

September 15th 2023

**Welcome**

We are absolutely back into school life with a bang. All pupils are now back and it has been such a joy and a privilege to meet so many new families that have joined our Nursery, Reception and all the other year groups across school. Our children have settled back to school life so beautifully and it is wonderful to see their engagement in their learning. Please follow us on social media to see what your child does at school and what the other year groups do too.

**The Staff Team**

Last week we introduced all of the classroom based staff. This week we focus on our other staff.

**Office Team**

Our office team consists of Mrs Bowater, Miss Rehmi and Mrs Jones. I am sure they need no introduction – particularly Mrs Bowater who seems to know generations from many of our families!

**Site Team**

On the site team we have Mr Short and Mr Hopkins. You will see Mr Short on the gate in a morning and Mr Hopkins in an evening. Together they do a great job of keeping our school looking good and running smoothly.

**Kitchen Team**

The kitchen team is headed up by Mrs Connor and she is supported by Mrs McGovern, Mrs Deards, Mrs Qasim and Mrs Kaur. Together they make sure all pupils have a healthy and nutritious meal each and every day.

**Inclusion Team**

Our inclusion team need no introduction! They are led by Mrs Zamir, and Mrs Shafiq and Mr Davies are responsible for making sure that our pupils and families get the hep that they need to be successful beyond the academic life.

**Lunchtime Team**

Making sure pupils are happy and engaged at lunchtime we have Mrs L Begum, Mrs S Begum and Mrs Kamona.

**Timings of the school day - attendance**

Thank you to all of our families who are making sure that pupils are in school at 8:30. This is our dedicated reading time and it makes such a difference to the pupils to be in at this time. School finishes at 3:15 and we have had very few late collections this year – please help us to keep it this way!

As always, it is so important that all pupils are in school every day. Missing just one day from school has a negative impact on your child’s education. If they can be in school, they should be in school.

**Curriculum Meetings**

This week, each of our year groups has held a curriculum meeting. Thank you to everyone who joined us. These meetings are so valuable in terms of helping you to support your child and forming those lasting partnerships with school.

**Communication**

As a school we value your views and are always looking for ways to improve our school. If you would like to talk to any of us, you can always find the Senior Leadership Team outside at the beginning and end of the day. I (Mrs Eaton) can be found at the Conway Road entrance, Miss Grogan at the Palmerston Road gate and Mrs Zamir on the playground.

When you come onto the school grounds, for safeguarding purposes, please do not use your mobile phone. We are finding that we ask parents as they enter the grounds, parents put their phone away and then get it out again once they have walked past. Please do not do this, it sets a very bad example to the children and also puts you at risk of safeguarding accusations.

**Parking**

Parking, particularly on the Conway Road, is becoming very dangerous. Please do try to leave earlier to allow time to park safely. If you block someone in – be prepared to apologise. This week we have had a parent block in a resident. When asked to not block them in they became verbally abusive. This is unacceptable and has been reported to the police.

**Uniform**

Most of our children are looking very smart in their uniforms and it is lovely to see the sea of blue across the school. As a reminder- skirts and trousers are not permitted to be worn together; it is one or the other. No hoop or dangly earrings can be worn – this is for safety reasons. School shoes should be plain black – no colourful trainers! On PE days all pupils should come to school in their PE kit. This kit includes wearing their blue school jumper – not a hoody or zip up top. On PE days these year groups may wear trainers.

**Stay and Play**

We are eager to engage more with our community before they even become a part of our #ConwayCrew and so I am very excited to announce that on Friday 29th we will be opening our Stay and Play sessions from 8:45-10:15. These are open to anyone in the community (you don’t have to have a child already at Conway) with a child from newborn to school age and will be free. There will be squash and a biscuit, lots of singing and stories with the children and a chance for parents to make new friends over a cuppa. Please do spread the word to anyone you know with a young child.

Best wishes,

Mrs Eaton