

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well and were able to enjoy the Christmas and New Year holiday. The children have all settled back into the school routine quickly and have had a busy start to the spring term.



Penlee Inspired 2023

Congratulations to four of our Year 3 artists; Charlie, Isabella, Leo and Tegan.

Their watercolour sketches have been selected to be on display in the "Penlee Inspired Exhibition" at Penlee Gallery in Penzance.



We are especially thrilled as the exhibition organiser told us they were overwhelmed with entries from primary and secondary schools and artists in the community.



The children's artwork was inspired by the Newlyn School artist, Elizabeth Forbes and her painting called 'School is out'.

The Penlee Inspired exhibition will be on display for all members of the public from 19th January to 22nd April 2023.



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World History Timeline

You may have seen on returning to school this week, that a wonderful World history timeline has been added to the fence at the back of the playground. This timeline depicts significant points in history as well as a section relating to Cornish History.



We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for supporting this purchase which will benefit not only our current children in school, but future year groups too.

Of course, the Friends are only able to assist with these purchases from the money they raise from various fundraising events. We therefore would also like to thank all the parents, carers, friends and family who come along to these events and show their support. Without their attendance, these events would not take place and the funds would not be raised to enable these extra resources to be purchased, which really do enrich the educational journey of our children. Thank you so much.



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Attendance

In line with the Aspire Academy Trust attendance policy, from January, those children who are identified with an attendance falling below 95%, their parents/carers will be contacted.

The Aspire Academy Trust believes that children need to be in school for all sessions so that they can make the most progress possible. However, we do understand that there are times where a parent may legitimately request leave of absence for a child due to exceptional circumstances

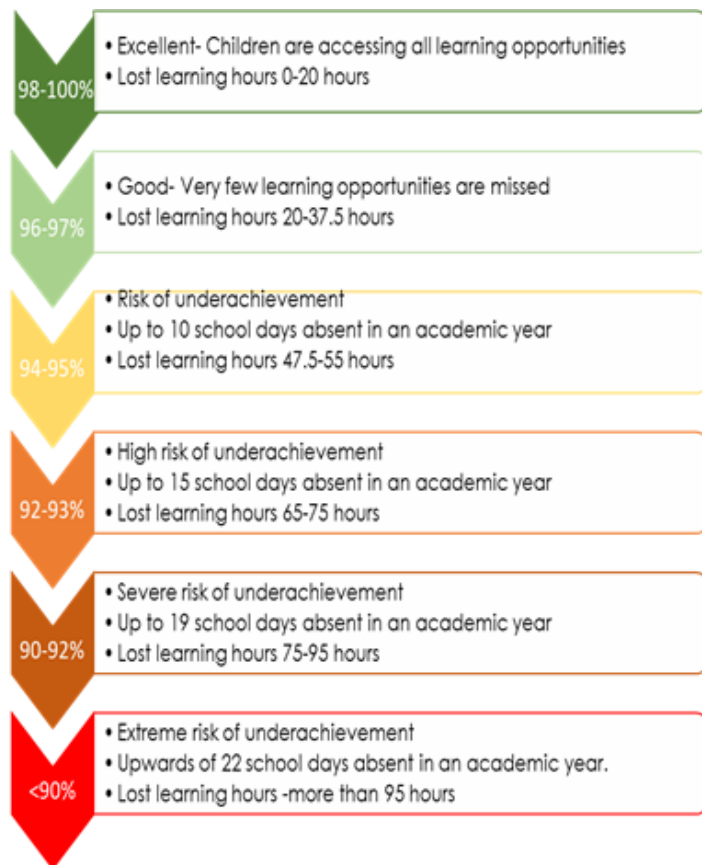
If your child is unwell, please let school know as soon as possible on the morning of their absence, giving the actual reason (sickness, tonsillitis ... more detail than just, unwell please) and every day that they are away. If we don't hear from you, you will receive a text asking why your child is absent. If you do not reply to the text, you will then receive a phone call from us. If we receive no response by 11am school staff will make a safeguarding visit to your home.

To assist parents/carers in deciding whether or not they should keep their child off school, please see the poster on the next page from the UK Health Security Agency with some important information.

We will not authorise absence for:

- Holidays
- A birthday treat
- Over-sleeping due to a late night or being tired
- Looking after other children
- Letting the gas man in etc

Unauthorised absences can lead to legal action in some cases.





 UK Health Security Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Strep throat



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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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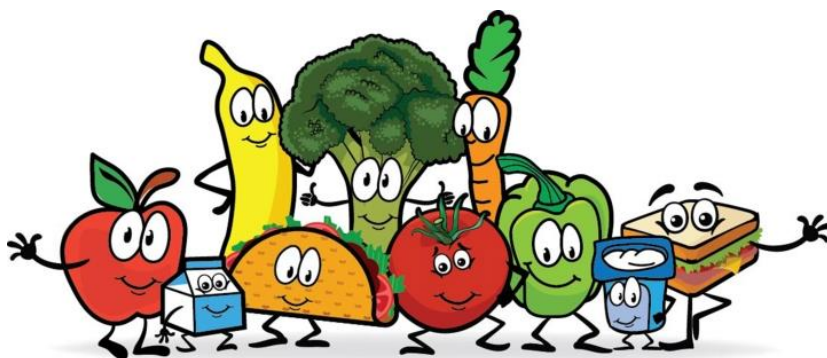
Census Day Menu – Thursday 19th January

The Spring term Census is taking place on Thursday 19th January. The number of pupils taking up a school meal on census day affects the funding provided to the school for the year, so in an effort to encourage as many pupils as possible to try a school meal, our catering provider is providing a special menu, as detailed on this poster. The options shown on ParentPay are as per the usual menu, but please book either the meat or vegetarian option that your child/children would like on this day and they will be given the special menu options.

Please note, on special menu days, these are the **only** options available. **There will be no pasta or jacket potatoes.** Please ensure your child/children has/have a home packed lunch with them if they do not want either of the options on offer. Thank you for your support.

Aspens School Meals – Reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers that we are strongly encouraging all meals to be booked for their child/children's meals weekly in advance. If a child needs to book a meal in class in the morning the only option available will be Hot tomato pasta. Thank you for your support.



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Connor Downs Academy Uniform Reminder

- Navy jumper with school logo
- White shirt (white polo shirts for reception class children only)
- Navy and gold stripe tie (long or elasticated) (not required for YR children)
- Dark grey skirt or dark grey trousers for girls
- Navy and white gingham dresses and navy cardigans (Summer term/early autumn term)
- Dark grey trousers or dark grey shorts for boys
- Grey tights or white socks for girls
- Grey long or short socks for boys
- Black school shoes (No trainers or boots)
- White PE t-shirt with embroidered logo
- Navy shorts
- Trainers (plimsoles for Key Stage 1 children only if preferred)
- Navy book bags with embroidered logo



General appearance

Hair styles

If your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. Children must not have artificially coloured hair or extreme hair styles such as patterns shaved into hair. No coloured or oversized hair bows or ribbons. Navy ribbons or scrunchies or small bows are allowed.

Make up

The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, by children is not permitted, except in exceptional circumstances where agreed in writing, in advance, by the school.

Jewellery

Children may wear small, plain, stud earrings, and a watch. Children remain responsible for these items and the school will not be held liable for any loss.

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Final Reminder - Starting School – September 2023

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2023, the deadline for applications for a school place is **15th January 2023**.



Together
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2023**

Starting school September 2023

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Applying for a **reception class** place for **September 2023**

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school**. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2023

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 17 April 2023**. **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Dates for Diary – Spring Term

Monday 9th January 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 1
 Monday 16th January 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 2
 Monday 23rd January 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 3
 Monday 30th January 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 4
 Monday 6th February 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Final Session
 Friday 3rd February 2023 – Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Meeting – 3:30pm
 Thursday 9th February 2023 – Last day before half term – FINISH at 3:15pm
 Thursday 9th February 2023 – Friends Disco's
 Friday 10th February 2023 – **INSET DAY – School Closed to pupils**

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023 – HALF TERM

Monday 20th February 2023 – First day back after half term

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
Joint 1 st Place	Year 4	98.5 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year 3	98.5 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	98.0 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	97.9 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 6th January 2023

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our first Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 13th January** to see their child receive their certificate.*

*Please come along to the main reception **no earlier than 2:35pm**. A special well done to:*

Year R – Sienna S

For showing greater confidence during phonics and making excellent progress. Well done Sienna!

Year 1 – George

For the excellent progress in his reading and doing an amazing job on his phonics assessment. Well done George!

Year 2 – Imogen

For excellent work interpreting sources in history. Well done Imogen!

Year 3 – Annabelle

For amazing maths work when multiplying 2 digit numbers by 10. Well done Annabelle!

Year 4 – Finley

For great sounds when performing the 'Sound Collector' poem. Well done Finley!

Year 5 – Amelia H

For always volunteering to read or answer Mr Pascoe's questions and not being afraid to make a mistake. Well done Amelia!

Year 6 – Beth

For being a really good friend to others and offering excellent advice. Well done Beth!

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Writer – Bella (Year 4)

For a well detailed description of her favourite Christmas present. Well done Bella!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jack (Year 2)

For your amazing commitment to reading and for sharing this with the class. Well done Jack!

KS2 Reader – Jude (Year 6)

For working so well with Miss Sampson answering questions about what you have read. Well done Jude!

Mathematician – Sully (Year 1)

For his amazing attitude and excitement when learning new concepts in Maths. Well done Sully!

Performer – Ben (Year 5)

For excellent passing and receiving skills during our Pirates rugby session. Well done Ben!

Citizen – Sydney (Year 3)

For being a super role model, explaining to his class how important teamwork is to be successful. Well done Sydney!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School