



## Consett Junior School November 2019 Newsletter

Welcome back after the October half-term. The children enjoyed the half term holidays, and have shared stores of trick or treat and attending Firework displays. Our Halloween disco was very well attended; the photographs are on the website for families who would like to view them. Thank you to all families who spent so much time on their child's costumes, they were amazing.

This is a seven week term, but very action packed. Mrs Raine will be issuing a letter detailing key dates, hopefully a handy sheet to stick to your fridge! Many of our families have children in other schools, who are equally as action packed with events, so hopefully this will help you not to miss anything! There is so much going on, and although we are straight back into lessons and learning, we are excited for so many other events; the start of new clubs; the M & M Production of 'Snow White'; the many events our ever-growing band will be performing at and also the amazing 'Christmas performance's'. The children will soon be practicing very hard, learning their lines, practicing songs and dances. Please support our children by coming along to your child's show with plenty of cheer!

Over forty of our year 6 children boarded the coach to Ford Castle in October, they had an amazing time and as the feedback from children and staff was so good, we have now booked for 49 of our then year 6 children to go in 2021. Thanks to our staff for giving up their non-school time to support the children.

We still have 'IF U Care Share' coffee mornings for anyone to attend, it was nice to see some different people come to our October morning. There will be another one November and December. We also have a band coffee morning in December, and due to the number of children in the band, this will be a well attended event!

Thank you all once again for supporting school and your child each day with homework, wearing the correct uniform and being prepared for the school day.

Mr P Dixon

### October Attendance

The whole school attendance for October was 96.56% which is another increase from September. Last October was 96.41%. We have had a few children absent due to holidays, few of these were unavoidable due to the recent Thomas Cook issues. Holidays in term time are not permitted and two FPN applications this academic year have been processed.

Please ensure your child continues to arrive at school on time, as children who arrive late not only miss out on their education, but their arrival in class disrupts all other children. We will be writing to parents/carers this week if their late arrival is causing concern.

Remember, holidays in term time are not permitted. We do want to support our families and ask you work with us in following policy so that it does not trigger a referral. It is the responsibility of the school to monitor attendance so ensuring we have all information possible goes a long way for us to establish the best support for improvement. We also want you to know that we get no financial gain from issuing fines, and the school receives no additional funding into the budget, this is a county process and the fines are requested from them and returned to them.

As year 5 have achieved the best attendance for October each child in year 5 will be given a cake/giant cookie this Friday (8th November) as their reward.

Class 8 (Miss Waters) have AGAIN achieved the reward for the best class attendance at an outstanding 98.85%, well done! The Class 8 reward for this is a FREE non-uniform day which will also be on Friday 8th November.

		November 2019				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
3	4 - Yr 4 swim Dinner Money, Band Money and school fund due After school band Archeosoup production in school with Year 3	5 - After school Karate Club After school Doodle Club (Full)	6 - 12.10 noon Cross country training Short route Year 5/6 Rugby Tournament. 20 children have been chosen to play. Texts and letters sent.	7 - Yr 3 swim 12.10 noon Cross country training Long route After school Badminton Club (Full) Year 6 Parent/Carer consultation evening. Year 4 cross country race - Catchgate Primary.	8 - Yr 6 swim Fun Friday Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week). Class 8 non - uniform day for best attendance reward <b>FLU IMMUNISATIONS - CONSENT MUST HAVE BEEN GIVEN</b> After school Art Club (Full) - Year 3 After school Year 3/4 Football Training (Full)	9
1	11 - Yr 4 swim Dinner Money, Band Money and school fund due After school band Year 4 at the Vue Gateshead and must arrive at 8.40 a.m. as the bus will leave before 8.55 a.m.	12 - After school Karate Club After school Doodle Club (Full)	13 - 12.10 noon Cross country training Short route	14 - Yr 3 swim 12.10 noon Cross country training Long route After school Badminton Club (Full) Year 3 at the Vue Gateshead and must arrive at 8.55 a.m. as the bus will leave before 9.05 a.m. Final day to purchase Lions Raffle tickets.	15 - Yr 6 swim 9.00 a.m. Whole school anti bullying assembly - Parents/carers are welcome to attend. After school Art Club (Full) - Year 3 Children in Need - Check the app and website for details that are to follow. After school Year 3/4 Football Training (Full) <b>LAST DAY FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS TO BUY SHOW TICKETS.</b>	16
1	18 - Yr 4 swim Dinner Money, Band Money and school fund due After school band 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. additional show tickets on sale in the hall.	19 - After school Karate Club After school Doodle Club (Full)	20 - 12.10 noon Cross country training Short route	21 - Yr 3 swim 12.10 noon Cross country training Long route After school Badminton Club (Full) Selected year 3/4 children at an indoor athletics competition at the Louisa Centre. Letters/texts will be sent to those attending.	22 - Yr 6 swim Fun Friday Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week). After school Art Club (Full) - Year 3 After school Year 3/4 Football Training (Full)	23
2	25 - Yr 4 swim Dinner Money, Band Money and school fund due After school band If U Care Share coffee morning Travelling Book Fair in School all week for children and families. See App and website for details.	26 - After school Karate Club After school Doodle Club (Full)	27 - 12.10 noon Cross country training Short route M & M productions in school to perform 'Snow White' to the whole school.	28 - Yr 3 swim 12.10 noon Cross country training Long route After school Badminton Club (Full)	29 - Yr 6 swim Fun Friday Lunch (orders must be placed on the Monday of this week). After school Art Club (Full) - Year 3 After school Year 3/4 Football Training (Full)	30

December key events: Tuesday 3rd December - Final after school karate session this term; Tuesday 3rd December - Year 5/6 Carol Service at The Salvation Army 2.30 p.m. start parent/carers welcome; Wednesday 4th December - Year 4/5 & 6 Band Coffee Morning 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.; Thursday 5th December - After school movie club, Polar Express; Tuesday 10th December - Karate grading during the school day; Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day (accompanied by usual uniform); Thursday 12th December - After school movie club, Nativity; Friday 13th December - 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day, same dress theme as Wednesday but for £1 charity donation; Friday 13th December - Year 3/4 Carol Service at Consett Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. start; Monday 16th December - IF U Care Share coffee morning 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.; Monday 16th December - Whole school Christmas show rehearsals at the Academy, children will be back for the normal school finish time; Tuesday 17th December - Year 3 & 4 Christmas Show at Consett Academy, 2.15 p.m. start; Wednesday 18th December - Year 5 & 6 Christmas Show at Consett Academy, 2.15 p.m. start; Thursday 19th December - Whole School Christmas Party Day, letter to request party food to follow, £1 charge per child for the entertainment company; Thursday 19th December - After school movie club, Elf; Friday 21st December - Autumn term 100% reward afternoon; Friday 21st December - Last day of term, children can come in non-uniform for £1 school council fine. School reopens on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

## October attendance overview

Class 8 have achieved the highest % attendance for October and their non-uniform day reward is Friday 8th November

Year 5 have achieved the highest % attendance for October and their reward is cakes on Friday 8th November

Year Group	% attendance	Unauthorised absences	Lates
3	96.40	6	35
4	96.00	12	15
5	97.15	14	12
6	96.70	30	6

## School Dinners

Don't forget your child can move meal arrangements at any point throughout the year, but we do need to know and we do need 2 weeks notice, this can be shorter at the discretion of the catering team. There is also the option of a Fun Friday Pass for children on packed lunches that wish to have a school meal on a Friday only. This must be booked on the Monday of the week your child wants the dinner.

*A note from our cook, Mr Maddison:*

*"Thank you to all children who were new to meals in the week before half term for our Halloween dinners, as always the manners of all children were excellent. As the colder weather draws upon us we would be happy to see many more children on meals to warm them up for afternoon lessons! All our meals are cooked fresh daily and there are always four meal choices available. On Friday 15th November it is our themed Children in Need day, so if your child would like a school meal on this day please book before next week. Mrs Raine will be sending out the menu shortly"*

Thank you!

## Year 6 Residential Trip 2021

Initial interest letters have already been sent out and the final date to return has passed. There are 49 (current Year 5) children who would like to go. Letters will be sent to those families shortly, with deposit details.

## Poppy Appeal Sales

The Royal British Legion is asking the nation to Rethink Remembrance by recognising the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces community, past and present. By wearing a poppy, you aren't just remembering the fallen: you're supporting a new generation of veterans and Service personnel that need our support.

We are now selling poppy merchandise for a small donation. Children can make purchases during the first morning break.

## Children in Need - 15th November

On Friday 15th November we are supporting Children in Need, children can come to school in fancy dress or yellow clothes for £1, details to follow. The council have also requested we do another chocolate tombola, and children can buy a raffle ticket to win some chocolate items.

**As we are holding a chocolate tombola we are asking for donations of chocolates/sweets/selection boxes for the stall. The more the yummiier!! Please send in from now.**

If your child would like to have a school meal on this day, the deadline for ordering one is Wednesday 13th November (only applicable to children on packed lunch). Order forms are being sent out today.

As always, many thanks in advance

## Donations

Please continue to send in donations of tissues they are always in demand. We should soon be receiving our Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal box, as you start (or finish) your Christmas shopping can you spare a thought for the very local families who will struggle to provide a toy for their child at Christmas and perhaps purchase a small gift that can be given to these families for Christmas. You may be surprised just how many families who are very close to us who are struggling financially to provide for their children. All gifts must be new and unused and can be for any age of child, these toys can be sent in from now, thank you in advance!

## School Fund

Please remember to send in £1 (or less if you have small change) each week which can be put in the 'spinner', at this time of year it is very useful for additional resources and parties. Children are receiving many achievements rewards now and this help to buy new and exciting gifts! We received £116 for October .

## Christmas Show Performances

This year there will be two Christmas shows, one for lower school and one for upper, both performances at Consett Academy. Letters regarding tickets sales will go out today. Further information about the shows can be found at <http://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/christmas-show-productions-important-information/> or on our school app, this information is very important.

## Clubs

Swimming - **Year 4 swim last lesson on a Monday; Year 3 swim last lesson on a Thursday; Year 6 swim last lesson on a Friday.**

### Cross Country Training

Cross country training will continue on the usual days, it is colder now so a hat, jacket and gloves are essential. Children from year 4 can now run on Thursdays too, but we will talk to them to ensure they are aware of the longer route, they are very keen and sometimes forget how hard it can be. Any regular runners who would like to come on a Tuesday night for training need to speak to Mrs Raine. We have our first year 4 race at Catchgate Primary this Thursday (9th), we have high hopes for some good finish places from our amazing runners.

### After school karate club—members only

This club is every Tuesday from 3.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. This club is on every week until Tuesday 3rd December (not the final two weeks), and the grading is on during the school day on Tuesday 10th December.

### Band

Band rehearsals for all children are after school each Monday until 4.30 p.m. Band is £1.50 each week, if you think you are behind with payments please ask your child to ask Miss Waters about how much is owed.

### After schools clubs

We are now in the first week of the new clubs for this half term. Details can be found on the School App or from accessing this link <http://www.consett-jun.durham.sch.uk/?s=clubs>

All clubs are now full and text confirmations were sent before the half term. If your text required you to pay, please do this before the club starts. This is to secure their place.

Movie Club runs for three Thursdays in December and is £1.50 per week. Children can bring fruit only and will be provided with a drink.

Football training is now only for children in year 3 and 4 (who were already attending) as well as some selected girls from upper school.

**APART FROM MOVIE CLUB, THERE ARE NO CLUBS ON IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM**

## OurSchoolsApp

Please remember to keep checking our App, we rarely send school texts, so you are at risk of missing valuable information that is shared on this App. It can be downloaded on any Iphone or android device. **Please remember that you can turn notifications off in the 'settings' of this app, and still receive them to your device, just remember to check daily for new alerts. This is our main way of ensuring we communicate with everyone, so it is used daily!**