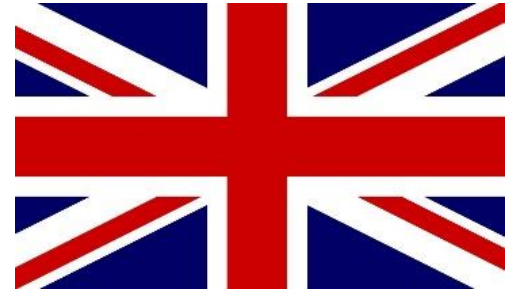


Friday 12th January 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. This week has been a busy and exciting week culminating in a fascinating visit from our local MP, George Eustice.



George Eustice MP Visit

This morning, George Eustice MP, visited Connor Downs Academy to talk to all the children in a whole school assembly about British Values. Mr Eustice shared that he is the MP for the local area which means he represents his constituency in Parliament in London. He talked about his role and how he splits his time between the peace and beauty of Cornwall and the busyness of London. Mr Eustice has been an MP for 13 years and

he attends lots of meetings and votes in Parliament. Following the assembly Mr Eustice met with the Student Council for a discussion on British Values and then took questions from Year 6 about his role. We would like to thank Mr Eustice and Mr Penhaligon, his associate, for taking the time to come and talk to our children.



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**Internet Safety for Parents/Carers –
Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 14:40**

Parents/carers are invited to a short, open event to inform and create discussion around the topic of keeping children safe when using internet connected devices. Presented by Giles Hill, the Digital Strategy and Computing Lead for Aspire Academy Trust.

This session will provide parents and carers with a wealth of information and considerations for keeping growing families safe and healthy with internet usage. The session will warn against potential habits and harms, as well as discuss issues surrounding children growing older and gaining more regular access.

The session will include:

- Current context of internet developments.
- Achieving a balance in your home.
- Tech preventions and controls.
- Making it work for you and your family.

Please arrive at the school office to sign in from 14:30 to ensure a prompt start at 14:40. Thank you.



KS2 Books

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for applying for and securing a grant from Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council (GGPC) to purchase some books for KS2 and also to GGPC for their support.

Thank you



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Spring Term National School Census Day – Thursday 18th January 2024

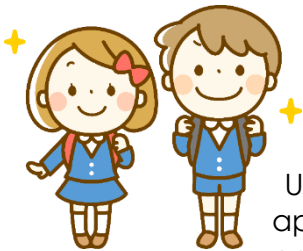
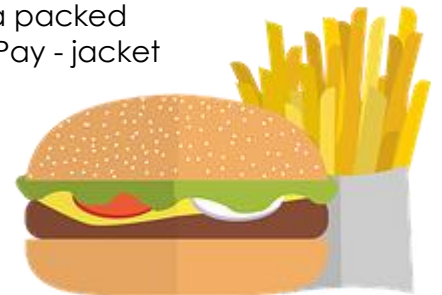
Dear Families,

Next Thursday is a National School Census Day, when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school with the data being used to set future school budgets. One of the figures reportable is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who have a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day.

The census data is then used to determine the funding we receive for our hot meals for the year. We **do not** receive funding for the number of meals we supply throughout the year, only those taken on the census days each year.

Our solution to this problem is to ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the school meal (or part of it) on Census Day which is **Meat/Veggie Burger served with chips and beans followed by chocolate brownie or fruit and yoghurt and jelly**. Your child will then be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs. You are welcome to send in a packed lunch as a back-up. Please book this special menu via ParentPay - jacket potatoes and hot tomato pasta are also available.

Thank you for your support.



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 with your requirements.

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Final Reminder - Starting School – September 2024

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2024, the deadline for applications for a school place is **next Monday, 15th January 2024**.



Together
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
15 January
2024

Starting school September 2024

Applying for a place in
a reception class for
children born between
1 September 2019 and
31 August 2020



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

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a **reception class** place for **September 2024**

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 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 2024

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: 16 April 2024. 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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Bags2School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for **Tuesday 23rd January 2024**. Bags have been sent home with children today. Please note, as not enough bags were sent this time, we have used some spares left over from previous collections. Please do not take any notice of the dates shown on the bags for collection. The correct date is above. If you do not receive a bag or require more than one, please just use any black bin bags that you have at home.



Please encourage all your family and friends to sort through their unwanted clothing, bedding and towels. The more we collect the more funds can be raised. All funds go towards additional resources and opportunities for all children. Thank you, as always, for your support.

PLEASE NOTE, THEY WILL NOT TAKE PILLOWS OR DUVETS, THANK YOU.

PLEASE BRING BAGS INTO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF COLLECTION AND LEAVE IN THE PLAYGROUND BY THE MINIBUSES WITH MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS. THANK YOU!

Attendance

Attendance		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 2	99.2 %
2 nd Place	Year R	97.2 %
3 rd Place	Year 4	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 12th January 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 spring term, on **Friday 19th January 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 – Delilah

For her fantastic progress in phonics. Delilah is now independently reading and writing in class. Well done, Delilah!

Year 1 – Sienna H

For her amazing attitude to all her learning. Sienna is working really hard and shows great perseverance to everything she does. Well done, Sienna!

Year 2 – Spencer

For showing excellent behaviour for learning in all subjects. Spencer is a great role model to his peers. Well done, Spencer!

Year 3 – Daniel

For fantastic answers and consistently working hard work when learning to multiply 2-digit numbers in maths. Well done, Daniel!

Year 4 – Evelyn

For showing superb behaviour for learning, wanting to produce the best work she can and inspiring others in class to do the same. Well done, Evelyn!

Year 5 – Tino

For his positive attitude and ability to work hard and achieve in all subjects. Well done, Tino!

Year 6 – Liv

For writing an excellent poem about the sea, using fantastic vocabulary. Well done, Liv!

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Writer – Isla (Year 5)

For a wonderful sentence using an amazing choice of language to capture the emotion of the story – ‘The Piano’. Well done, Isla!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Noah V (Year 1)

For the amazing progress in his reading. Noah is showing this progress in his phonics and he is applying these skills when he is writing. Well done, Noah!

KS2 Reader – Henry (Year 4)

For the fantastic attitude to reading and the amazing progress he has made. Well done, Henry!

Mathematician – Isaac (Year 3)

For super independent effort to show his method when partitioning 2-digit numbers to multiply with exchange. Well done, Isaac!

Numbots/Rock Star – Ollie (Year 2)

For the effort and determination used to score so highly in his Numbots challenges. Well done, Ollie!

Performer – Charley (Year 6)

For being an excellent role model during the Year 6 circuits activities in PE. Well done, Charley!

Character – Emily (Year R)

For being a kind and caring friend, always sharing resources and making pictures for her friends. Well done, Emily!

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School

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Hayle Academy – Super Saturday Years 4 – 6

The first event of 2024 is Modern Foreign Languages being held on Saturday 27th January between 10:00am and 12:00pm. To book use the link below or scan the QR Code on the poster below.

<https://forms.gle/VzwL7iEMziNHNsi27>



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