

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We have had another incredibly busy week in our Academy and the children have been enjoying their learning. Whilst focusing on our usual activities, time has been taken this week to pause and reflect on supporting positive mental health, as part of our recognition of World Mental Health Day 2020. Year 2 have been discussing aspects of friendship and being kind to each other.



### **Remote learning**

Accompanying our newsletter this week is an information sharing, remote learning letter. The letter gives details of what to expect should your child/ren be absent from school following a positive Covid-19 test and they need to remain at home, self-isolating. It is our aim to implement remote learning from your child/ren's second day of absence if it is Covid-19 related. Our main platforms for delivering home learning will be Tapestry for EYFS and Year 1 and Google Classroom for Years 2-6.

### **Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test (out of hours)**

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, in the first instance please contact the school office by phone. If the office is closed, please complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

### **Staffing Update**

We are delighted to announce that from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Mrs. Hackett has been appointed to replace Mrs. Rowe as the Year 1 teaching assistant and Miss Brownlee has been appointed to replace Miss Payne in year 4. I am sure that you will all join with me in welcoming Mrs. Hackett and Miss Brownlee to the Connor Downs family.

### **Jumpers and Coats**

Now that we are moving further into Autumn and the weather is becoming colder and wetter, please could we ask all parents/carers to ensure their child/children is/are sent to school with a jumper and a waterproof coat every day. Thank you for your support with this.

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## Term Dates 2020/2021 Academic Year

A reminder of this year's term dates and Inset days.

### **Autumn Term:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Christmas Holidays: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

### **Spring Term:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Easter Holidays: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### **Summer Term:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Inset Days for 2020/2021 Academic Year

The seven (2 additional this year to compensate for additional Covid-19 training/preparations) inset staff training days for the 20/21 academic year are as follows. On these days school will be closed to all children:

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 5	99.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 1	99.6%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year R	98.1%

## Shine celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week!

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### **Year R – James**

For working hard to produce some super writing, both independently and with an adult in class.

### **Year 1 – Ella**

For being a superstar reader. Ella has made such wonderful progress in her reading, moving two book bands since the start of term. She does so incredibly well with her phonics too. Ella works so hard in all her subjects. Well done!

### **Year 2 – Toby**

For excellent reading comprehension skills and use of exciting vocabulary when explaining his reading and mathematical understanding.

### **Year 3 – Mia**

For always keeping her eyes open for every opportunity to help around the classroom at all the right moments!

### **Year 4 – Berran**

For his increasing independence and continued enthusiasm to embrace new learning challenges. Well done!

### **Year 5 – Henry J**

For claiming so many 100% squares on our reading stars chart. Well done!

### **Year 6 – Leo B**

For completing the most fantastic sentences over the last two weeks. Leo should be so proud of himself – his ideas and punctuations are brilliant. Keep it up!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School