

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. The children are settling well into their new classes after the first full week of the Autumn term.



### **Health & Safety Notice**

Please could we remind all parents/carers of the importance of all children and adults, pushing their bikes/scooters into the school grounds. Children have been reminded of this in class this week, but please can we ask parents/carers to reiterate this every day. There are lots of families with small children, some in prams/pushchairs, so to avoid a collision, please can we kindly ask that all adults and children push their bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds to ensure the safety of all of our Connor Downs Community. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### **After School Clubs**

After school clubs will begin next week. A list of clubs available has been emailed home to all parents/carers along with this newsletter with booking open via the Arbor App from 7pm this evening until 9am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. All new parents/carers should now have access to Arbor, but if you experience any difficulties, please speak to Mrs Gallagher in the school office.

If we do not have enough interest in a particular club, then unfortunately it will not run. If you miss the deadline or, at a later date, your child decides they would like to attend a club, please see Mrs Gallagher in the school office and if there is space, your child can be added from the next session.

Please note, from after half term, we are planning to run a sewing club. This will be offered to Year 5 and Year 6 children. We are in the process of finalising details with Mrs Shaw, who will be running the club, and further information will be shared in the coming weeks.

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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have successfully applied to be put forward on the customer vote in Tesco Stores. Their bid is for

Active bodies, happy minds, with the aim to purchase more equipment to encourage the children of Connor Downs Academy to play outside; from trikes and bikes through to musical playground equipment.

If you shop in Tesco Camborne, TR14 8DT, please do make use of the blue tokens and cast your votes and let's try and secure this amazing funding.

The project with the highest number of votes during the voting period will receive £1,500, the second placed project, £1,000 and the third placed project, £500.

**Voting will commence in store from the first week in October 2024 until mid-January 2025.**

## Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Asda have their Cashpot for Schools scheme up and running and Connor Downs Academy has been signed up. If you shop at Asda all you need to do is:



1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select Connor Downs Academy
3. Shop in store across Asda and George or online at Asda.com
4. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to Connor Downs Academy each time you shop and scan.
5. The money raised will be donated back to Connor Downs Academy.

Please note, signing up to this Cashpot will not affect your own Cashpot earn.

**The Cashpot is now open and will remain open until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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## Lego League STEM Equipment – Can you help?

We are planning on running an extra-curricular club for children in Years 5 and 6, working towards participation in the Lego League finals in Cornwall. Taking part in the Lego League will introduce the children to designing, building and programming their LEGO robot in order to use it to complete a series of missions. They will have to research the annual theme, design a solution and develop a presentation. The children will also be expected to demonstrate

the LEGO League Core Values which include innovation, teamwork, inclusion, impact, fun, discovery and respect. We believe that involvement in this event will be very beneficial to our children and give them the confidence they need to navigate our increasingly digital world effectively and successfully. It also gives them the opportunity to access this exciting arena which will open their eyes to the many opportunities in STEM occupations.

Unfortunately, there are substantial costs involved in getting a Lego League club set up. There is the initial outlay for the Lego equipment (@£450) and the yearly registration fee (£170 this year). Teams usually get t-shirts printed too for the competition.

We are looking for any companies who may like to support us financially in this endeavour and have their company logo on the team t-shirts.

If you, or the company you work for, are interested in finding out more please contact [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) and mark your email FAO Mrs Crease. Thank you in advance for any support that companies may be able to give to enable this amazing opportunity for our children.

## Pre-Loved Uniform

We believe that school uniform ensures all children are treated equally. Uniform still plays a vital role in promoting the ethos of a school, setting an appropriate tone for education and providing a sense of belonging and common identity regardless of background.

With this in mind, we run a pre-loved uniform shop through the Friends of Connor Downs Academy. The Friends will run pop up sales at various times throughout the year, but you can also contact them via their Facebook Page at any other time or you can come into the school office or email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements.



Thank you.

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## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	100.0 %
Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 4	99.3 %
Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 1	99.3 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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 autumn term, on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024** 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 – Noah**

For showing kindness and enthusiasm in all his play this week. Noah has had a fantastic first week in Reception Class. Well done, Noah!

### **Year 1 – Bowen**

For making a super start to Year 1. Well done Bowen, we are really proud of you!

### **Year 2 – Nathan**

For an excellent start to Year 2. Nathan has listened, worked hard and had a positive attitude to all his work. Well done, Nathan!

### **Year 3 – Daisy**

For making a great start to her learning in maths about the place value of 3-digit numbers. Well done, Daisy!

### **Year 4 – Imogen**

For showing fantastic behaviour for learning. Imogen gives 100% to everything she does. What a super start to Year 4 - Keep it up! Well done, Imogen!

### **Year 5 – Charlie**

For a superb start to Year 5. Charlie is working so hard on his organisational skills and this is already starting to make a difference. Well done, Charlie!

### **Year 6 – Liam**

For making an excellent start to Year 6 and working especially hard in our reading lessons to write detailed answers. Well done, Liam!

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## **Writer – Senara (Year 6)**

For writing a brilliant piece of creative writing about being in an air-raid. Well done, Senara!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Zoey (Year 2)**

For excellent reading aloud in class and sharing information she has read to help her peers in other areas of the curriculum

## **KS2 Reader – Emilia (Year 3)**

For putting in 100% effort with her sounds when reading. Well done, Emilia!

## **Mathematician – Adam (Year 1)**

For using his reasoning skills to explain how he knew there were 9 in the 10 frame without counting them. Adam explained that one less than 10 is 9. Well done, Adam!

## **Performer – Toby (Year 4)**

For showing such confidence to be first to stand in front of the class to give a presentation. Well done, Toby!

## **Character – Henry (Year 5)**

For showing so much care for others, playing with children at breaktimes who find it tricky and helping the new Year R children and staff every day. Well done, Henry!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

## Starting School – September 2025

**CORNWALL COUNCIL** Together for Families

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2025**

**Do you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2025 for your child by the deadline of **15 January 2025**.




**Please note:** you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. 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.

Visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system.



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**Starting school**  
September 2025

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021



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**Information and guidance**  
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### Applying for a reception class place for September 2025

**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](mailto: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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport) for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...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 2025

Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://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: 16 April 2025. 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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## Transfer to Secondary School – September 2025

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The deadline for applications is **31 October 2024**

**Transfer to secondary school**  
September 2025

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



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