



Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have come to the end of an incredibly busy and exciting summer term. On behalf of myself and the staff of Connor Downs Academy, we would like to say a huge thank you to our parent/carer community for all their continued support and understanding.



We wish you all a very happy Summer holiday and look forward to seeing the children in Years 1 – 6 back on **Wednesday, 4th September 2024**. Year R will join us for mornings only on Thursday, 5th September and Friday, 6th September, and then full time from Monday, 9th September 2024.

At the end of each term, we produce a termly newsletter encompassing all the exciting and engaging work that has taken place in classes during this term. Each class has produced their own 'newsletter' which can be accessed using the following link. Please do take the time to have a look at all the amazing work happening across the academy:

[Summer Termly Newsletter 2024](#)

Year 6 Leavers

Farewell
and
Good Luck

Myself and the rest of the Connor Downs Academy staff would like to wish all of our Year 6 children, who are leaving us today, the very best for their next steps. We are immensely proud of every one of you and we hope that you will look back at your time at Connor Downs with fondness. We have enjoyed seeing you grow, hearing your laughter and watching you develop into super individuals who are ready for their next challenge.

As you look forward with excitement to starting your new schools in September, we wish you every success and happiness.

Thank you to the Year 6 parents and carers for supporting your children during their primary school years.

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Message from Miss Norton

'It has been an honour and a privilege to teach the children in Year 6 at Connor Downs Academy. Children enter primary school as little acorns - full of potential and possibility. By the time they pass through the gates one last time, they have developed and matured into caring, thoughtful and motivated individuals who are ready to take on any challenge that comes their way.

It takes a whole community to bring up a child; we are immensely proud of the role our school plays in supporting children and their families to be happy, healthy and to lead fulfilling lives.

The children in Year 6 attended their Prom last night at St Ives Harbour Hotel, where they shared a lovely meal followed by a disco. Today, their final day, they have celebrated with their Leaver's Service at Phillack Church and an Awards Ceremony in the hall, where parents and carers of the Year 6 children joined the celebration. Every Year 6 child chose a book to treasure and was awarded a certificate of their achievements. In what has been a very emotional last few weeks and months, Year 6 have stuck together and showed that with friends around you, you can achieve anything.

We wish every member of Year 6 and their families, all the very best for the future. You always have been and always will be, one of the Connor Downs Family'.

Miss Norton

Summer Reading Challenge

Hayle Library are once again offering their Summer Reading Challenge to all children. This year's theme is Marvelous Makers.

For more information on taking part, please click on the link below or visit your local library to sign up!

[Summer Reading Challenge 2024](#)

Happy Reading!

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Friends Of Connor Downs Academy

Thank you!

We would like to say a huge Thank you to the committee of the Friends of Connor Downs Academy and all the parents/carers who have volunteered their time so generously to help support the Friends effort to raise money for the school funds over the year.



Their incredible support has enabled the school to purchase materials and equipment across the curriculum, from music, art, design technology, computing and PE lessons and of course how to make Cornish pasties!

As a result, the children across all year groups within the school have had their learning enhanced by the additional resources that have only been made possible by the hard work of the Friends but also the support of all the parents/carers and the wider Connor Downs Community.



We must also say a huge thank you to Mrs James, who is still supporting all of our children in sourcing and applying for grants for some of our bigger projects. The applications for these grants are rigorous, and without Mrs James' dedication to supporting our children and the future children of Connor Downs, we would not have secured things like, the new Bike/Scooter shelter, the new windows across the front of the school, the solar panels, the rain water irrigation system, the play equipment on the field and this year, the amazing new resources for the EYFS area.



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Aspens



Aspens School Meals – from September

Attached to this Newsletter, you will find the new menu for the Autumn term, which will be available to book from the beginning of September. As has been the case this year, school packed lunches will only be provided for school trips for those children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM).

Please note, the cost of meals will increase to **£2.70** per day. Also, we are strongly encouraging all parents/carers to book 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.

Connor Downs Academy Uniform Reminder for September

- 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 (No pinafore dresses)
- 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 (plimsols 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.

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Make up

The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, by children is not permitted.

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.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School



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