



## January 2024 Newsletter

We have certainly started the new year with a bang! From the very first day we have been innovating and collaborating. For our staff we began with a day with Tony Staneff – the man who wrote the maths scheme we use – a very inspiring start to the year!

### Reception

As many of you know, Mrs Shwalbe's baby is due very soon and today is her last day with us before her maternity leave starts. We wish her all the best and cannot wait to meet baby Shwalbe! Whilst she is off, Miss Lewis and Miss Antoniou will be moving into Reception to ensure our children continue to receive the very best education.

### Visitors and Trips

We have been having such an exciting time in school. This week we had the animal man come in to visit quite a few of our classes and they have met so many different species. I have loved listening to the pupils talking about the different animals that they got to see and touch.

Next week we are going to be welcoming Darrell Wakeman who is well known for his artistic talents. He will be working with our year three children; we cannot wait to see what amazing creations they make.

We also had a very special invitation this week. Back in March 2023 we launched the 500-word competition live on television with the BBC and this week we have been contacted to attend the final- which will be held at Buckingham Palace! Details are to follow but 34 children have been chosen to represent Conway on the day – we cannot wait!

### Stay and Play

Miss Antoniou has been having a wonderful time leading our Stay and Play group (we sometimes wonder if she is enjoying it more than the children!). Each week now has a theme along with stories, singing, juice and a biscuit. If you have a child from birth to school age (or know someone who does), please come and join us on a Friday morning from 8:30-9:55.

### Homework

The vast majority of our homework is now set online. For year six pupils, we have SATs Companion and for the whole school we have Lexia for reading and Times Table Rock Stars for maths. Please check that your child knows their log in details and is accessing the work available. Pupils also have their reading book and a library book. Reading is so important so please do make the time to read with your child and encourage them to read daily.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,



Mrs Eaton