consettjunior@durhamlearning.net

Please ensure you try to make medical appointments outside of school time, any made during the school day must be supported with a letter detailing the appointment.

We are still trying to limit the number of pupils who arrive to school late each day, please be mindful that it is not just your child who is affected from arriving late, but also the rest of the class as they are disrupted by them coming into class late.

Holidays in term times will be discussed at our Octobers Governors meeting, as you are aware it is against the law to take holidays during term time, at present we have never referred families to the LA for fixed penalty fines, but it is something we are soon to apply. Very clear guidelines regarding the triggers for penalty notices will be issued following the Governors meeting. These procedures are already strongly in place in most schools, and although our attendance is good overall, we must comply with legislation.

		October 2017					
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	
2	23 -	24 -	25 -	26 -	27 -	28	
1	16 - Yr 4 swim Dinner Money, Band Money and school fund due After school Football Club (Full) - Year 5 & 6	17 - After school Karate Club Year 3 & 4 parents/ carers consultation evening	18 - 12.10 noon Cross country training Short route Year 5 & 6 parents/ carers consultation evening	19 - Yr 3 swim 12.10 noon Cross country training Long route After school Rugby Club After school Multi - Skills Club (Full) - Year 3 & 4 Burnhope cross country (1) - coach return to school at 5.15 p.m. Children to be collected from school.	20 - Fun Friday Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week). After school Art Club (Full) - Year 3 Last day of term children can come to school in non-uniform for a £1 school council fine.	21	
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November dates /events for you to be aware of, please note that they are correct at time of print.

Key events: Monday 30th October - school reopens for the 2nd half of the autumn term; Tuesday 31st October - After school Halloween disco; Friday 3rd November - Year 3 & 4 flu nasal immunisations; Thursday 23rd November - Christmas Show Day at the Empire Theatre; w/c Monday 27th November Travelling Book Fair in School all week; Tuesday 26th November - M & M Productions in school to perform the pantomime 'Cinderella'.

September attendance overview

Class 4 have achieved the highest % attendance for September and their non-uniform day reward is Friday 6th October

Year Group	% attendance	Unauthorised absences	Lates
3	97.82	22	21
4	98.80	10	7
5	97.05	16	3
6	96.85	8	9

School Dinners

Please ensure you follow policy when changing meal arrangements for your child, we require 2 weeks notice, but this can sometimes be accommodated sooner if other children are changing meal arrangements also.

A note from our cook, Mr Maddison:

“This term we look forward to a very special "Spooky Week" of meals after the half term to celebrate Halloween. This is a themed week with lots of favourites with a ghoulish twist ! The deadline to order lunches for this week is Friday 13th October. You do not need to order a lunch if your child is already on school meals. We are also keen for children to access a meal on a Friday, using a Fun Friday Pass, see Mrs Raine if this interests you”

Thank you as always.

Robinwood 2017

We have 42 year 6 children attending Robinwood on Friday 6th October, luggage labels were given to the children on Tuesday 3rd October. A text message will be sent on Sunday 8th to inform of the ETA back at school. School will be open for the children's return should the weather be poor. We are estimating a 3.30/4.00 p.m. return.

Locherbie Manor 2018

Current year 5 pupils have an opportunity to stay in a pod village for a 3 day (2 night) residential trip in October 2018. If you have not already paid the £25 deposit to secure your child's place, please do so before Friday 13th October. This is a non-refundable deposit.

Halloween Disco

We are holding an after school Halloween Disco on Tuesday 31st October. Tickets are £3 each and are on sale now. We will provide snacks and juice.

The disco starts at 3.30 p.m. and finishes at 5.00 p.m. Children will leave the school premises in the usual way (play yard), so please ensure your child knows where you will be waiting for them as it will be dark.

Children have 2 options for wearing Halloween costumes during the day:

- 1) Children come to school in their uniform but bring their costumes to change into at 3.30 p.m.
- 2) Children come to school wearing their Halloween costumes but must pay **a 50p fine to do so.** All fines will be donated to our nominated charity 'Children with Cancer UK' as part of our annual fundraising. A register of fines paid will be taken. If children have masks/hoods they must not wear these during the school day so that we can identify who the children are, which is very important at break times.

If children lose their ticket, they do not need to worry as Mrs Raine has a register of ticket sales.

If children are not staying for the disco they can still come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes, but the 50p charity fine will still apply.

Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who has been so kind to donate food for our 'Food 4 U' harvest collections, we are overwhelmed by the support. As the colder weather closes in our children are going through many tissues! Please can you send in donations of boxed tissues to help keep all germs at bay. Carrier bags are also always very gratefully received!

School Fund

We have raised £113 in school fund for September, which is on average £28 per week, as there is 192 pupils in school we would really hope to raise more, so that we can purchase resources and fund transport/trips for all the children. Just a reminder that we do have a school fund 'money spinner' in reception so that children can donate their own change to the fund.

We have raised £10 since the start of the school year for our nominated 'Children with Cancer UK' charity, you can send in donations to raise this total at any point over the year. Watch our for future fundraising events/activities.

Whole School Christmas Show

This year the whole school Christmas shows will be at the Empire Theatre on Thursday 23rd November. The production actually starts at 1.30 p.m. Show tickets will be on sale following the October half term week (an App alert will be sent out to confirm), priced at £4.50 and can only be purchased from the Empire Theatre. The children will walk to the Empire from school around 10.00 a.m. for a full rehearsal before the show starts at 1.30 p.m. All children will need to have a packed lunch on this day, if you require a school packed lunch an order form will be provided nearer the time. Children must be collected from the theatre on this day between 3/3.15 p.m. The Infants school have been informed of this date, should the show go over slightly.

Clubs

Swimming - **Year 4 swim last lesson on a Monday; Year 3 swim last lesson on a Thursday.**

Cross Country Training

Cross country training is going from strength to strength, even our new year 4 runners are excelling in their efforts and performance, we are very proud of them all. Just a reminder that new runners (inc. year 4) should only run on a Wednesday lunchtime only (until after the half term), existing trainers will run on a Wednesday & Thursday. We have sent some information home to families regarding county matches over the next few weeks. One of which we are very excited about as we can enter as many children as we wish, so have almost filled a coach!!

After school karate club

This club is every Tuesday from 3.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. and commences on Tuesday 12th September

Band

Band rehearsals for all children are 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.

After schools clubs

We will soon be circulating details of the next half terms after school clubs, but can confirm that the free year 3 art club will continue every Friday until we finish in December.

If you are behind in payments for your child's clubs you will be contacted next week, unfortunately you will be unable to apply for further clubs if payments are still owed from the previous term.

The only change to the current terms clubs is that Rugby club is now on a Thursday and not a Wednesday due to the county football match dates overlapping.

OurSchoolsApp

Please remember to download this App to your devices, we very rarely send school texts, so you are at risk of missing valuable information that is shared on this App. It can be downloaded on any Iphone or android device. [Please be aware that you can turn notifications off in the 'settings' of this app, and still receive them to your device, just remember to check daily for new alerts.](#)