

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely holiday and a peaceful start to 2020. As we look ahead to the new term, we have a chance to reflect on what was a very long but extremely positive and productive Autumn Term! Our children enjoyed a number of trips, visitors and performances in school last term and many more are planned for the new year.

Thank you for your support with our charity fundraising activities. In total, we have raised over £250 so far.

It was great to see so many of you join us for our Carols in the Hall! And it was lovely to hear and receive so many kind messages. Special thanks also go to the children and adults who helped to make the products and run the stalls at the Christmas Fair.

All at Concord would like to send our congratulations to Miss Vaughan, who is expecting her first baby in the Summer. Plans are in place to cover her maternity leave and the children will get to know their new teacher over the Spring Term.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2020.

Miss Sherwood

We have recently reviewed the arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day and there are a few changes we wanted you to be aware of. These changes will be shared with the children this week and we would appreciate your support in discussing these with your child.

### Arrangements for the start of the day

Breakfast club runs from 8.00am every day.

Children arriving at school before 8.30am will be asked to go into breakfast club as there are no members of staff on the yard until 8.30am.

From 8.30am, children will be allowed out onto the yards as there will be members of staff outside, both on the yards and near the internal gate.

Children are asked not to bring their own footballs to school. Every class has a football to play with at break and lunchtime so that we can manage the number of footballs on the yard for health and safety reasons.

Whilst we encourage active travel and exercise, no bikes, scooters or other wheeled transport are allowed on the yards. Children wishing to travel to school by any of these methods will be asked to lock them to the racks at the front of school.

### Arrangements for the end of the day

In order to prevent a bottle neck around the bottom of the steps near the pedestrian gate, Y3 and Y6 children will now be asked to leave the school grounds by the gate on the small yard.

Y4 and Y5 children will continue to leave the school grounds by the gate on the big yard.

The main gates will be opened to allow pedestrians only (no vehicles) entry and exit from the school grounds.

If you have children in different year groups and wish to meet them on one yard, please speak to their class teachers to arrange this.

As with any change, there will no doubt be teething problems and we thank you for your support whilst these changes take effect.



## Attendance

Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life. Promoting and supporting good attendance at school is essential to learning and attainment.

At Concord, we take pride in helping children achieve their best and strive to support families that are facing difficulties in bringing their children to school. We have many incentives in place to recognise and reward children who have excellent attendance.

Please help us to support your child's education by making sure they attend school every day. If your child is too ill to come to school, please call the school office on the first morning of absence.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Autumn Term Weekly Attendance Winners

W/B 4<sup>th</sup> November - Y6JM  
W/B 11<sup>th</sup> November - Y3KW  
W/B 18<sup>th</sup> November - Y3KW  
W/B 25<sup>th</sup> November - Y3ST  
W/B 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Y3ST  
W/B 9<sup>th</sup> December - Y3ST  
W/B 16<sup>th</sup> December - Y6JM

## Uniform

At Concord, we believe that wearing a school uniform is important. Uniforms give pupils a sense of belonging and create an identity for the school in the wider community.

It is an expectation at Concord, that all children wear school uniform each day. Uniform, with school logos, can be ordered from the school office.

## Clubs and Activities for Spring Term

Breakfast Club 8:00 - 8:40 every day

After School Club 3.15 -5.00 every day

Dodgeball - Tuesday 3.15 - 4.15

SWFC football - Wednesday 3.15 - 4.30

Dance Club - Thursday 3.15 - 4.15

## Upcoming dates for your Diary

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January** - Young Voices concert at Sheffield FlyDSA Arena

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** - Chinese New Year Day

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Safer Internet Day

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Last day of half term for children

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - INSET - School is closed for children

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - School reopens

