



May 27th 2022

Dear Parents,

As I sit here writing the newsletter and looking out of the window it is hard to believe that we are finishing the first half of the summer term. The sky is grey, the wind is blowing and we are in and out of the building to avoid the frequent showers – let's hope the second half of the summer term sees improved weather.

Well-Being Week

Here at Conway we don't do things by halves. It has been national Well-Being Week, but here at Conway we have had a Well-Being Month! Our well-being lunch club has proved extremely popular and we plan to keep it going indefinitely. We have also started breaktime bites where we are able to provide toast to the children – this is on a rota so no year group misses out during the term. Pupils are still encouraged to bring in fruit to eat at breaktime to help them to concentrate so they aren't thinking about how hungry they are.

We have also been supported by Hall Green Families who have been able to offer support to so many of our families – if there is a way you think the organisation can support you please speak to Mrs Shafiq. Kam from ACP has provided weekly yoga sessions which have been well attended along with hand massages and other relaxation techniques.

Finally, for the children, we have looked at ways we can all take care of our own mental health and have looked at numerous techniques through our well-being afternoons. The children have impressed us with how knowledgably they talk about how to ensure that they look after their mental health and steps they can take if they are struggling.

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who has supported us and continues to do so. (PCSO Whelan will be with us on June 15th to offer further support.)

Extra-Curricular Events

As the half term was so short, the same clubs will continue from this half term. If your child already has a place in the club you do not need to fill in a form, if your child would like to join, please ask for a letter at the office.

Many of the classes have now been on educational visits and it has been wonderful to see how these visits bring the learning to life. Year Two will soon be going to Weston-super-Mare. This is a full day trip and will really support pupils in their learning. If you have issues paying for the trip, please speak to the office to try to work out a plan.

Uniform

Please do continue to support the school by ensuring that your child is in the correct uniform each day. The biggest issue still remains with PE kit. Pupils should be wearing their normal white t-shirt and blue jumper even on PE days. Trainers must only be worn on PE days. Headscarves should be plain blue or white.

Gates

We have had an increase in children and parents buzzing to be let into the school grounds between 8:25 and 8:30am and then holding the gates open for others to enter which has resulted in pupils being on the playground unsupervised. This is unacceptable. School gates will be opened by staff members at 8:30. Between 8:25 and 8:30 there will be no access to the site. We will respond over the intercom but the gates will

remain closed. During the school day, the only gate that will be opened is the Conway Road gate. This is to keep all of our children safe so please do support us with this.

Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me is our way to communicate with all parents and it is very important that all parents are able to access it – this was proven when the bus broke down on the Year One trip and they were late returning to school! If you are not signed up, or do not receive the messages, please pop into the office to see Miss Rehmi or Mrs Bowater so they can help you to get set up.

Values

Our values are going from strength to strength. It is wonderful to hear the children talking about how they have displayed our values and showing pride in their achievements.

| AMBITION | RESILIENCE | RESPECT |
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| We know what we want from the future and we are determined to get there. | We learn from our mistakes and we keep trying. | We treat others as we want to be treated. |
| These values run through our school day and our curriculum and guide us to be proud citizens of the community we live and serve in. | | |

We have also launched our new website. Have a look at www.conway.bham.sch.uk and follow us on Twitter for our latest updates.

Chewing Gum

Please do not allow your child to bring chewing gum onto the school site. It will be confiscated and disposed of.

The Queen's Jubilee

We have ended the half term on a high! The children have taken part in a variety of assemblies to celebrate the Queen's reign including Year Five's fabulous assembly which we were able to share with parents. We then had afternoon tea with lots of staff and parents getting together to have some time to simply talk and ask questions. Finally we had our red white and blue day with our picnic lunch. The children looked amazing – especially those in crowns – have a look at our twitter to see more!

Safeguarding

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of our pupils. We believe that everyone has an important part to play in child protection. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Mills, Mrs Shafiq or Mr Davies.

As always, thank you for your support as we work together to strengthen our school as part of our community. I wish you a restful break and look forward to seeing everyone at 8:30am on Monday 6th June.

Best wishes,



Mrs R Eaton