



Consett Junior School

January 2020 Newsletter

Happy New Year and Welcome back,

Firstly, I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas, plenty of excitement and happy children.

Secondly, I'd like to apologise for my absence in the last week of term, sadly I managed to contract the bug much like many of you! I was very sad to miss the Christmas shows, which I have been informed were excellent, thanks must go to the Academy for allowing us to host the events there - I'm sure it gave many of you your first snap shot into the magnificent facilities the school has to offer. I must also take this opportunity to thank all our staff, who as usual make these things happen without a glitch! Special thanks to Miss Waters and Mrs Raine for coordinating and managing the events.

As we roll into 2020, a new decade and fresh start, I hope to welcome you all into school on many occasions over the coming months. As is normal we have a huge number of events, coffee mornings, sport and band events planned throughout the year - it is always a pleasure to see families join us at these events. I will be sending out some questionnaires over the coming weeks, if you could spare a few minutes to complete these I would be very grateful, it helps us take stock of where we are and how we can move forward.

Kindest regards,

Mr Dixon

Emergency Contacts

As you are aware, the school operates a text messaging, by priority, 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 if you have not already done so. These parents/carers details will also be added to a list which will be in the evacuation emergency pack. Our school text number is 07537436638.

Our School App and website remain the main and first form of communication to families when communicating whole school/year group information. Please actively refer to these systems.

If you have changed your number or moved address, please ensure this information is given to Mrs Raine.

December Attendance

The whole school attendance for December was 93.91% which was another slight drop from November and keeps us below our floor target of 96%. There were fewer children absent with the sickness and respiratory virus, however attendance was mainly affected by families not providing a reason for absence. Most parents/carers are very good at informing us of the reason for their child's absence, which can be done via calling (01207 504431), texting (07537436638) or emailing the school (consettjunior@durhamlearning.net). Failure to inform us does result in an unauthorised absence which may then instigate further action and monitoring. If your child has been off several ad-hoc times, with the same reason, this is recorded.

On Monday 16th December the autumn term attendance letters were sent home, they were colour coded using a traffic light system. If you received a red letter you may have been asked to contact the school for a support meeting, please do so.

		January 2020				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
5	6 - Dinner/ Breakfast Club ParentPay. School fund and band payments in school	7 - Ford Castle 2021 deposit letters to go to families who confirmed an interest.	8 - 12.15 noon Cross country training (short)	9 - Yr 3 swim 12.15 noon Cross country training (Long) Class 8 visit to the local library (in school time).	10 - Yr 5 swim Fun Friday Lunch (orders must be placed on the Tuesday of this week).	1
1	13 - Yr 4 swim Dinner/ Breakfast Club ParentPay. School fund and band payments in school	14 - 3.30 - 4.30 After school Karate Club re-commences (10 weeks) Class 7 visit to the local library (in school time).	15 - 12.15 noon Cross country training (short) 30 selected children from Yr 3/4 will represent our school in the Gymnastics Festival at Northern Hope, Birtley. Texts and letters to the selected children will be sent out. The coach will leave prompt at 8.50 a.m. Children will be back for lunch.	16 - Yr 3 swim 12.15 noon Cross country training (Long) 30 selected children from Yr 5 will represent our school in the Gymnastics Festival at Northern Hope, Birtley. Texts and letters to the selected children will be sent out. The coach will leave prompt at 8.50 a.m. Children will be back for lunch.	17 - Yr 5 swim Fun Friday Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week). 3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 Free Art Club 3.30 - 4.45 Football Training	1
2	Each year group will have a one hour street dance session in the hall throughout the day. Please ensure all children have their P.E. kit and water bottle in school on this day.	3.30 - 4.30 Recycling Club (1st of 5)				
1	After school band	21 - 3.30 - 4.30 After school Karate Club 3.30 - 4.30 Recycling Club Year 6 Parents/Carers SATS meeting in school hall. Children are welcome to attend, 6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Order forms to purchase SATS books will be available. Order and payments for these books must be returned by Friday 31st January.	22 - 12.15 noon Cross country training (short)	23 - Yr 3 swim 12.15 noon Cross country training (Long) 3.30 - 4.30 Basketball Club	24 - Yr 5 swim Fun Friday Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week). 3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 Free Art Club 3.30 - 4.45 Football Training	2
9	20 - Yr 4 swim Dinner/ Breakfast Club ParentPay. School fund and band payments in school					5
1	After school band After School Cricket Tournament at the Louisa Centre, Stanley. There will be 8 children selected to represent our school. Transport to and from the event will be provided. 4.00—5.30 p.m. Leaving from school.					
2	27 - Yr 4 swim	28	29 - 12.15 noon Cross country training (short)	30 - Yr 3 swim 12.15 noon Cross country training (Long) 20 selected children from Yr 3/4 will represent our school in the Dodgeball Festival at NDA (a.m.) They will need a packed lunch. The coach will leave prompt at 8.50 a.m. 20 selected children from Yr 5 will represent our school in the Dodgeball Festival at NDA (p.m.) Children will be back before 3.30 p.m.	31 - Yr 5 swim Fun Friday Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week). 3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 Free Art Club 3.30 - 4.45 Football Training SATS BOOK ORDERS DUE BACK TODAY Class 1 - Free non uniform	
6	9.00 - 10.00 a.m. If You Care Share Coffee Morning Dinner/ Breakfast Club ParentPay. School fund and band payments in school After school band Valentines Disco Tickets on sale from Mrs Raine. They are £3 each. A letter will be sent out before this date with further details. The disco is Wednesday 12th February.	3.30 - 4.30 After school Karate Club 3.30 - 4.30 Recycling Club		3.30 - 4.30 Basketball Club		

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

Key February events: - Wednesday 12th Feb - After school Valentine's Disco - tickets will go on sale for £3 on Monday 27th January (Disco 3.30 –5.00 p.m. in school); Friday 14th Feb, last day of the first spring half term, school reopens at 7.45 a.m. for breakfast club on Monday 24th Feb. Parents/Carers evening appointment letters will go home on Monday 2nd March, please note, they are on different dates; Friday 28th March - If You Care Share Coffee Morning (9.00 - 10.00).

December Attendance.....cont.

There were 58 children who achieved 100% attendance for the autumn term, well done! We were again 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. 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 3 had the highest monthly attendance and will receive their cakes on Friday 10th January, brilliant efforts!

Oh dear Year 4!

Well done Year 3 :)

Year Group	% attendance	Unauthorised absences	Lates
3	97.78	6	11
4	91.82	12	19
5	92.18	22	17
6	93.73	10	21

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 around 80 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 regarding 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. All dinner and breakfast club payments are to be made on ParentPay.

Mobile Phones

Following the children's return after Christmas, more 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 posted on the school app.

Scholastic Book Leaflets

Leaflets will soon go home with children, this is an online only ordering service. Remember, 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 2020.

School Uniform Orders

As this is the start of the new term, you may need to order more uniform. This is done online at

<https://www.totstoteams.com/schools/consett-junior-school/>

We do have some limited uniform stock in school, but this is mainly 'S' (small adult) and above. Please ring us to check before completing your own orders online.

Clubs

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

Year 4 will swim last lesson on a Monday (from Monday 13th January).

Year 3 will swim last lesson on a Thursday (From Thursday 9th January).

CHANGE *Year 5 will swim last lesson on a Friday (From Friday 10th January)* - with a view to change back to year 6 after the May half term.

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 2020 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 2/3 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 selected children out after school on a Tuesday and we run 4 miles! Towards the end of the sprint term we will be holding cross country trials for children in year 3 to join the weekly training.

After school karate clubs

Kensho Karate club is for children in all years every Tuesday from 3.30 - 4.30, we do have a few spaces available so please speak to Mrs Raine if your child is interested in taking part. The sessions are £3.50 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 31st March, during the school afternoon. For further information about this club please visit <http://www.kenshokarate.net/>. The payment for current members for the spring term has been requested, please ensure this is paid before Tuesday 14th 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.

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

Monday - Band for existing members only, from Monday 13th January.

Tuesday - Karate for existing members only, from Tuesday 14th January.

Tuesday - Recycling Club with Mr Meadows, for five weeks until the February half term. **Remember your yoghurt pots and plastic bottles.**

Tuesday - After school cross country for existing member only, from Tuesday 7th January.

Thursday - Basketball Club indoors, for five weeks until the February half term, from Thursday 16th January.

Friday - Free Art club for existing member only until 4.30 p.m. starting Friday 17th January.

Friday - Football training till 4.45 p.m. for year 5/6 existing members only. Starting Friday 17th January.

After the February half term we welcome the return of Nurture Club. This club is after school on a Thursday. It is an invitation only club for selected children in all years. It is run by Mrs Raine, Miss Oselton and Miss Waters.