



## Consett Junior School- June 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the June Newsletter, I can't quite believe that we are here already, and although we have six weeks, I'm sure it will fly over.

The children have, on the whole, settled so well back into school life, it is a pleasure to have them here. Although it has been a challenging term, especially since returning at Easter the children have ensured staff are upbeat and positive.

I know Mr Jackson's family were very grateful for the huge support shown to them; the tough times have very much brought us all together; the school community is a huge strength and I am grateful for it.

The second half of the summer term is so very busy, with year group trips, visitors into school, as well as our highly anticipated 'virtual' summer show. As always at this time of year, I am mindful that our Year 6 children only have a short time left with us. We all at CJS hope to make this a most enjoyable time for them.

As always if families have any worries, please do get in contact, I certainly can't promise to have all the answers, but I will try.

Take care.

*Mr Paul Dixon*

Head Teacher

### Attendance

The whole school attendance for May was 94.76%, which is a drop to April's attendance. Year 3 and Year 5 are causing the most concern. If your child is in these year groups and they are not attending school as they should it is not only impacting on their own learning, but also impacts on the class and year group attendance rewards. School is a legal requirement. It is also a concern that there are an increasing number of children being collected from school earlier than their finish time on a regular basis. We will not allow children to leave early unless you can provide medical evidence for them to do so.

The attendance summary for May is below. Well done to Year 4 for the highest year group attendance for May, their treat is a giant cookie/muffin on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Well done to class 3 (Mr Meadows) for the highest-class attendance (95.59%) their treat is a non-uniform day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Year Group	% attendance	Unauthorised absences (sessions)	Lates
3	92.74	37	26
4	95.09	20	8
5	92.44	14	9
6	94.93	39	8

## School Dinners

Our new summer menu is available to view on our website <https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/summer-menus-taylor-shaw-4/> This will commence after the may half term. Our cook arranged a 'taster day' this week, if any children would like to move onto school meals please speak to or email Mrs Raine.

We have been given notice that school meal prices will increase from £2.10 to £2.15 per day from September 2021. If you have arrears with your school meals, please ensure these are paid.

Our cook has requested that the children of our school take part in a campaign called 'Veg Power' which starts after half term, the first vegetable is tomatoes.

She will be doing a load of tasters each week around the chosen vegetable and also running a competition each week for the best 'Vegetable Creation'. This can be anything at all, a model, picture, painting, food item as long as it is about the vegetable of the week. Children are requested to bring their best vegetable creations into school by each Friday for the chance to win a small prize (stationary or similar NOT sweets) and the winner of each week will go into the main draw for overall winner at the end of the campaign. Children must keep checking the school kitchen hatch for more details.



## May Voluntary School Fund

We received £90.00 in school fund donations in May. There are several events and activities planned in the last half term, school fund will heavily subsidise these costs. School fund can be paid using ParentPay or by children bringing coins into school and placing them in the 'money spinner'.

## Year 6 Assessment Week

Year 6 assessment week has finished, well done to all children for their amazing efforts. This will help teachers plan interventions and further support for children over the next half term.

## COVID-19 – Reporting Cases to School over Half Term

In order to help us, please can we ask families to do the following over May half term - If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours from the last day they attended school, you MUST contact us by emailing [consettjunior@durhamlearning.net](mailto:consettjunior@durhamlearning.net) ASAP. Then follow this up with by booking a test and informing us of the result.

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 after the 48 hours from the last day they attended school, then you do not need to inform us. However, if their results show they are positive we would need to know as this could impact on their attendance when returning to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021, i.e. they develop symptoms AFTER 3.30 p.m. on the first Saturday

**Can we also take this opportunity to remind families to ensure they follow Covid-19 guidance as we enter our last half term. There are various year group trips planned and a positive case in school would impact on them going ahead as planned.**

### [Breakfast Club Start Time - REPOSTED](#)

Our breakfast club starts at 7.45 a.m., there are still a number of children on the premises too early. If your child does arrive before this time they cannot enter the building. It is very important families are aware of this as children arriving on their own are not supervised until 7.45 a.m.

### [Ordering Uniform for September 2021](#)

If you want your child's September uniform ordered and guaranteed deliver to school before the end of the summer term, we would highly recommend you place your order before the end of June. Uniform providers are very busy in the lead up to the new year and your delivery will not be guaranteed if you leave it too late. Please place orders online at <https://totstoteams.com/consett-junior-school>

You can opt for school or home delivery but please do not choose school delivery if ordering in July. Jumpers, polo's and t-shirts will arrive with our logo embroidered. You do not have to use our uniform provider, there are many high street stores who offer the same colours and may be more suited to your budget. Here is also a link to our uniform requirements <https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

If your child is in Year 6 or have grown out of their current uniform, please can you consider donating this to the Willowburn Charity Shop in Consett, as they sell this on to our families for a very small amount.

### [Covid Local Support Grant - May Half Term Vouchers](#)

Further to previous information shared, I can confirm that the evouchers have been received and forwarded to families who are entitled. Each child has been awarded a £20 voucher and they have been distributed using the same email addresses as the Easter holidays. If you did not receive your voucher which was sent on 12<sup>th</sup> May please check your 'spam/junk' folder before contacting school. If your circumstances have changed and you now feel you are entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Raine.

At present we have not been informed if these vouchers will be offered over the summer holidays.

### [E-safety Sessions](#)

Over the last few weeks all year groups have had access to esafety lessons in school. All children engaged well and seemed to really understand the dangers of social media platforms and when to report anything concerning to an adult. Please ensure, as parents/carers, you are monitoring your child's safe use of the internet and mobile devices at home. There are several settings that you can apply to keep them safe. Many of the platforms our children have discussed during these sessions are not age appropriate for them, unfortunately we are not responsible for things children access outside of school. Please take time to read this guidance for advice and support <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

### [OurSchoolApp](#)

Please check this daily as we complete the final half term of this academic year...it's a busy one.

### [Forest School – Year 4 \(Reminder\)](#)

Class 3 (Mr. Meadows) have now completed their Forest School sessions. Class 4 (Mrs. Taylor/Miss Thompson) will do the second half of the term, every Wednesday from 9<sup>th</sup> June. All sessions will be run by Mr. Meadows.

Please access this link for a reminder of the details <https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/forest-school-year-4/>

### [Bringing Bags into School - Repost](#)

Can we once again ask that you refrain from allowing your child to bring bags to school unnecessarily. Empty bags take up far too much space on chairs in classrooms, especially when they come in empty and go home empty.

### [Class Teachers – September 2021](#)

Next half term children will be informed of who their new class teacher will be for their following year of learning at CJS.

Children in years 3 and 4 are unlikely to be mixed, but children in year 5 will be mixed to prepare them for when classes change again as they leave our school in 2022. This will be a very sensitive process involving the current year 5 teachers, with an emphasis being on friendships and ability.

### Interim Reports

Due to current restraints and in line with DfE regulations, we are unable to welcome parents into school for our usual Parent's Evenings. Instead of this we will be sending out Interim reports. These reports will give a brief summary of how your child has settled back into school and a brief comment from their teacher. Towards the end of the summer term we will be issuing our usual 'Full End of Year' reports.

### Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Last day to order a school packed lunch for Year 3 trip.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Closing date for Parent Governor Interest/Applications.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – School closes for the Summer half term. **Please note that Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May we are closed for staff training.** Children can come to school in non-uniform for a £1 school fund fine, paid on ParentPay.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Interim reports go home with children. If you have previously informed Mrs Raine that you require your reports posted to other family members with PR (i.e. separated parents) then this will also be done today. If you have not requested this please do so.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – School reopens for the second half of the Summer term. Full school uniform is required. On PE days children should continue to come in wearing PE kit. Forest school sessions change to Class 4 (year 4) from this week.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Last day to order a school packed lunch for Year 5 trip.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 3 trip to South Shields. The coach will leave at 9.30 a.m. prompt <https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/19500-2/> Children will be back for their usual finish time. There is no cost to families but children can bring in a maximum of £5 spending money (change preferred).

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Final day to give permission for children to appear in our 'End of Year Show'. As this will be on our YouTube site (comments disabled) we must have permission from families. Please complete this very short form before Friday 11th June [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uv\\_fRWSDc02\\_Oo-YvfENhzGYEp0zDERAnxWCoX5eljVUMIY5V0dYNTRRORUVWUUMyVFUxUEhFUzFDUi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uv_fRWSDc02_Oo-YvfENhzGYEp0zDERAnxWCoX5eljVUMIY5V0dYNTRRORUVWUUMyVFUxUEhFUzFDUi4u)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - Payment of Year 6 Activities - Deadline to Pay. Payments due on ParentPay <https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/payment-of-year-6-activities/>

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Last day to order a school packed lunch for Year 4 trip.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 trip to Adventure Sunderland. The coach will leave school at 8.30 a.m. prompt <https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/year-5-end-of-year-trip/> Children will not be back at their usual finish time, it will 3.50 /4.00 p.m. depending on traffic. We have requested a £5 contribution towards the cost of the coach, this is to be paid for using ParentPay under 'Year 5 trip contribution'.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June** - Last day to order a school packed lunch for Year 6 trip.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 session with an Artist.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 (Assessments week treat) afternoon at Ultimate Bounce. Children will walk there after lunch and will be back for their usual finish time. The cost of this will be paid for through School Fund.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 trip to Washington Wetland Centre. The coach will leave at 9.00 a.m. prompt <https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/year-4-end-of-year-trip/> Children will be back for their usual finish time. We have requested a £5 contribution towards the cost of the coach, this is to be paid for using ParentPay under 'Year 4 trip contribution'.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – End of year show rehearsal day. All children will be part of this rehearsal, their teachers will send out information regarding what they need to wear. This has no impact on start and finish times for the day.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 session with an Artist.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – End of year show – filming day. This show is primarily for the Year 6 leavers, however, all other years are performing a year group dance will be used as part of the show. Permissions have already been sought so if you have not given permission or have refused, they will not appear in the video. Like Christmas, this video link will be on our YouTube page and the link will be shared before the end of term.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – End of Year 6 trip to... 'Moorhouse Adventure Centre', in Houghton Le Spring. The coach will leave at 8.45 a.m. prompt and children will not be back at school until 6.30 p.m. Please let us know if your child gets travel sick and if they need tablets can you request a medicine administration form. This is an action packed day full of activities and the children will be abseiling; on the zip wire; tree climbing and using rifles. The final activity is the camp fire.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – American themed day lunch (Independence Day 4<sup>th</sup> July). The all-American menu will be uploaded to the website after May half term with an order form. Children on packed lunch can pay for a school meal on this day if they would like to take part. Children can come to school wearing red, white and blue on this day.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 3 and 4 must come to school in PE clothes as they will once again take part in a fun 'Hoopstarz' session. If they are dressing in red, white or blue they can bring in a spare change of clothes.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5 and 6 must come to school in PE clothes as they will once again take part in a fun 'Hoopstarz' session.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 SLEEPOVER! Times of arriving and collection to be agreed in a letter with further details about what children can bring with them. We have arranged for a school disco and games with DNA kids from 6.00 – 7.30 p.m. after this there will be other games planned before pizzas are delivered to school. All children are welcome to sleepover in school and staff will also stay to supervise. If children do not wish to stay a time of late collection can be arranged.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 4 session with an Artist

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Party Day – all year 6 must be in school for 9.00 a.m. and will be off the school premises until 12 noon. As previously shared in a text, the children are off on a ride around Consett and the surrounding area on their very own Double Decker Party Bus. We will share the route for any families who wish to give them a wave (please do not take photos if other children are visible). There will be music and disco lights on board. The bus will make a scheduled stop at Allensford to allow the children some time to run around and grab some fresh air. We have arranged for Mark Wilkinson to take year group, friendship group and 'ad-hoc' photographs of the children which will be made available in a link to parents who may wish to purchase photographs.

After lunch the children have access to a selection of retro sweets from a sweet cart that we have hired especially for them.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 3 session with an Artist.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – The last day of term.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** – This is staff training day but also our new Year 3's additional transition day. Year 4 – 6 will start on Thursday.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - School re-opens for the new academic year. Breakfast club starts at 7.45 a.m. No need to pre-book a place, payment is made via ParentPay. Wednesday 1st September is CLOSED to all pupils for staff training. Children in Years 4, 5 & 6 must return on the same school meal arrangement unless you have changed this with Mrs Raine. Failure to inform of a change will result in a charge on ParentPay.

**At present we do not know the arrangements for our full return in September. We really hope that the roadmap goes**

as planned and restrictions are lifted to some extent for schools. We hope that the staggered start and finish times are stopped and we can return to the usual timings of our school day. At present we are planning for both, so until we know otherwise September will remain as it is now with staggered times and bubble groups. If we are informed otherwise during the summer holidays we will inform you of this using our app, website and text messages to primary contacts. Please bear with us and keep fingers crossed for a return to normal times and everyday clubs...