



End of Autumn 2023 Newsletter

What an end to a most wonderful and busy autumn term. It has been a long one, but the children have worked incredibly hard right through to the end. There has been so much going on and our children have been calm, respectful and focused throughout all of the exciting activities and events. Well done to everyone!

Christmas Fair

The Conway Christmas Fair was once again a roaring success with a visit to Santa being the most popular attraction by far! So many families joined us, I was incredibly disappointed not to be in attendance but the feedback from staff, parents and children was fantastic. In total we raised £1304.04 – an incredible amount that will help us to provide much needed support for our children. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in!

Nativity

This year, our staff went all out with the nativity performance. With all of year 1 & 2 involved it really was a mammoth production and our staff and children did us proud. The children really shone; voices were clear, singing was beautiful, and the dancing was fantastic. A huge well done to everyone involved!

Times Table Rock Stars

The end of term once again marks our commitment to making sure we know all our times tables off by heart. From rolling numbers each week in our celebration assemblies to daily practise in class, our children have made such great improvements, it really is a pleasure to see them.

Mr Wheldall and Miss Rukhsar led an intense competition to find the champion of champions and it was a close-run thing. Congratulations to Issa, Ifrah and Hasan with a super huge congratulations to Zahra who was our overall winner in the entire school. A fun time was had by all – the children were beautifully behaved. Mr Wheldall says, 'Keep Rocking!'

The Singing Extravaganza

It's not the end of an Autumn term without our singing extravaganza and what a concert it was. With whole school singing, year group singing and the prefect team singing, to the final celebration certificates of the term recognising those pupils who continuously display our school values of Ambition, Resilience and Respect it was so joyful to see everyone joining in and congratulating each other.

Stay and Play

Our youngest members of the Conway Crew enjoyed a visit to Santa in their final session of the year. The awe and wonder on their faces was delightful. If you have a child who is not yet school age, or know someone that has a young child, please join our stay and play sessions on Friday mornings from 8:30am. We would love to grow our group. You do not need to have children at Conway school to join us and it is completely free with the added bonus of a cup of squash and a biscuit for the little ones.

Attendance

As I am sure you are aware, we are working hard to ensure that every child is in school, on time, every day. Our school target is 97%. National average is 94.4% but Conway is falling behind with an average attendance of 92%. Please do bring your children to school each day to ensure that they receive their full curriculum entitlement – once they fall behind, it becomes increasingly hard to catch up.

Lockdown

On Wednesday we practised what we would do in a lockdown situation. It is important that our children are not scared or distressed by this and so we call it, 'hide and seek'. A message appears on the whiteboards and all computer screens and then everyone hides underneath the tables with the adults in their rooms. Lockdown could be triggered by a range of situations, for example:

- A report of an incident/ civil disturbance in the local area
- An intruder on site with the potential to harm pupils or staff
- A nearby chemical incident or risk of air pollution
- An out-of-control animal on the school site
- An extreme weather event
- A viable threat made to anyone in our school community

Our hope is that we never have to use this, but it is important to practise and be prepared. Many of our children enjoyed the practise so much they have already asked when we can play hide and seek again!

Reception Places

It seems like the time at school passes in a flash – already it is almost time for Reception applications for September 2024 to close. We believe that Conway offers your child the best start to their education, and we have been delighted to welcome so many families to our open sessions. Hearing such positive comments about our school and our children as we show people around has been so uplifting. Applications must be completed online by 15th January 2024. If you need help, please make an appointment at the office.

Collection

Recently we have had a number of instances where children have been pushed aside by parents when collecting their own children. At 3:15, we are trying to dismiss all 420 pupils, please help us to do this safely by being patient and aware of your surroundings.

Parking

Parking, particularly on the Conway Road, is once again becoming very dangerous. Please do try to leave earlier to allow time to park safely. If you block someone in – be prepared to apologise. Please take the time to look carefully- pupils are crossing the road at this time and we have recently seen some near misses. On the same note, it is important that the car park gate remains accessible at all times. We are finding more and more that staff are unable to access the car park in the morning - we start very early! It also means that should the emergency services need to access the site, they would be unable to.

Uniform

The vast majority of our children are looking very smart in their uniforms, and it is lovely to see the sea of blue across the school. As a reminder- skirts and trousers are not permitted to be worn together; it is one or the other. No hoop or dangly earrings can be worn – this is for safety reasons. School shoes should be plain black – no colourful trainers! On PE days all pupils should come to school in their PE kit. This kit includes wearing their blue school jumper – not a hoody or zip up top. On PE days these year groups may wear trainers.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you give to your children and our school and wish you a wonderful break. I look forward to seeing all of you back in the new year.

Best wishes,



Mrs Eaton