



Head's Message

Another *AMAZING* assembly from Year 3 today; *WELL DONE* to Lewis Class who have obviously been working incredibly hard and learning lots about Greeks, forces and, of course, column addition and subtraction!

Next Friday will be the Year 1 assembly, and then we are well and truly into the run up to Christmas and all that that entails! Our tree will go up on Monday evening and we will have our Christmas card post box ready in the foyer soon.

Reception Class are busy working on their nativity performance, which is always a highlight of the year! Letters outlining characters and script will be in Carroll Class book bags today, so please look out for these and ask should you not be able to find one.

Another highlight will be our 'Carols by Candlelight' which is at 6pm on Thursday 10th December. This would only be possible with the help we get from the Parent Band and the Parent Forum, and is a lovely opportunity for the community to come together and sing and be merry! All are welcome; this is much more of a celebration and get-together than a performance and is a superb way of forming and cementing our relationships and school culture.

And, of course, don't forget our Christmas Fair, which is absolutely down to the incredible hard work of our fantastic Parent Forum. We cannot thank you enough for all the work and commitment that goes in to events such as this; another beautiful way of getting together and celebrating.

Composer of the week

Next week our composer will be:

Pyotr Tchaikovsky



Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News!

Year 1: What can you find out about Kenya?

Year 2: Where did Roald Dahl's imagination take him?

Year 3: Can you tell me 3 fascinating facts about the Ancient Olympics?

Year 4: What would you include in your baily (castle village)

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Lewis	98.39%
2nd	Dickens	97.33%
3rd	Potter	95.67%
4th	Dahl	95.33%
5th	Carroll	94.48%

Notices

Welcome Miss Susan Niland

We have a new temporary member of staff who you will meet on the front desk in the foyer and who will be taking over from Lorna Pearce until Christmas: Susan Niland. She will be around at end-of-day and will be trying her best to answer all your questions and help in any way she can. Please welcome her to the Conway community!

School Website Photos

We have some beautiful new photos of the children from when the professional photographer came to Conway.

We will be using these photos for future publications and have updated the school website. Take a look when you get a moment – you may find one of your child!

Morning Routines

In this season of wet and windy mornings, our morning routines often lose a little of the culture and tradition that we have so painstakingly created over the last few years. If the weather is rainy and children are going to get wet, we invite them into classrooms at 8.20am. However, we cannot do this before 8.20am as there are no staff available in classrooms to ensure safety.

The gates **open at 8.20am**. Please do try to **arrive between 8.20 and 8.30am** as gates will not be open before this. We are also now able to have the gate at the back of the building open between 8.20am and 8.30am so as to keep children safe from rushing around the building works.

We must keep to these times for a number of reasons. Greeting the children at the gate is an important part of our culture and goes a long way to help get the children ready for their learning. It's also a huge part of our school traditions, and we don't want these to be diluted. Of course, health and safety reasons are paramount and at 8.20am a member of staff will be available at both gates to ensure children are coming through the gates safely.

If you need to bring your children into school earlier than 8.20am, please ensure they arrive **before 8.10am and that you bring them straight to breakfast club**.

We would really like to uphold our Conway tradition of greeting children at the gate and shaking hands, and so ask that you walk through the courtyard to the front gate to say good morning to the teacher on duty.

Children who arrive after 8.30am must be signed in by an adult in the foyer. Please ensure that children come in through the front

main doors rather than outside classroom doors. This is also for safety reasons, to enable us to check that registers are accurate.

End of Day Routines

As the school day finishes at 4pm, we ask that you arrive promptly at 3:55pm to collect your child. We will be keeping a record of children who are collected late after 4pm and Miss Oldham will be meeting with parents who are regularly late. At 4:10pm any children who have not been collected will join afterschool care and parents will be charged £3.50 for the hour.

Head Lice

Please see attached guidance from the school nurse regarding prevention and treatment of head lice.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 3rd December: School Photos, please send your children smartly dressed in full school uniform.

Friday 4th December: Year 1 Assembly Performance

Thursday 10th December 6pm: Christmas Carols with Santa

Wednesday 16th December 3pm: Carroll Class Nativity

Stars of the Week

For showing honesty, our stars of the week are:



Celebration Assembly

4th December: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

11th December: Year 3 and Year 4 parents

18th December: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Parents' Forum

We are counting down to our Annual Christmas Fair with only a week to go now. The Fair typically raises over £3,000 for the school and we want to beat that number again this year.

Please ask Alex Vaizey alexvaizey@hotmail.co.uk if you have any queries at all. She still needs volunteers and looks forward to receiving any donations as requested in the note in book bags earlier this week.



EYFS News

This week has been action packed for Reception. Nativity preparations are underway and the cast list is out! Children will be coming home with their lines next Friday. Please use this as an opportunity to practise performance voices.

Apologies to Ramzi's mum for the Forest school cancellation this week.

On Monday there will be no forest school again, as we use some valuable rehearsal time to start learning our nativity songs, and design our set. Children should still come in PE kit for a ball skills lesson in the afternoon.

We will be moving on to shapes in maths next week, describing their characteristics using mathematical terminology.

In Literacy we are building up to our big write, inventing our own stories based on Little Red Riding Hood. Ideas for home learning: draw a new character e.g. big pink riding hood, and label her. Design a new setting for our story. Paint some shapes, or spot shapes in the environment and draw/describe them. Use a computer to type a message, and print it out or email it to me!