

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Thursday 20th July 2023

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 back on **Tuesday 5th September 2023**.



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:

#### Connor Downs Academy - Termly newsletter Summer 2023

## Year 6 Leavers



I would like to wish all of our Year 6 children who are leaving us tomorrow, the very best for their next steps. We are immensely proud of you all 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 will attend their Prom this evening at St Ives Harbour Hotel, where they will share a lovely meal followed by a disco. Tomorrow, their final day will be 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 are invited to attend. Every Year 6 child has chosen a book to treasure and will be 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 Ready, Set, Read!

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

**Summer Reading Challenge** 

Happy Reading!

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# **Aspens**

#### <u>Aspens School Meals – from September</u>

Attached to this Newsletter, you will find the new menu for September which will be available to book from the beginning of September along with an information letter from Aspens, our catering provider relating to meal provisions from September. As has been the case this year, 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 £2.65 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 (plimsoles for Key Stage 1 children only if preferred)
- Navy book bags with embroidered logo



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#### 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.

### Term Dates - 2023/2024 Academic Year

#### <u>Autumn Term</u>

Monday 4th September 2023 to Tuesday 19th December 2023

Inset Day – Monday 4th September 2023 (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 5th September 2023 – Years 1 – 6 first day of Autumn term
Half Term – Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023
Inset Day – Monday 18th December 2023 (School closed to pupils)
Inset Day – Tuesday 19th December 2023 (School closed to pupils)
Last Day of Autumn Term – Friday 15th December 2023 – 2pm Finish

Christmas Holidays - Monday 18th December 2023 - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

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#### **Spring Term**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024
Inset Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February (School closed to pupils)
Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024
Last Day of Spring Term – Thursday 28th March 2024 – 2pm Finish

Easter Holidays – Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024

#### **Summer Term**

#### Monday 15th April 2024 to Wednesday 24th July 2024

First day of Summer Term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 Inset Day – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (School closed to pupils) Last Day of Summer Term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 – 2pm Finish

#### **Attendance**

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for		
attendance is 97%		
1st Place	Year 2	98.0 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 1	97.5 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 4	97.0 %

Kind Regards,

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#### **Soccer School**

Infant Soccer Schools are aimed at children aged 5-7 years old. Whether participants are new to football or are already budding Saints Superstars, the Infant Soccer Schools programme has been put together to provide a fun holiday activity allowing them to play and make new friends within a safe learning environment, whilst being delivered by experienced FA qualified coaches at an affordable price.

Junior Soccer Schools are aimed at children aged 8-11 years old. Whether they are confident players looking to develop their technique, or they have never played football before and looking for an introduction to the game, they will find our Junior Soccer Schools are an environment that allows them to flourish, whilst being delivered by experienced FA qualified coaches at an affordable price. Soccer school booking link - https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/camp/748

#### <u>Time2move Programme</u>

Saints Southwest are very proud to be a key provider of the HAF Programme across Devon, Somerset & Cornwall, helping us reach more young people across the Southwest with professional coaching, activities, education and experiences.

In 2021, the HAF programme enabled us to support hundreds of thousands of children and their families throughout the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays.

This holiday provision is for school-aged children from **Reception to year 11 (inclusive)** who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Please find the link below with more information regarding our **Time2move Programme** and the specific **booking link**.

https://playwaze.com/saints-southwest-cornwall-autumn-21/jh29b17l55f4/community-publicList?type=Signup

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This Summer Holiday

Surfing Monday to Thursday Coasteering on Friday

Dates can be seen on our booking link below

**GWITHIAN FOR SURFING MOUSEHOLE FOR COASTEERING** 

FREE PLACES FOR FSM **CHILDREN** 

**LUNCH INCLUDED FOR ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING** 

AGES 8-16

**SCAN TO BOOK** 



Or find us on the activity finder at www.activecornwall.org/t2mholidayprogramme/ Global Boarders have places for **all** children and each child receives a free hot lunch.

#### Free School Meal (FSM) voucher codes

We offer free places to those who are eligible for FSM. Parents/carers can find their child's voucher code at Time2Move.

Global Boarders are offering super fun Surfing and Coasteering opportunities for children in Cornwall.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to access free activities during the summer at the beach.

Dates and locations can be found below by clicking on the links:

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