



Consett Junior School- June 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the June newsletter

I do hope this newsletter finds you well, and you are all looking forward to the long Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend. We have been learning about the Queen's long reign and her service to our country - I have been talking to the children about the service we provide to each other and to the school in many ways. Our whole school community provides a great deal of support to each other and to the wider community and for this I am incredibly grateful.

I know I write this in every newsletter, but we have another busy half term - in fact, we have something on every day. Looking at the calendar, I sometimes wonder how we fit it all in! There are certainly some highlights to look forward too; including Hockey, Y5 Athletics, Special Person's BBQ, Y4 Quad kids, and a feast of transition events - too much to comprehend. We also have Mrs Raine and a Year 6 parent running the Hadrian's Wall Ultra run - 70 miles...in a day; we wish them both well and feel free to support their charity in memory of David Jackson, they have so far raised £700 towards their £1k goal, we are immensely proud of them both.

I could not write this introduction without mentioning our year 6 children - who are looking forward to their last half term in our school; on reflection they have faced many challenges, least of all covid, but have, made it through well. It was a pleasure to join many of the year 6 children on their trip to Robinwood, many children showed tremendous efforts and endeavours to complete a wide range of activities. I have shared some photos on the school app - others will be shared with children later. I also know the children who remained behind had a fabulous time exploring our local area and were keen to let me know how they got on.

As the weather warms and we look forward to summer I hope to see many of you before we finish in July, but as always if there is anything I or any of my team can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Take care,

Mr Dixon
Head Teacher

Attendance

The whole school attendance for May was an amazing 95.93 % - we are SO close to our floor target.

The attendance summary for May is below. Well done to Year 3 for the highest year group attendance, their treat is a selection of cakes, biscuits, and fruit on Friday 10th June. Well done to class 8 (Miss Waters) for the highest-class attendance their treat is a non-uniform day on Friday 10th June.

Year Group	% attendance	Unauthorised absences (sessions)	Lates
3	96.97%	28	8
4	92.77%	52	24
5	96.72%	20	23

6	96.66%	15	10
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Year 4 is a real cause for concern, the table above shows that they have the lowest attendance and the highest unauthorised absences and late arriving children. This information needs to be considered when looking at progress children make, if your child is not making the progress they should be and their attendance is poor they are at risk of falling behind their peers. When children are not in school they are missing valuable learning time, when they return to school they are playing catch up on the work they have missed. If your child is in Year 4 and you are struggling with attendance you must make an appointment to come to school. Holidays have played a large part in this year groups poor attendance, holidays in term time are not authorised and they are referred.

School Dinners

Our menu for September is still to be confirmed, we hope this is shared with us in the coming weeks. The delay is due to the move from Taylor Shaw to Chartwells. Once available we will add this the 'hub.' If any children would like to move onto school meals, please speak or email Mrs Raine. Please ensure you keep the same meal arrangement when returning to school in September to avoid charges on ParentPay – if you would like to change please contact Mrs Raine.

If your child has a specific medical diet we have now contacted you to complete the necessary forms for a smooth changeover of catering companies.

We have been given notice that school meal prices will increase from £2.20 to £2.25 per day from September 2022. If you have arrears with your school meals, please ensure these are paid.

May Voluntary School Fund

We received £69 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.' In May we used fund for trips, class resources and attendance.

End of year summer show

As previously informed, our much anticipated 'live' end of year show is at Consett Empire of Thursday 7th July. Year 6 will take the lead parts in this show but all year groups will perform a dance on stage. Tickets can only be purchased from the Theatre, and there are few tickets left. On the day of the show all children will need to arrive at school as normal. If your child has PE this will not be part of their timetable on this day. If the children need to wear a specific outfit for the day you will have been informed and this is usually brought to school in a named carrier bag and left here for them to take up on the day (allows for dress rehearsals in school), therefore on the day the children should come to school wearing their uniform. Year 6 will go to the theatre during the morning for a rehearsal, followed by all other year groups before lunch. This additional time at the theatre allows for a whole school rehearsal before the show starts.

As children are spending most of the day at the Theatre they will need to bring a packed lunch. A pre-order form will be shared after half term for families who would prefer school to provide one.

On the day, the children will walk in their class groups with their teachers to the Theatre so they will need a coat. If you have your ticket for the show you will already be there to take your child home. For families not watching the show they will need to arrive at the Theatre for approx. 3.10 p.m. ready to take the children home. If you have children in the Infant school we have requested that they keep them back should families be late.

At the end of the show exit arrangements will be announced as it will be congested, in the past it has been: Year 5 & 6 children exit from the back door of the Theatre, Years 3 & 4 exit from the stage to the seating area and then meet their adult in the main reception.

Siblings across upper and lower school or children collected by a childminder/parent across year groups are asked to remain seated and their children will come to them.

Assessment Week

Children in years 3, 4 & 5 will complete assessments this week. *THIS WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THE WEEK AFTER*
- changed due to transition days.

Breakfast Club Start Time

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

Ordering Uniform for September 2022

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 terribly 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 deliver if ordering in July. Jumpers, polos, 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 uniform, please can you consider donating this to Willowburn Charity Shop in Consett, as they sell this on to our families for a small amount.

Our App

Please check this daily as we start the final half term of this academic year...it is a busy one.

Bringing Bags into School

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

Class Teachers – September 2022

Next half term children will be informed of who their new class teacher will be for their following year of learning at CJS. It is unlikely that any children will be mixed from their current cohort. The transition dates are 28th, 29th and 30th June. We are waiting for details from Consett Academy for start and finish times for their transition days, it is highly likely that the children will need to take packed lunches on these three days.

If your child attended a club last half term (not band, karate, netball, cross country) then it will have ended. Please note, multi skills last half term was for Year 3, this half term it is for Year 5/6.

Clubs for this half term we are posted to the app on Friday 13th May. On Monday 16th May you will have received app confirmation if you were successful in booking a place for one of the new clubs. If your club required payment this must be done before your child can attend the new club.

After school clubs for the half term w/c Tuesday 7th June (Closed Monday):

There will be no clubs on during the last week of term (3-day week). No club on show day, Father's Day, or White River Brass Day

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

Monday - Outdoor Gym Club until 4.30 p.m. for Year 3 with Mrs Raine. **If your child was part of this club last half term you needed to reapply this time. FULL**

Tuesday – After school Karate until 4.30 p.m. with Ross Temple for existing members 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. **We will confirm if this club is on during the very final week of term.**

Tuesday - After school Spanish Club with Miss McNeill for Years 5 and 6 until 4.30 p.m. **If your child was part of this club last half term you needed to reapply this time. FULL**

Tuesday - After school Netball Club with Miss Breheny for Years 5 and 6 until 4.30 p.m. - continued and no payment required unless you are new to the club. If your child is in these year groups and wants to join please contact Mrs Raine as there is no form to complete.

Wednesday – After school Multi-Skills club until 4.30 p.m. with Chris Shield for **Year 6**. This is a free club which will run for six weeks.

Thursday - After school orienteering/Map reading club with Mrs McMahon for Years 3 and 4 until 4.30 p.m. This club is limited to 24 spaces on a first come basis. **There will be no club on Thursday 7th July due to the summer show at the Empire.**

Thursday – After school Bootcamp sessions with Matt for Year 3 until 4.30 p.m. Thank you to all Year 5 children who helped last half term, this half term we will choose two new helpers from Year 5 to allow more children to experience this. This club will be outdoors and children do need to bring gloves. This club will be outdoors regardless of the weather (unless unsafe). We are funding this club through our PE Budget so it is free for children. **There will be no club on Thursday 7th July due to the summer show at the Empire. FULL.**

Friday - After school Rugby club with Mr Dixon for Year 4 until 4.30 p.m. This club will run for four weeks next half term. **There will be no club on Friday 17th June (Father's Day event) or Friday 15th July (White River Brass)**

Dates for your Diary

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.

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. 6.10 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. JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Friday 27th May – Staff training day, school closed.

Monday 6th June - Staff training day, school closed.

Tuesday 7th June - School reopens for the second half of the summer term. Children need to return on the same school arrangement.

Tuesday 7th June – Selected Year 5 children will walk to Consett Academy for a Hockey taster event. An app message has already been sent to families about this. It is during the afternoon so no change to the times of the school day.

Friday 10th June - Selected Year 5 children will walk to Consett Academy for a 5 aside football match. An app message will be sent to families of the children that are chosen. It is during the afternoon so no change to the times of the school day.

Friday 10th June – Free non-uniform day for Miss Waters class. Cakes, fruit, and cookies for Year 3.

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 5 or 6 Athletics event at Consett Academy. Details to follow. Consett Academy have emailed to say it is Year 5 but this was not the original Year group stated. We are waiting for clarification.

Friday 17th June – Father's Day event. Please can adults arrive for 2.00 p.m. they will need to register with Mrs Raine at the main gate and collect their food token. The event finishes at 3.30 p.m. for all, however children are welcome to stay until 5.00 pm. if they are accompanied by an adult. Please ensure you wear footwear suitable for sports. Payment for this event must have been made before day. **THERE ARE NO CLUBS ON THIS DAY.**

Wednesday 22nd June – Selected Year 4 children will participate in a 'quad kids' events at Greenland's Primary school. They will have a slightly earlier lunch but will be back on or just after 3.20 p.m. An app message will be sent to families of the children that are chosen.

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 (approx. 2.00 p.m. start) 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.

Tuesday 28th June – Class 3 will attend South Moor Golf Club for a golf event during the afternoon. They will go with their 'new' Year 5 teacher as part of their transition event. They will have a slightly earlier lunch but will be back on or just after 3.20 p.m.

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. **THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TODAY.** If you are not watching the show please ensure your child is collected from the Theatre.

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

Monday 11th July – Selected children from Year 3 will participate in a Cricket Festival at Consett Cricket Club. An app message will be sent to families of the children that are chosen. This is an all-day event and there will be a form shared should you wish to order a school packed lunch. Children will be back at school for their normal finish time.

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

Friday 15th July – White River Brass will in the school during the morning. During the afternoon, all school will walk to Blackhill Park to listen to the band play in the band stand. We would like to see lots of our families at the event – so bring a blanket and find s space on the grass. Children must be collected from the park on this day. **THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON THIS DAY.**

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

Monday 18th July – **THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK.**

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. Invitations to follow.

Tuesday 19th July – Summer term attendance afternoon in the hall/yard. This is all children who have above 96% attendance for the year and any children who achieved in the summer term. They will either have a movie in the hall or an afternoon outside 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 September.

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. Breakfast club starts at 7.45 a.m. No need to pre-book a place, payment is made via ParentPay. Monday 5th 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.

Friday 21st October – Last day of half term.

Monday 31st October – School re-opens for the second half term.

Monday 31st October – Halloween Disco in school, each year group will have a party hour during the day with Candy Kids Entertainment. Details to follow.