

Friday 4th December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Old Wellies/Trainers

Now that the weather has become much colder and wetter, the field is becoming more muddy. Due to the bubbles and staggered break/lunchtimes and limited playground space, the field/cultivating futures area is used daily. If you would like to you can send in an old pair of wellington boots/trainers for your child/children that will be kept in their bubbles and that they can change into to go outside. Thank you.

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have completed our parent/carers survey already. If you have not, we would be delighted to receive your feedback by asking you to complete the survey by next Friday, 11th December 2020. The link was sent via text earlier this week, but can also be found below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rVOWGVbBBUq60whMGjC2GL5VBrz3r09An5MK-YGXdYxUNjJIVEVCMFVOMVpDTFhLSEZTUDMxT1o1Ty4u>

Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that next Friday, the 11th December, we are joining the whole Aspire Team to raise much needed funds for Save The Children, by inviting all children and staff to wear a Christmas jumper, or jumper of their own choice. This can be worn in place of the normal school jumper, but the **rest of the uniform should remain the same**. Aspire have set up a just giving page complete with QCR code



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200022092> or

text **TEAMASPIREC** to **70050** to donate £2 to Save The Children.

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Christmas Cards

A reminder that next week is the final opportunity for children to bring in their Christmas cards to put into their class 'postbox'. The 'postboxes' will close at the end of the school day on Friday 11th December. Any cards brought in this week will be given out on Monday. Any cards brought in next week will be quarantined and given out on Monday, 14th December.



Christmas Decorations



If you would like to purchase your child's/children's Christmas Decoration and raise funds for much needed resources across the school, please make your £1 payment via ParentPay by Friday 11th December. Thank you.

Last Day of Term

Our last day of the Autumn Term is Friday 18th December. We are inviting children to come to school wearing their own clothes, which can include Christmas jumpers. Due to the staggered starts and finishes we will be finishing at our usual times of between 3:10pm and 3:25pm.

Christmas Dinner

A reminder that Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 16th December. If you have not ordered a Christmas dinner for your child, you will need to provide them with a packed lunch. All orders have been added to ParentPay for payment. Please ensure payment is made for Christmas dinner prior to 16th December. Thank you.

Parking

Please can we remind parents/carers that when dropping off and collecting your child/children from school, to please be considerate to our local residents. Please do not block driveways or cause any obstructions. Thank you for your support.

Term Dates 2020/2021 Academic Year

Spring Term:

Monday 4th January 2021 is an inset staff training day - Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2020

Monday 4th January 2021 to Thursday 1st April 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Easter Holidays: Friday 2nd April 2021 to Friday 16th April 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 3rd September 2020
- Friday 4th September 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Friday 12th February 2021
- Friday 28th May 2021
- Monday 7th June 2021
- Friday 23rd July 2021
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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

Mrs Malyan, our teaching assistant in year R will be leaving us at the end of the autumn term to start her journey into teaching. We wish Mrs Malyan all the very best and thank her for her commitment to Connor Downs Academy over the last three years. We will let you know next week who will be replacing Mrs Malyan.

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<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 5	99.0 %
2 nd Place	Year R	98.5 %
3 rd Place	Year 3	96.5 %

Our whole school attendance so far since the beginning of term is 95.3 %

Shine celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Year R – Lowen

For putting on a fantastic performance during year R's rehearsals for the EYFS Christmas Nativity. Lowen performed with confidence and enthusiasm, remembering all of his words.

Year 1 – Bella

For always putting 100% into every area of her school-work. Bella has worked hard in her English this week, writing a story based on a Christmas advert.

Year 2 – Liam

For outstanding homework which is completed to a high standard and includes previous class-based learning.

Year 3 – Caycie

For improving her speed in maths times tables. Caycie is also kind and can always be relied on to help her friends and the adults in her class.

Year 4 – Beth

Beth is always willing to help her teachers and classmates with their learning and on the playground. Beth always gives 100% which is showing in the fantastic pieces of work she is completing. Well Done Beth!

Year 5 – Malakie

For his kindness and goodwill to all.

Year 6 – Kayson

For making such a brilliant effort with his handwriting. Kayson has written some really interesting, accurate sentences this week about the film. Great job!

Kind Regards,



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