



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope that you and your families are well and that you enjoyed the summer holidays despite the less-than-ideal weather!



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Year R children and their parents/carers who have joined our Connor family. The Year R children have been settling in well during their two morning sessions and have been making friends whilst exploring and getting to know their EYFS setting. Next week they will join us full time.



### Thank you!

We would like to extend our thanks to the wonderful parents/carers and their families who helped to care for our animals over the summer holidays. We are so very grateful for all your continued support.

During the forthcoming school holidays, we are searching for a family who would be willing to take home and care for our family of 4 rabbits. We would provide the food and hay and would just ask that you would provide the rabbits with the daily love and care which they deserve. If you are interested, please could you liaise with Mr Costello, our Outdoor Learning Lead, thank you.

### Wellbeing Champions

Congratulations to our 6 newly appointed Wellbeing Champions who were all presented with their badges this week.

The children will work closely with Miss Scaife and Mrs Crease our Wellbeing Champions and Mentors to help develop new ideas to support health and wellbeing amongst the children and staff.



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## After School Clubs – Teacher Led

Teachers are currently in the process of planning the after-school clubs on offer for the autumn term. More details will follow next week. Teacher led clubs will begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### Sports4Tots

Sports4Tots will be returning an afterschool club which runs on a Friday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. This is bookable and payable half termly and direct via their online booking system. This club is open for children in Years R, 1 and 2. We are awaiting a start date from Nick, the coach and flyers for this half term will be sent home with children when they have been supplied. The club will be confirmed asap.



### French Club and Spanish Club

**PLEASE NOTE, THE KIDSLINGO CLUBS WILL BEGIN FROM NEXT WEEK BUT WILL ONLY BE RUN IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST. THANK YOU!**

We are delighted that Vicky Rouncefield is also returning this term to run Spanish and French Clubs on a Tuesday and a Thursday respectively, between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. If you are interested in signing your child up for either of these amazing clubs, please see below for more details on how to book a place.

The clubs are open to children from all years and are bookable and payable direct through the Kidslingo website. Places are limited and are available on a first come first served basis.

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

#### Spanish –

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

#### French –

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



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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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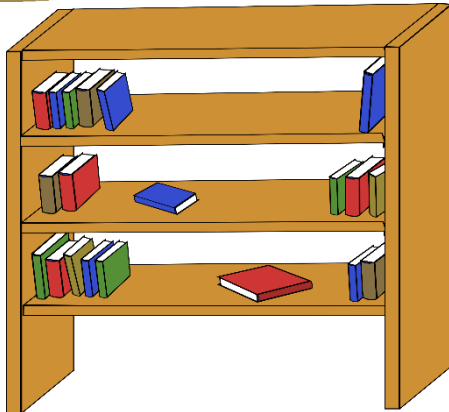
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## Bookcase Donation for Year 4

Mr Foulds and Year 4 are in need of a bookcase for their classroom. If anyone has, or knows of anyone who would be willing to donate a bookcase to school, please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) or see Mr Foulds on the door either at the start or end of the school day. Thank you for your continued support.

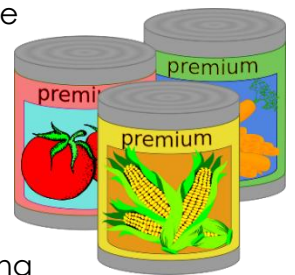
## Donations for Connor Downs Food Cupboard

To help support our local community, we are politely asking for families from the Connor Downs Academy community to donate tinned goods for the food cupboard in the village. These donations will help many families during not only the school holidays, but every day.

# HELP

Please can we ask for any donations to be brought to Mrs Gallagher in the school office.

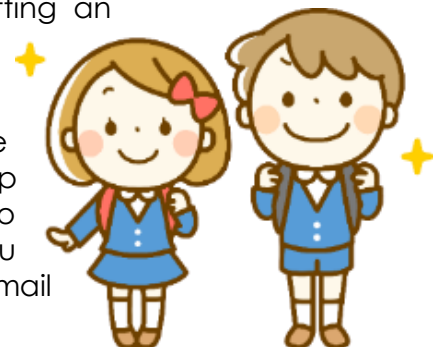
Thank you for all your commitment in supporting not only our children at Connor Downs Academy, but also the Connor Downs Community as a whole.



## 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.



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## **Important – Changes to collection for Years 3 and 4**

From Monday next week, 9<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a slight change to where Year 3 will be collected at the end of the day.

For morning drop off all the children in Year 3 and 4 will continue to enter the school via the granite steps at the bottom of the school near the main gates.

At the end of the school day, Year 4 will still be collected from these steps, where they will line up in register order and filter out one at a time to the parent/carer collecting them.

Year 3 will now be collected from the back door where they will be dismissed, again in register order to their respective parent/carer.

We hope that this change will make it smoother and quicker for all parents/carers and staff when dismissing.

Parents/carers of Year 3 should congregate at the top of the playground where they can be easily seen by the Year 3 staff who will come out and stand at the top of the steps by the back door.

Please can we ask Year 3 parents/carers not to block the steps or the ramp to ensure the parents/carers of children in Years R, 1 and 2 can easily leave after collecting their children.

Thank you for your support with this and hope that this change will make collection a little smoother and quicker at the end of the school day.

## **Important – Attendance - New Government Regulations – Important Changes to the Law regarding Penalty Notices**

Attached to the email, along with this newsletter, is the letter originally emailed to all parents/carers on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 regarding the changes that have come into effect from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 surrounding Attendance and Penalty Notices. Please do ensure you read this important information before making any decisions surrounding taking term-time holidays. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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## Term Dates - 2024/2025 Academic Year

### Autumn Term

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – **Inset Day** – (School closed to pupils)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Years 1 – 6 **First day of autumn term**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Year R – Home visits

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Year R – **Morning only** (08:30am – 11:30am)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Year R – Full time

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – **Last day of first half of autumn term – 3:15pm Finish**

**Half Term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – **First day of second half of autumn term**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – **Last day of autumn term – 2pm Finish**

**Christmas Holidays – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025**

### Spring Term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – **First day of spring term**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - **Last day of first half of spring term – 3:15pm Finish**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - **Inset Day** – (School closed to pupils)

**Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – **First day of second half of spring term**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – **Last day of spring term – 2pm Finish**

**Easter Holidays – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**



# Connor Downs Academy

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

## Summer Term

**Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Wednesday 23rd July 2025**

Tuesday 22nd April - **First day of Summer Term**  
Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)

**Half Term – Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025**

Monday 2nd June – **First day of second half of summer term**  
Friday 18th July – **Last day of summer term – 2pm Finish**

Monday 21st July - **Inset Day - (School closed to pupils)**  
Tuesday 22nd July - **Inset Day - (School closed to pupils)**  
Wednesday 23rd July - **Inset Day - (School closed to pupils)**

## Attendance

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	100.0 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 1	97.6 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 2	97.0 %

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

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