

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had a very busy and exciting week.



Cheerleading Taster Sessions

On Tuesday, Holly from Pirates Cheer and Dance came to school to work with each of the classes to give them a taster session of Cheerleading. All the children took part with great enthusiasm and had lots of fun working together and learning some basic cheerleading skills.



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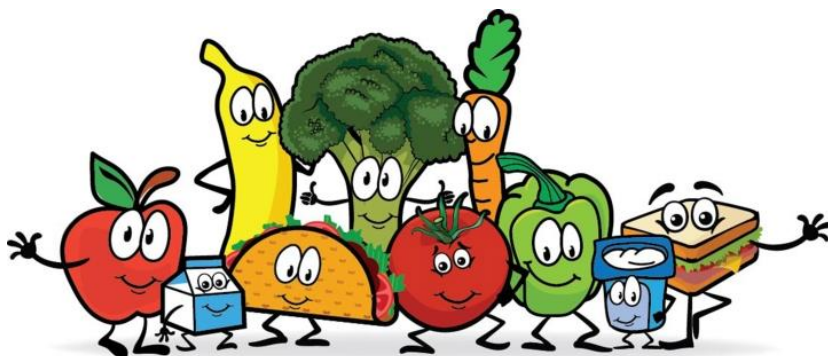


Menu Change – Thursday 6th October (Census Day)

The Autumn Census is taking place on Thursday 6th October. 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 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 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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After School Clubs – Update



Starting after half term, Vicky will be running a separate after school French club for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. This will be held on a Thursday between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. The class for KS 2 (Years 3 – 6) will move to a Tuesday between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. This is bookable and payable directly with Vicky through the Kidslingo website.

Parents/carers can enrol their child/children using the link below :

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/french-classes-central-west-cornwall/>

Sports4Tots

Sports4Tots for children in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 still have spaces. This is run on a Friday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. This is bookable and payable directly with Nick via their online booking system. Please use the link below to book your child a space:

[Book a kids sports session online | Sports 4 Tots](#)



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Cycle to School Week – 3rd October to 7th October 2022

We would like to invite parents/carers and children to take part in Cycle to School Week to celebrate the benefits of cycling or scooting to school. Organised by The Bikeability Trust and Sustrans, Cycle to School Week is a great way to encourage families to swap the car for cycling on the school run.

Please see the pack attached with this newsletter for more information.

Dates For Diary – 1st Half of Autumn Term

Monday 17th October – Tempest Photographers – Individual and Family photos

Monday 17th October (Updated date) – Parent Consultations – 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Tuesday 18th October – Parent Consultation – 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Friday 21st October – Last day before half term – Finish at 3:15pm

Monday 24th to Friday 28th October – HALF TERM

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	99.6 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 30th September 2022

*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 7th October** 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 – Charlie

For showing great enthusiasm and understanding during phonics this week. Well done Charlie!

Year 1 – Otis

For a fantastic attitude towards his learning. Otis works hard in every lesson, is always listening and ready to learn. Well Done Otis!

Year 2 – Lowen

For his concentration and effort in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Lowen!

Year 3 – Lois

For showing excellent independence skills when working in maths and English this week. Well done Lois!

Year 4 – Cayden

For his enthusiasm and willingness to learn a brass instrument. Well done Cayden!

Year 5 – Ashton

For setting the standard for being ready and organised in every lesson. Well done Ashton!

Year 6 – Alfie

For a superb attitude towards your swimming lessons. Well done Alfie!

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Writer – Jacob M (Year 3)

For super effort with joined handwriting in his comprehension answers. Well done Jacob!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Barney (Year 2)

For reading every day and being enthusiastic about his reading in other curriculum subjects. Well done Barney!

KS2 Reader – Zoey (Year 4)

For her thirst for reading and enthusiasm when she shares her books and success in AR quizzes with others. There's no stopping her progress at the moment -10 x 100% already! Well done, Zoey!

Mathematician – Max (Year 5)

For consistently completing reaching his targets and explaining his reasoning. Well done Max!

Performer – Oliver (Year 1)

For his excellent effort and enthusiasm during our cheerleading session. Well done Oliver!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Billy (Year 3)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Billy's total was 36,085 steps. Well done Billy!

Citizen – Luella (Year R)

For always being kind and considerate with her friends in Reception. Well done Luella!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School



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Transfer to Secondary School – September 2023



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The
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applications is
**31 October
2022**

Transfer to secondary school September 2023

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

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 **secondary school** 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 your child will get 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 **31 October 2022**

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: 1 March 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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Starting School – September 2023



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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.

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