



Consett Junior School- July 2022 Newsletter

Dear families,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year, I really cannot believe I am writing that! The year has gone so quickly, the first full year the children have had in school for a good while.

I find myself reflecting on a busy, busy year, which has seen a plethora of events, sporting activities and musical arrangements. As always, the staff and children have risen to the challenge and ensure everything that we attempt is completed with full vigour and enthusiasm.

Along with our Year 3 staff, I welcomed our Year 2's into school today for their Transition visit - the quiet nervousness and awe at joining a new school is infectious, I look forward to welcoming them and their families fully into our school in September. Of course, with Year 2 joining us, that means Year 6 is ready to move on; so far, they have enjoyed their visit to 'Big' school - the bravado and confidence soon disappears when they consider their next steps! But I am reassured that they do all survive and make the next steps in their educational journey.

So, our last newsletter is a mix of welcomes and goodbyes - with less than 3 weeks to go - I am sure we will see excitement and tears over this time.

Welcome to Mrs Oldroyd, who will be joining our team in September, as a Year 4 teacher - I am sure you will have an amazing time.

I must take this opportunity to thank all staff and children for the year, the support is always welcome, and we have all together done some remarkable things. I must single out Miss Breheny, who is leaving us at the end of this Academic year for a promotion and a school much closer to home. We have been a better school with her presence, and she has brought much to the role - we wish her the absolute best for the future and for the years ahead, and hope she keeps in touch.

To year 6, who embark on the next step - I wish you an amazing summer and high hopes for the future in front of you - just to let you know, we always keep an eye out for how you are doing!

I am sure we will see most families at either the summer show event or the Band performance in the park. If I do not manage to catch up with, have a great summer holidays and I look forward to catching up with you all in the new academic year.

As always, thanks for your support and making our school a wonderful place to learn.

Mr Paul Dixon

Head Teacher

Attendance

The Year group attendance winners for June by a truly clear MILE, are Year 3 - well done to them all, tomorrow we will provide some delicious treats for their afternoon munchies.

The class group winners, which could not be any closer, are Class 2, Miss White's class - a well-deserved free non-uniform day for Class 2 tomorrow.

The whole school attendance for June was 94.03%, this is below our floor target of 96%, although there have been

several children absent with the troubles of hay fever most of the absences are due to term-time holidays. Holidays in term-time are not permitted and there is no reason for them to be granted, therefore any holidays that are taken and go into 14 sessions (7 days) of absence, will be referred for a Fixed Penalty Notice.

There are still several families that do not inform us about their child's absence. This makes the operation of the school challenging, as we do not know the reason for your child's absence from school. Attendance at school is a legal requirement and if your child is absent for any reason you must inform us. Unauthorised absences are also recorded and if they build up you will be referred to the Local Authority and this could also result in Fixed Penalty Notices and if needed, legal action.

One of the best ways to think about reporting absences would be...would you inform your employer when taking a day off?

Year Group	% attendance	Unauthorised absences (sessions)	Lates
3	95.26	46	7
4	91.54	21	23
5	93.47	31	16
6	91.29	28	11

[School Dinners](#)

Our menu for September is in the 'hub' section of the school app and on our website <https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/autumn-menu-september-2022/>

If you are changing your child's school meal arrangement for September, it is important that you inform Mrs Raine before the end of term. If there is no notification of change then your child must return on the same school arrangement, and your ParentPay account will be charged. We will still run the 'Fun Friday' option, so if your child is currently on this arrangement then this will continue in September.

[July Voluntary School Fund](#)

We received £129 in ParentPay school fund donations in June. School fund can be paid using ParentPay or by children bringing coins into school and placing them in the 'money spinner.' At this time of year, we really depend on this income – we love to provide treats for the children, and this is what our funds are spent on as we approach the end of a school year.

[Robinwood Residential Monday 15th – Wednesday 17th May 2023](#)

For children, currently in Year 5, going to Robinwood in May 2023, please remember that you can pay little and often from your balance on ParentPay.

[Ordering Uniform for September 2022](#)

We expect **ALL** children to return to school in September wearing the correct uniform, there are several children not in the correct uniform at this time of the year, which we understand, to a degree. We will be monitoring this over the first few weeks and will contact you should we need to, here is also a link to our uniform requirements <https://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

You can opt for school or home delivery but please do not choose school delivery now, we cannot guarantee they will be delivered to school before 20th July. Please place orders online at <https://totstoteams.com/consett-junior-school> or purchase from local high street shops.

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 them for a small amount.

[Class Timetable for September 2022](#)

Your child's timetable for September will be uploaded to their class page over the summer. We will put a note on the app once this has been done, but please check the school website class page before the children return in September. Please remember that children will have PE on two days each week, on those days they will need to come to school wearing their school PE kit. For families new to our school, it must be the school PE kit and in the colder weather they need to wear their school jumper/cardigan over the top – not sports hoodies/jumpers.

[DfE \(Department for Education\) Household Support Vouchers](#)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, the £75 per child household voucher was shared via email on Monday 27th June.

[Our App - Weduc](#)

Please check this daily as we have a remarkably busy few weeks ahead of us. Towards the end of the summer a post will be added with reminders for September. For families new to our school, access to the app will be made available to you before the end of term. Please ensure you download it from the app store on your phone.

[End of year summer show](#) - repost

As previously informed, our much anticipated 'live' end of year show is at Consett Empire Theatre next 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 only 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. All clothing requirements for the day have been pinned to the top of the app newsfeed, please ensure they are brought into school in a named carrier bag tomorrow (1st July).

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 has previously been shared so if you did not complete the form you must provide your own.

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, so please remain seated to hear these, 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.

[End of Year Reports](#)

Individual pupil end of year school reports will be sent out on Wednesday 6th July. If you are a parent/carer who receives theirs through the post, they will also be posted out on this day.

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

Just a reminder that there are no after school clubs on during the last week of term. This includes Cross Country; Miss Waters will add a post if this includes band.

After-school enrichment clubs for September will not be introduced until the second half term w/c 31st October. This allows our new children and families to settle into CJS and allows staff to choose the clubs they will offer. Once the details of the clubs are agreed they will be shared on the app allowing all families the fair opportunity to gain a place.

Cross Country (existing members), band and karate will restart w/c 12th September.

[Swimming sessions – September 2022](#)

If everything goes to plan swimming will resume at Consett Swimming Baths from September. We have not been given the dates/days/times of the sessions yet so we will share them once known, but it will restart with Year 6.

[Medication in school](#)

If your child has medication in school it will be sent home with them on the final day of term, this includes piriton/inhalers etc. In September families will need to ensure they check the dates of the medication and send it back to school. If you have not completed a medication form, or do not have a care plan, we will not be able to administer medication to your child.

[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/website.](#)

Friday 1st July – Class 2 free non-uniform day

Friday 1st July – All show costumes must be brought into school in a named carrier bag, this also applies to Class 1 as they are wearing ‘normal’ clothes for the show.

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 has already been sent to families of the children that have been chosen. This is an all-day event and children will need a packed lunch, please contact school if you need to order one from school. 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 be 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 a space on the grass ready for a 2 p.m. start. **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. Children will be finished for their usual finish time.

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

Tuesday 19th July – Special recognition assemblies. These assemblies celebrate 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. Families of these children have already been contacted and assembly times shared.

Tuesday 19th July – Children who were part of the morning’s assembly will have a lovely meal at Sambuca’s on the

evening and spend time in great company.

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 it in the summer term (Monday 25th April to now). 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 as all debt will be referred to the Local Authority.

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.

Tuesday 17th September – School photograph day – details in the school app/website calendar, but will also follow nearer the time.

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 in September.