



Consett Junior School

January 2022 Newsletter

Welcome back to school and the start of a new year. We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and welcomed the new year in safely.

This is a short newsletter, containing a few reminders and dates to be aware for this month.

Emergency Contacts

As you are aware, we use a school app to communicate with families. This is used for general day to day communication and reminders. In an 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 app, email and text message system would be used simultaneously. 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 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 or updated on your side of the app.

School Dinners

We currently have over 100 children accessing school dinners, last season's menu will continue during this half term and is available to view in the 'hub' of the app. Pippa and Nikki are extremely impressed with the exceptional manners and behaviour of children during meals times. If you have any concerns regarding 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 Mrs Raine. All dinner and breakfast club payments are to be made on ParentPay.

Covid

There have been some changes in terms of isolating and positive cases – changes and reminders are detailed in the links below. The most recent change is regarding shorter isolating periods for those who have tested positive. If you/your child have tested positive, they can stop isolating sooner if the LFD tests are negative. You are allowed to test using an LFD on day 6 and day 7 of the isolation period. These tests must be 24 hours apart and must only be done on those two days. If negative, then isolating can stop for day 8.

Please also remember that the classrooms and intervention areas will continue to be ventilated. As children are sat in these areas, they must be warm. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately – they will be cold. Uniform is still required but children can wear additional layers. This also applies to what children wear on PE days.

You must continue to inform us if your child has tested positive for covid and provide their results to school, this allows teachers time to set work and perform welfare checks over the phone. Work is set for children that are well enough to complete it, there is no requirement for children to complete work if they are unwell.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Mobile phones

Following the children's return after Christmas, more children are likely to bring their mobile phone into school. Whilst we have no objection to this, we do insist on children following the school policy if they choose to bring their phones to school. All phones must be turned off on entering the grounds and handed to their teacher, they can collect them at the end of the day and must not turn them on until out of the school grounds.

Year 6 trip to Robinwood – Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th May 2022

Just a reminder that you can pay little and often from your child's Robinwood 2022 balance. The full amount must be paid by Friday 19th April 2022 to ensure your child can go. FAILURE TO PAY IN FULL WILL RESULT IN YOUR CHILD LOSING THEIR PLACE.

Clubs this half term

We offer enrichment only after school clubs, this means that they are changed regularly and offered to different year groups each half term. They are not suitable for families who require regular childcare. These clubs can only operate at the discretion of staff members giving up their spare time at the end of the school day. Clubs after half term w/c 1st November:

Monday – After school Chess club till 4.30 p.m. for **Years 5 and 6** with Miss White. This club is limited to 10 spaces on a first come basis. The cost of the club is £6 per child which works out at £1 per week. This must be paid in full to secure your child's place. **FULL. COMMENCES MONDAY 10TH JANUARY.**

Monday – After school band until 4.30 p.m. for existing members. Please pay Miss Waters £1.50 per week. **COMMENCES MONDAY 10TH JANUARY.**

Monday – Eco – Club until 4.30 p.m. for **Years 3 and 4** with Mrs Wood and Miss Atkinson. This club is limited to 20 spaces on a first come basis. The cost of the club is £6 per child which works out at £1 per week. This must be paid in full to secure your child's place. **FULL. COMMENCES MONDAY 10TH JANUARY.**

Tuesday – After school Karate with Ross Temple for existing members. The spring term after school sessions start on Tuesday 11th January and will run for 11 weeks. The grading will be during school afternoon on Tuesday 5th April. **FULL. COMMENCES TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY.**

Tuesday – After school cross-country with Mrs Raine, Miss Oselton and Mrs Hannant, for selected cross country team members. Children are back to school for collection at 4.15 p.m. **COMMENCES TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY.**

Tuesday – After school Crochet club for **Year 4** with Miss Thompson. This club is limited to 14 spaces. The cost of the club is £6 per child which works out at £1 per week. This must be paid in full to secure your child's place. This club will continue after the first half term and further booking details will be shared. **COMMENCES TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY.**

Wednesday – After school multi-skills club for Year 3 with Chris Shield (Leisureworks). This free club is limited to 16 spaces. This club will run from Wednesday 12th January until Easter. **FULL. COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY.**

Thursday – Free after school Bootcamp sessions with Matt for **Year 5 Class 5**. This club is limited to 12 spaces. **FULL. COMMENCES THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY.**

Friday – After school Dance Club with Miss Clarey for **Years 5 and 6**. This club is limited to 20 spaces. The cost of the club is £7 per child which works out at £1 per week. This must be paid in full to secure your child's place. **FULL. COMMENCES FRIDAY 7TH JANUARY.**

Swimming – as below but will start w/c 10th January

Swimming for the spring term (after Christmas until Easter) will be as follows.

Year 4 will continue to swim for another term but they will change from a **Tuesday to a Wednesday afternoon**.

Year 5 will swim instead of Year 6 and their sessions will be on a Tuesday afternoon.

Year 4 have missed an entire year of swimming and would really benefit from these additional sessions. As Year 3 are a large year group we have made the decision to give them the entire Summer term (After Easter until the end of the school year). Therefore, only Year 3 will swim for the final term, over the two days, and this will be split over four sessions. All swimming sessions will continue to be held at Catchgate pool and no parents/carers are permitted to supervise.

School Uniform

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 noticed some children were starting to wear trainers on non-PE days and not the correct uniform items. Children not wearing the correct PE kit will be given spares to change into.

Class Timetables

Class timetables are the same as last term, you can find these on the website under your child's class page i.e. Class 1 Mrs McMahon. Please ensure you know your child's PE day as they must continue to come to school wearing their PE kit. Swimming days for Year 4 and 5 have been added to the class page too.

Key Dates and events for you to be aware of, please note that they are correct at time of print. Some dates may be subject to change. Please also refer to the calendar on the school app. We do have several sports events listed, details of those attending each event will be provided by class teachers.

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – All children back to school today please, I am sure by this time you will be ready for their return! (Tuesday 4th is closed as this is a staff training day).

Thursday 6th January – Class 5 Year 5 bootcamp club commences.

Friday 7th January – Year 5/6 dance club commences.

w/c 10th January – Swimming sessions recommence this week (not the first week back), please see essential information in the content of this newsletter.

Monday 10th January – Year 3/4 eco-club; Year 5/6 chess club and band commences.

Tuesday 11th January – Year 3/4 crochet club; after school cross country and karate commences.

Wednesday 12th January – Year 3 multi-skills commences.

Wednesday 12th January – Selected children from years 3 and 4 to participate in a gymnastics event during the school day – letters will be shared with families if their child is attending.

Thursday 13th January – Selected children from years 5 and 6 to participate in a gymnastics event during the school day – letters will be shared with families if their child is attending.

Wednesday 19th January – Selected children to participate in a volleyball event during the school day – letters will be shared with families if their child is attending.

w/c Monday 24th January – Anti bullying week.

Tuesday 25th January – Vicki Lydon from the Bullying Intervention Group will spend the day in school working with all children.

Wednesday 26th January – Selected children from years 5 and 6 to participate in a boccia event during the school day – letters will be shared with families if their child is attending.

Thursday 27th January – Selected children from years 3 and 4 to participate in a dodgeball event during the school day – letters will be shared with families if their child is attending.

Wednesday 16th February – Selected children from years 5 and 6 to participate in a fencing event during the school day – letters will be shared with families if their child is attending.

Friday 18th February – School will close at the end of the day for the February half term. This will be a non-uniform day and fines can be paid for on ParentPay under ‘non-uniform fines.’

Monday 28th February – School reopens for the second half of the spring term.