

Condover Church of England Primary School

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Condover CE Primary School Newsletter 6.9.24

Welcome Back

We have enjoyed a wonderful week back with the children, hearing all about their summer adventures and watching them reconnect with friends. We have focused on some big questions as part of our spirituality lessons, revisited our learning values and set expectations for the year. Today, we joined with thousands of other schools for a Picture News Assembly. This focused on community and belonging. The children were encouraged to consider the difference between fitting in and belonging.

Our music for the next two weeks is Festive Overture by Dimitri Shostakovich.

This year our newsletters will contain information about our approach to teaching and learning and school life in general under the heading of **School Information**.

Whilst all schools have the same core purpose, they will differ slightly in the way they deliver this through policy and procedure.

Our shared assemblies will begin again next week, we look forward to seeing you over the year to celebrate your child/ren's achievements.

Hopefully, the sunshine will stretch into the next few days. Have a lovely weekend.

Kerrie Lewis

Executive headteacher.







Important Dates Coming Up:

Earlier in the week we sent out a welcome letter with a calendar of events for the year ahead. Please note the one amendment in red which had the wrong month on the original letter.

Event	Date- Condover
Y6 meeting for parents 6-7pm	12.9
Parent drop in 9-9.30am-joining in with an early morning activity	26.9
Phonics meeting for reception parents	8.10
Parent meetings 3.30-6.30pm	23 and 24 th Oct
Christmas Playtimes tbc	4 th Dec
Christmas Church Service	18 th Dec AM
Parent drop in joining in with mental health activities 9-9.30am	3 th Feb
Books and Breakfast 9-9.30am	6 th March
Easter Service	9 th April AM
Sports Afternoon	19 th May 1.30pm
Reserve Sports afternoon	3 rd July
Parent drop in 9-9.30am	10 th June
Arthog	11, 12, 13 June
Leavers Service	16 th July AM
Leavers Disco	16 th July

Attendance & Lateness

Attendance this week at Conover looks like this:

Whole School	96.09%
Raindrops	100%
Stream	98.41%
River	99.12%
Estuary	93.94%
Ocean	92.00%

Well done to Raindrops for 100% attendance for the first week!

Polite Reminders:

We have several SchoolMoney accounts still in debt from the previous academic year.

Please ensure that you log-in and clear the balance over the weekend please.

If accounts are not cleared, we will be forced to refuse any further sunset and breakfast club bookings.

Any outstanding balances that are not cleared by the end of the month will be sent to our Finance department for further action.

We are a nut aware school and have a pupil and a member of staff with a severe nut allergy. Therefore, we kindly ask that no nuts are brought into school for lunch or snack and that you check items for anything that may contain nuts.

All reception, year 1 and year 2 children are entitled to universal infant free school meals. If your child is in KS2 they will no longer be entitled to this and payment for school meals will need to be paid via SchoolMoney.

If you think your child should be entitled to free school meals please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to check eligibility and apply. Even if your child is entitled to UIFSM's and you fit the eligibility criteria we would encourage you to apply as the school receive funding for this.

If your child is entitled to free school meals they will also qualify for the holiday activity and food programme. More information about this can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/04/06/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme-2/>

School Information

Seating plans

Seating plans change every half term.

1. **Mixed Ability Groupings:** By arranging pupils in mixed ability groups, we encourage a learning environment where everyone can contribute and benefit. This helps pupils learn from one another, share strengths, and support each other's growth.
2. **Learning to Work with a Range of Individuals:** Changing seating plans regularly allows pupils to interact with different peers throughout the year. This is not only important for developing teamwork and communication skills but also for building a stronger, more cohesive school community.
3. **Promoting Flexibility and Adaptability:** Learning to work with a variety of classmates helps pupils develop important life skills

such as adaptability, cooperation, and understanding different perspectives.

In conclusion, our approach to seating plans reflects our commitment to creating an inclusive, collaborative, and dynamic learning environment. By embracing these changes, pupils will have the opportunity to grow both academically and personally, preparing them for success both inside and outside the classroom.

School Uniform

The school uniform fosters a sense of togetherness, belonging, and equality among pupils. A smart appearance promotes a positive attitude towards learning and behaviour. The following uniform guidelines must be adhered to:

1. **No Bandanas or Jewellery:** Pupils are not allowed to wear bandanas or jewellery. Stud earrings are permitted but either need to be removed for PE lessons or covered at home with micro tape.
2. **Long hair** should be tied up for PE lessons.
3. **Uniform Standards:** Pupils must wear a smart and tidy uniform in the designated school colours, including their PE kit.
4. **Footwear:** Shoes, not trainers, should be worn unless it is a PE day.
5. **Hats and Outerwear:** Caps and coats are not to be worn inside the school building.

Teachers will communicate with parents if a child is not in the correct uniform. By maintaining a consistent uniform policy, we promote a respectful and focused school environment conducive to learning and personal development.

Range of Questioning: Engaging Every Learner

To maximize pupil engagement and ensure that every learner has the opportunity to succeed, we will be using a diverse range of questioning strategies across all classrooms. These strategies are designed to challenge pupils, foster deep thinking, and promote active participation:

1. **Cold Calling:** In our classrooms, we use cold calling as a strategy to ensure that all pupils are prepared to contribute. This technique helps keep everyone engaged and encourages pupils to think critically, knowing they may be called upon at any time.
2. **Collaboration and No Hands Up:** We prioritize collaborative learning and discourage the traditional "hands up" method. Instead, we focus on fostering discussions where every voice can be heard. This approach ensures that all pupils, not just the most confident, are actively involved in the learning process.
3. **Modelling and Whiteboard Responses:** Teachers will model high-quality answers and thinking processes, using whiteboards to capture and display student responses. This visual approach ensures that everyone can see, engage with, and learn from the ideas being shared.
4. **Engagement with No Limits:** Our questioning strategies are designed to push every student to reach their full potential. By engaging all pupils in higher-order thinking and encouraging them to explore complex ideas, we remove limits to their learning and help them develop a growth mindset.

In conclusion, our range of questioning techniques reflects our commitment to inclusive, challenging, and engaging education. By involving every pupil in meaningful learning activities, we create an environment where everyone can thrive and achieve beyond their expectations.

Awards

Awards will be back next week, and the celebration assembly will continue on Fridays. Please remember to look out for an email on a Friday as these are sent for the following week.

You will no longer need to confirm your attendance to the celebration assembly, just please come along on the morning.

Amazing Achievements

The amazing achievements segment will be back however this year we will include this segment just once a month. This month will be next **Friday 13th September.**

If you have an amazing achievement that you would like to share with the rest of the school, please send this to admin@condoverschool.co.uk no later than Thursday 12th to have it feature in the newsletter.

Sunset and Breakfast Club

Week beginning 9th September 2024



Breakfast Club booking form – <https://forms.gle/EG6EJW2if8Ev7ige6>

Sunset Club booking form - <https://forms.gle/RF6WtiEqzcZp1f2u5>

Booking forms can be found on the school website here:

<https://www.condoverschool.co.uk/breakfast-and-sunset-club/>

Activities, workshops and information

DR. MARK POOLE GUITAR TUITION

GUITAR LESSONS

ONLINE OR FACE TO FACE



ENGAGING TUITION
WITH PROVEN
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DORRINGTON YOUTH
CLUB

Friday 6 September 2024
at 5.30 - 7.30pm

Youth Club includes
Crafts, Ball & Board Games
Sweets and Pizza
At Dorrington Village Hall
Entrance - £1
All ages (9-16) welcome

Please come along



Flames Netball Club are recruiting!

If you are school years 4 to 11 and want to play netball, Flames would love to hear from you!

Flames train on Friday evenings (term time only) at Church Stretton Leisure Centre, all abilities welcome

For more information, please visit flamesnetball.co.uk and fill out a contact form to register your interest



hello@flamesnetball.co.uk

- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?*

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS *From Toddler to Teen*

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 30th September 2024
from 9.15am to 11.15am Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Monday 30th September 2024
from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Mardol Hub, Shrewsbury, SY1 1PR

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Wednesday 2nd October 2024
from 9.15am to 11.15 at Louise House, Shrewsbury, SY3 9JN

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 2nd October 2024
from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 3rd October 2024
from 9.15am to 11.15am at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

The groups are delivered Virtually via MS Teams or Face to Face at a venue in Shropshire.

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by: Emailing: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call us on telephone: 01743 250950
All our groups are free to Shropshire Council residents.



Does your child struggle with their sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Workshops

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face workshops and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Our next Workshops start:

Sleep Tight on Thursday 19th September 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

Sleep Tight SEND Friday 20th September 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

Sleep Tight SEND on Thursday 7th November 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

Find out
more here



Have a lovely weekend!

The Staff Team