



19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Dear Parents,

Time is once again flying past with only one week left of the half term and only half a term left in the school year. What a busy half term it has been and how wonderful to actually have seen some sunshine at the weekend; fingers crossed there is more to come!

## The Coronation

It was a true pleasure to have so many families join us for our big picnic and we were incredibly lucky with the weather! Watching our children and families interact with each other and seeing the huge smiles on every face was such a treat. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made a memory to last a lifetime!

#### **SATs**

Our Year Six pupils made us incredibly proud last week. Since September, they could not have worked harder and the support the staff have provided has been immense. Year Six started each day with calming exercises to control any anxiety and then tucked into a hot breakfast. It was so enjoyable to be able to join Year Six for breakfast and listen to how hard they have been working. They were rewarded with ice lollies last Friday and there are lots of exciting times to come before they leave Conway.

Our Year Two pupils are currently sitting their SATs and are doing a great job. They are calm and focused and demonstrating everything they have been learning in their school career so far.

We are incredibly proud of how hard all our pupils work and a big thank you also goes to our staff, parents and families; all of whom provide such a wonderful support system to our pupils.

## **Fridays**

I chose a career in teaching as I believe the work we do as educators is vital in preparing the next generation to achieve their dreams and make positive contributions to society. As such, I am delighted that Create Partnership Trust has decided that our schools will once again open on Friday afternoons. This is such wonderful news for our children.

Mark Unwin, CEO of Create Partnership Trust stated: "We wanted to inform you of the upcoming change regarding the school opening times across Create Partnership Trust. We have decided to include Friday afternoons as part of the school week, whereas previously the school was closed during that time. This change is driven by our commitment to ensuring that children receive the highest quality education and a directive from the Department for Education. As a Trust, we deeply value the importance of education and are investing accordingly. We want to assure you that this decision is made with the utmost consideration for the well-being and growth of your children, as we believe in providing them with the best possible educational opportunities."

From September, Conway Primary School will be open from 8:30am – 3:15pm 5 days per week. Nursery hours remain unchanged from 8:30-11:30 Monday to Friday.

## **School Dinners**

Our menus have recently been updated and are now even more tasty and nourishing than ever before! All food served in school is halal and there are meat and vegetarian options available daily. Our pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two are all entitled to a free school meal each day- just let the office know that you would like your child to have one. Some pupils in Years Three to Six are also entitled to free school meals; if you think this may

apply to you, please come and speak to the office team. School meals cost £2.40 per day – please send dinner money to the office in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

# **Reception Places**

If you, or someone you know, has a child who will be starting reception in September 2023 please call the office on 0121 675 0622 to make an appointment to come and look around and ask any questions you may have. We only have a small number of spaces left. Our nursery is full for September but, if you are interested, please come and ask for a form as we may start a second session each day if there is enough interest.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton