



Consett Junior School

May 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer term!

Hopefully, this newsletter finds you well? As usual we have another crazily busy term, with many exciting activities planned; from visits to Beamish to Father's Day events - there is most certainly something for everyone. Alongside these extracurricular events, we are of course focussed on learning and ensuring the children make super progress.

Over the next week, our year 3, 4 and 5 children are going to have the opportunity to be introduced to an exciting project, alongside 70 other County Durham Schools - The Home Walk Project - aiming to get families active in County Durham. More details will be shared soon.

We have an exciting Father's Day event planned, as well as our Y6 trip to Robinwood - look out for the photographs for both events.

Now that children in Year 2 have been allocated their places for Junior school, we will be working hard behind the scenes to share a huge amount of information with families, as well as welcome the young people to school for their visit day.

Year 6 started the summer term on Monday for the final time, we worked out in assembly that they have 55 days left in school - many were shocked that it is such a brief time. We hope that the young people enjoy that last few months here at Consett Junior School, that we have equipped them with the necessary skills to do well at Secondary school and in the world beyond.

I look forward to catching up with families at our parents' evenings and summer events.

As always if you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school and we will of course try our best to help.

Take care,

Mrs Dixon and the CJS Team

Attendance

Despite being a short month there were still 11 school days in April, so 11 days of learning! The whole school attendance was 94.82% and we are seeing a steady rise each month. We do hope that May is equally as good but with a few term-time holiday requests filtering in this may not be the case. Holidays in term-time are not encouraged, however, we appreciate the price of holidays in the peak months and that family circumstances vary. If you do submit a holiday request form the chances are they will not be granted, if a holiday is above 14 sessions a referral will be made and a fine will be issued by the LEA. We do not benefit financially from a fixed penalty notice. Can I also bring to your attention that it is not just the holiday dates you request that are considered when referring for an FPN, we look back 12 school weeks and if there are any unauthorised absences on your child's register we include these. Please try to avoid this and remember to inform us when your child is not in school.

Think of informing us the way you would your employer if you were not able to go to work, you would not take a day off and not inform them.

<https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-attendance/>

Year Group	% Attendance	Unauthorised absences	Lates
3	95.25	6	3
4	96.05	2	13
5	93.42	25	10
6	95.09	12	4

Lates after 9.20 a.m. will be recorded as 'U' which is a present but unauthorised mark for that day. We try to be flexible with families but if you look at the data above there are late children impacting on the learning of children in school on time. This is not the fault of the child arriving late. Please ensure you plan mornings to arrive in school on time.

[CJS App](#)

The app is firing on all cylinders at present, make sure you check for updates regularly. All dates of events are in the calendar. Do not have access to the app? Ring Mrs Raine for an enrolment code. You can disable notifications, if you do this, please remember to check for updates.

[School Fund – April](#)

Once again, thank you to all families that contributed to school fund in April, we received £131. Christmas and the Summer term are the times we spend a lot of money from school fund. In April this went on class resources, Easter treats, attendance rewards and dip in the box prizes. We really do appreciate your donations.

[School Dinners](#)

We have recently been informed that Taylor Shaw will no longer be our school meals provider. In September, this service will be provided by the catering firm Chartwells. One of the managers has recently met with Mr Dixon to share his ideas moving forward. Pip and Nikki will remain our amazing cooks! Please remember to give at least two weeks' notice to change meal arrangements, without this you could end up with charges on your child ParentPay account.

[Jam packed event for Father's Day](#)

On Friday 17th June we have an 'action packed' afternoon planned and would encourage the adults to wear shoes suitable for sports. The cost is £6 which covers one adult and one child, if you have siblings in the school you would need to pay £6 on one child's account and £2.50 on any other children's accounts (on ParentPay). Along with the action-packed afternoon we will be having BBQ, with food served typical to that. The event is outdoors so if the weather is bad, we will need to rearrange this and would look to book Friday 24th June in the first instance.

Just to clarify, one adult and one child combined is £6, additional children with that adult are £2.50. The default amount on all ParentPay accounts is £2.50 but if you go to the payment screen you can choose £6.

It is important to add when booking your place, that we can only accommodate one adult per child, this does not need to be Dad, it can be Mam, Uncle, friend etc, we are very mindful that all children's circumstances are different. Your child will be part of this afternoon if they wish even if they do not have an adult coming along. Please book your place before Friday 20th May.

To book your place please complete the forms link (pinned to the top of the app newsfeed) and ensure you state any

dietary requirements. The afternoon event will start at 2.00 p.m. via the main school gate, at this point you will be registered at the event and supplied with a food token. All children will be in class rows on the yard waiting to join you as you come in.

As we have a lot of things happening on the afternoon and want to make the most of it, we will stay open to our families until 5.00 p.m. we are also happy for other adults and siblings to join us from 3.30 p.m. to enjoy the activities but there will be no food served after 3.30 p.m. If bringing younger siblings, please be aware that many activities are not suitable for under 7's and the supervision after 3.30 p.m. is the responsibility of the accompanying adult. If no adults are staying then the children must also leave at 3.30 p.m.

If you have not yet paid for your Mother's Day event from March then we are unable to accommodate your place on this event, so to go forward with booking a place you will need to pay that first, if you have not paid you will see it is still live on ParentPay.

Parents/Carers Information Evenings

Please make a note of the scheduled parent/carers evenings dates where applicable:

- **Years 3 and 4 in the main hall on Wednesday 4th May**
- **Year 5 in class on Tuesday 10th May**

Letters to book your appointment time have already gone home and most families have already booked their places. Appointments were given on a first come basis and teachers have endeavoured to give you an appointment as close to your selected time. Children may have brought their appointment time home, but if not, it has been added to the app calendar. So, if your child is in Year 3 find Wednesday 4th May on the calendar and you will see a schedule of times - your child's initials are alongside your appointment time.

Year 6 SATS

Good luck to all our Year 6 children who will be completing their SATS w/c Monday 9th May. They are the first children to take these tests since covid and with the disruption to their education over the last few years we know they are worried, but they will all do their absolute best. Please remind the children that the outcome of these tests is not relevant to the amazing children that they are, will continue to be and will be. They are government tests and do not consider the amazing qualities every one of them have and how successful we know they are going to be.

Classes for September

We are sure many families are curious about their class for the next academic year. The SLT are currently looking at this. We are looking at current staff and children, where possible, this year, children will remain in the class with the children they are currently with. Usually children only have one special 'move up' day, but this year the Academy are having three, so we are doing the same. This means that for the 28th, 29th & 30th June children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will spend three full days with the teacher they will have in September. Once ready, we will share this information with you. One of these three days will also involve our new Year 3 children having a visit to the school.

Forest School Sessions – Class 3

Mr Meadows will be sharing an app post about this but Class 3 Forest School sessions start on Wednesday 4th May.

Year 5 Trip to Beamish Museum

This week year 5 have been lucky to have members from The Land of Oak and Iron in class. They have spoken to us about local history and in particular mining and steel works.

We have a few more sessions with this group over the next few weeks as well as a trip to Beamish.

On Friday 13th, all year 5 children will be going to Beamish where we will have a guided tour to learn more about mining in our local area. We will also have some time to explore the rest of what Beamish has to offer so of course we will pay a visit to the famous sweet shop. As Beamish is now cashless, if you would like your child to be able to get some sweets

please can you pay for this on your child's parent pay account, £2.50.

On this day, the coach will be picking us up from school at 9:30 a.m. and we will arrive back at school at 3pm. All children will need a water bottle, coat and packed lunch for the trip and they should come to school in their school PE kit (as we will be going down a pit). If you need to order a school packed lunch this will need to be ordered through Mrs Raine before Wednesday 4th May.

[Year 3 trip to the Hancock Museum](#)

All year 3 children will spend the day at the Hancock Museum on Friday 20th May as part of their Ancient Egypt topic. Children must be in school on time as the coach will leave at 9.15 a.m. prompt. Children will be back at school for their usual finish time. Children will need to wear their full school uniform, have their coat, a water bottle, and a packed lunch. If you require a school packed lunch please order this through Mrs Raine before Friday 6th May.

[Year 5 & 6 cross country team 6-mile run](#)

On Thursday 26th May we are planning a 6-mile run (approx.). This is the last day of term before we break up and will be running from school at 3.40 p.m. to the King's Head in Lanchester. We will access this route by joining the cycle path by the petrol station roundabout and running the line to Lanchester by heading via Morrisons/Matalan to access the route.

To put this into perspective for those not familiar with running and for you to discuss with the children, Tuesday nights running is usually just over 3 miles, Wednesdays run is 2 miles. We will all run as a team and run backs to those at the back are essential, we estimate it will take about an hour and a half. Once at the Kings Head we will have cake or ice cream and drinks (paid through school fund). We will have a coach booked to bring us back to school and estimate this will be a 6.00 p.m. return but we will send an 'exhausted' photo app post once we arrive so you can plan your time to collect them from school.

If you think your child will be able to manage this run can you please complete the form shared on the app before Friday 6th May. If you are unsure and want to talk about it give Mrs Raine a ring.

If the weather is not on our side we will rearrange.

[Summer Show – Tickets on sale](#)

Tickets are £6 each and can only be purchased from the theatre. All children will be part of the show on Thursday 7th July, but years 3 to 5 will only feature as part of a class dance. Being on stage is a wonderful opportunity for all the children, regardless of their part, and we are super-excited to host our first 'non-virtual' show in over two years

Information about costumes/outfits, the plan of the day etc will be sent out the nearer the time. If you have a child in the Infant school we have requested your children are held back just in case the show goes over time.

[Year 6 trip to Robinwood 2022](#)

Children who are going to Robinwood on Monday 16th May must ensure they arrive at school for their usual time, the coach is due to arrive at 9.15 a.m. to load the bags for a 9.30 a.m. departure. A clothing list is available in 'hub,' please do not send expensive clothes as they may get ruined. It would be helpful if you name your child's items and ensure that you talk to them about being responsible for their belongings. Children who are travel sick and have medication for this will need to have completed a medical form – this also to any children who need medicines throughout their stay. Children must not bring mobile phones or any other electric devices, children found to bring them will have them confiscated and parents/carers will be informed. We will use our app to communicate with families during their stay.

We are waiting for confirmation about taking a small amount of money for souvenirs and will let you know once this has been agreed.

Children will be given a luggage label to take home the week before they go, please ensure this is securely fastened to your child's luggage.

We anticipate a return to school on the Wednesday at about 3.40/45 p.m., make sure you have a warm bath ready!

[Year 6 trip to Robinwood 2023](#)

Current Year 5 children going to Robinwood on Monday 15th May – Wednesday 17th May 2023, must ensure the non-refundable deposit is paid using the payment item on ParentPay before Friday 20th May 2022. The full amount must be paid before Friday 28th April 2023. Failure to pay will result in the place being revoked.

[Reminder of clubs](#)

Here is a reminder of the after-school clubs running this half term.

Monday – After school band until 4.30 p.m. for existing members. Please pay Miss Waters £1.50 per week.

Monday - After school D & T club 'Paper Crafts' for Years 4 and 5 with Miss Hughes until 4.30 p.m.

Monday - Outdoor Gym Club until 4.30 p.m. for Year 3 with Mrs Raine. **FULL**

Tuesday – After school Karate until 4.30 p.m. with Ross Temple for existing members. The spring term after school sessions re-commence on Tuesday 26th April and will run for 11 weeks until 12th July. The grading will be during school afternoon on Monday 18th July (intentionally not Tuesday). **FULL**.

Tuesday – After school cross-country with Mrs Raine, Miss Oselton and Mrs Hannant, for selected upper school cross country team members. Children are back to school for collection at 4.30 p.m. - later time now as we are running further each week.

Tuesday - After school Spanish Club with Miss McNeill for Years 5 and 6 until 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday - After school Netball Club with Miss Breheny for Years 5 and 6 until 4.30 p.m. This club is for the **FULL SUMMER TERM. FULL**

Wednesday – After school multi-Skills club until 4.30 p.m. with Chris Shield for Year 3. This club is cancelled on Wednesday 4th May due to Year 3 and 4 parents/carers evening. **FULL**.

Thursday – After school Bootcamp sessions with Matt for Year 4. This club will be outdoors, and children do need to bring gloves. This club will be outdoors regardless of the weather (unless unsafe).

NO FRIDAY CLUBS THIS HALF TERM.

[School Uniform Ordering – September 2022](#)

REPOST

I know you might feel like it is too far away to think about or may even not want to believe we are nearing the end of a school year. But from my experience it is always worth a little reminder that it is best to be prepared and start thinking about ordering uniform for September sooner rather than later. July and August are remarkably busy months for all uniform providers, and I would not want you to leave it too late so that it does not arrive in time for September. Delivery can be made to home or school but if you are ordering for delivery to school please **do not** choose this option if placing orders in July.

There is NO expectation that you purchase uniform from our providers, many high street stores stock our colours of uniform. All we do expect is that children do wear our colours.

<https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

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[The Amazing White River Brass](#)

On Friday 15th July, we will welcome players from White River Brass into school for the first time since before Covid! White River Brass was formed as a facility to provide young players and inexperienced brass ensembles the chance of expert tuition from leading members of the world-famous Black Dyke Band. This event has been part of our school

calendar for over 20 years now and is always a highlight! Children in the band will receive workshops from the world-famous players in the morning and then on the afternoon the Year 6 school band will perform together with White River Brass in the band stand at Consett and Blackhill Park.

All our parents are welcome to attend as this will be a lovely afternoon listening to the music and spending time in the park (fingers crossed for glorious weather!) All children from school will attend the event and will be walked down to the park by the staff in school. They will then need to be picked up from Consett Park at 3pm. Any children not picked up from the park will walk back to school with their teachers.

This is a free event but there will be an opportunity for you to donate money in remembrance and celebration of David Jackson.

Swimming

Swimming is for Year 3 only for the full summer term. There will be no swimming in the very last week of term (w/c 18th July) as there are too many changes to the school day that week.

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.

Friday 29th April – Robinwood 2022 balances must be paid for in full today. There is no flexibility on this date and there are children on the waiting list so places will be offered to those children.

Friday 29th April – Year 6 leavers hoody's must be paid for by today.

Monday 2nd May – School closed for one day (May Day).

Wednesday 3rd May – Year 5 children who require a school packed lunch for their trip on 13th May, must place their order with Mrs Raine before today.

Wednesday 4th May – Selected children will be going to Greenland Primary School today for an Outdoor Adventure sports event. Children chosen must be in school for 8.45 a.m. as the bus leaves at 9.00 a.m. but will be back in time for lunch.

Wednesday 4th May – Years 3 and 4 parents/carers evenings in the main hall. Please arrive for your appointment time. There is no after school multi skills club tonight.

Wednesday 4th May – Class 3 Forest School sessions start (every Wednesday).

Friday 6th May - Year 3 children who require a school packed lunch for their trip on 20th May, must place their order with Mrs Raine before today.

Friday 6th May - Year 6 children who are not going to Robinwood but require a school packed lunch for days out, must place their order with Mrs Raine before today.

Friday 6th May – Class 4 children to wear non-uniform for free for the best attendance for April.

w/c Monday 9th May – Year 6 SATS week. All Year 6 children must be in school for these tests. They cannot be taken on different days. All Year 6 children can access breakfast club for free this week.

Tuesday 10th May – Year 5 parents/carers evening. This will be based in the classrooms. There is no afterschool Netball club on this day

Friday 13th May – Any children who are in Years 5 or 6 and have selected for sports events on 24th or 25th May, today is the final day to place a school packed lunch order through Mrs Raine

Friday 13th May – Year 5 children at Beamish Museum, if you have not ordered a school packed lunch you must provide one. If children would like to visit the old sweet shop during their stay, please ensure you have paid £2.50 on ParentPay.

Monday 16th May – Year 6 trip to Robinwood. Children must arrive at school for their normal time and come via the

main reception with their luggage (luggage labels will be provided). The bus will leave at 9.30 a.m. and return to school for an ETA of 3.40/45 p.m. on Wednesday 18th May.

Tuesday 17th May – Selected children from Year 5 will participate in a Multi skills event at Greenland Primary School. The event is after lunch and children will be back at school for the usual finish time.

Wednesday 18th May – Children return from Robinwood, ETA 3.40/45 p.m.

Thursday 19th May – Selected children from Years 5 and 6 will attend the Riverside Sports Complex at Chester-Le-Street to participate in an Outdoor Athletics Event. Children will be back for their usual finish time.

Friday 20th May – Year 5 children going to Robinwood in 2023 must have paid their £25 deposit on ParentPay before today.

Friday 20th May – Final day to book a place for the Father's Day event on Friday 17th June.

Tuesday 24th May – Selected children from Year 6 will attend Shotley Bridge Cricket Club for a girl's cricket event. Children selected will need a packed lunch so if you do not pre-order one can you please provide one. They will be gone for the full day (leaving on the coach at 9.10 a.m.) but will be back at school for their usual finish time.

Wednesday 25th May - Selected children from Year 5 will attend Consett Cricket Club for a mixed cricket event. Children selected will need a packed lunch so if you do not pre-order one can you please provide one. They will be gone for the full day but will be back at school for their usual finish time.

Wednesday 25th May – Selected children from Year 4 will attend Shotley Bridge Tennis Club for a Tennis event. Children will go after lunch and will be back for their usual finish time.

Thursday 26th May – If your child is in Year 5 and Year 6 and are part of the cross-country training, they can run to Lanchester. Permission must have been given. Children must come to school wearing their PE kit and bring a water bottle. The bus back to school will be approx. 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 26th May - Last day of the first half of the summer term, school is closed for one week and two days. This will be a non-uniform day and fines can be paid for on ParentPay under 'non-uniform fines.' Please note that Friday 27th May and Monday 6th June we are closed for staff training.

Tuesday 7th June - School reopens for the second half of the summer term.

Monday 13th June – Year 6 band children will play at the Salvation Army today, there will be no change to their school finish time.

Thursday 16th June – Year 6 Athletics event at Consett Academy. Details to follow.

Friday 17th June – Father's Day event

Thursday 23rd June - Sports Day at Consett Rugby Club. Details will follow and Parent/Carers are allowed to attend but we request spectators remain off the field while the events take place. This will be an afternoon event and children will leave with their adults from the Rugby Club. Get ready for the adult's race!

w/c Monday 27th June – Years 3, 4 & 5 Assessment week.

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th June – Three day move up – Year 6 will spend three days at the Academy and all other year groups will move up to their next class on these days.

Wednesday 6th July – End of year reports will go home with children today. If you are a parent that receives additional copies, they too will be posted today.

Thursday 7th July – Summer Show Day at The Empire Theatre. Details of the day will be shared nearer the time.

Friday 8th July – Year 6 sleepover, details to follow.

Tuesday 12th July – Final after school karate session this term

Friday 15th July – White River Brass – see information in this Newsletter. We hope to see lots of our families at the park and have pre-ordered the sunshine.

Monday 18th July – Karate grading in the hall during the school afternoon

Tuesday 19th July – Special recognition assembly. This assembly celebrates children who have achieved 100% attendance for the year and children who have been chosen by teachers for being exceptional! Children this applies to can have two special adults in attendance.

Tuesday 19th July – Summer term attendance afternoon in the hall. This is all children who have above 96% attendance for the year and any children who achieved in the summer term. They will have a movie in the hall and a visit from the ice-cream van.

Wednesday 20th July – Last day of term. Children can come to school in non-uniform for a £1 fine, payable on ParentPay. School re-opens for the start of the next school year on Tuesday 6th July.

Wednesday 20th July – Please give Mrs Raine a restful last day of term, she will be very tired and would prefer not to message out to families to pay any arrears on ParentPay! If your child is in Year 6 it is vitally important that you check, you have no arrears.

Tuesday 6th September – Start of the next academic year. Children in Years 3 and 4 finish at 3.20 p.m., children in Years 5 and 6 finish at 3.30 p.m.