

4th February 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 7th Feb	Tues 8th Feb	Wed 9th Feb	Thurs 10th Feb	Fri 11th Feb
Week 3 Menu Year 4 & 5 Conway Residential. Parents' evening bookings open 6pm.	Year 4 & 5 Conway Residential.	Year4 & 5 Conway Residential.		
Mon 14th Feb	Tues 15th Feb	Wed 16th Feb	Thurs 17th Feb	Fri 18th Feb
Week 1 Menu Parents' evenings. No staff led clubs this week.	Parents' evenings.	Parents' evenings.	Parents' evenings. Anima Phonics dressing up day EYFS, Y1 & Y2.	School closes for half term.

Dragon eyes

The Year 5 children have been learning how to draw dragon eyes this week.

We think you'll agree that we have some very talented artists in Year 5- well done all!



Dragon eyes from Year 5.

Into The Woods!

Sycamore Class had lots of fun searching for woodlice in the woods this week. We kept a tally of the number of woodlice we found in different areas of the mini-woods. We found over 40 under the log!



The Dragon Machine

There has been a dragon theme in Beech class too this week, as they used key vocabulary from the text to retell the story of The Dragon Machine.

Football news

After the extraordinary success of our football team at the recent county finals at the Alexandra Soccer Centre in Crewe, we're excited to reveal that we have the date through for the North of England Finals! These will be played on Thursday 17th March at the Washington Hub, Sunderland! More information to follow.



Parent/carer forum Event

The next parent/carer forum event will take place on the 9th February 2022, find out more [here](#).

STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>ACORNS: Charlotte Cooper for always being a super helper and putting everyone's wellies away! Seb Thomas for recognising consonant clusters and twin letters in his reading!</p>	<p>CONKERS: Lana Warren for her original ideas and creativity making her junk model dinosaur; Gene Roberts for giving 100% to everything that he does all the time!</p>	<p>ASH: Oliver Collins-Ducker for writing words with the split o_e digraph in all by himself! Rayyan Hamid for showing great initiative and doing jobs without being asked!</p>
<p>YEW: Rees Woodcock for completing home learning activities every week with enthusiasm! Macy Rigby for completing home learning and presenting her findings beautifully!</p>	<p>WILLOW: Dwayne Higgins for adding 2-digit numbers and exchanging across tens Rose Warren for using conjunctions and noun phrases in her writing.</p>	<p>SYCAMORE: Sam Thomas for writing a fantastic description in English independently! Will Chaloner for writing a detailed description in English and for always putting 100% into his work!</p>
<p>BEECH: Elijah Shah for demonstrating great mental maths skills David Martelli for trying hard to include lots of year 2 features in his writing</p>	<p>HAWTHORN: Jacob Curran & Alfie Thompson for achieving rockstar status on Times Table Rockstars and for working incredibly hard on their multiplication in Maths.</p>	<p>JUNIPER: Spencer Will & Charlotte Beale for fantastic narrative writing for their cave bear scene with accurate spelling throughout</p>
<p>LIME: Belle Thompson for her drawing of a fantastic community map in PHSE and enthusiasm for reading; Edie Freemantle for working hard and showing good improvement in her writing.</p>	<p>HAZEL: Mia Wilson for showing outstanding enthusiasm and dedication to reading and quizzing; Flora Taylor for creating a detailed comparison of modern-day Europe and the Roman Empire.</p>	<p>ELM: William Taylor for excellent progress and achievements in swimming Sam Bassett for his use of noun phrases in his Norse myth poem</p>
<p>BIRCH: Albie Huckle for enthusiasm in swimming lessons and fantastic reading; Freddie Willets for writing an incredible Norse myth using all the mastery keys</p>	<p>CHESTNUT: Harry Stephen for excellent maths work and enthusiasm for fraction problem solving Grace Widdison for enthusiasm and perseverance in her remote learning</p>	<p>OAK: Adam Qaffaf for excellent resilience in maths Sophie Rowlands for continually working hard and producing outstanding work</p>

Mrs Morris' Award for Acts of Kindness: **Louisa Taylor** (Birch) for being kind to people out of school.

Letter from Mr North

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to next week as we prepare to take our Years 4 and 5 children to the Conway Centre for their residential visit. We have been on tenterhooks with the number of cases of COVID-19 that we have had in recent weeks, but most, if not all, pupils and staff have now returned, so we should be good to go. I am hoping to get out there to see the children at work, but this may not be possible as we still have a number of colleagues who are not at work for various reasons. Nevertheless, I know that our staff will keep our parents and carers up to date with events as their residential progresses.

Clubs for the next two weeks:

Week beginning 7 th February 2022	Choir, Lego club, cross stitch and netball will not be on due to the staff leading these clubs being away on the residential trip. House of Dance, Activity for All Clubs (Wednesday and Friday), Mad Science and Dressing Up Box will continue.
Week beginning 14 th February 2022	Choir, Lego Club, cross stitch and netball will not be on, as the staff leading these clubs will be in Parents' Evening meetings. House of Dance, Activity for All Clubs (Wednesday and Friday), Mad Science and Dressing Up Box will continue.

Clubs next half term.

We are in the process of changing our Managing Information Systems (MIS) and need to ensure that this runs smoothly, so we are hoping to start our clubs the second week back after the half term, to enable us to set up the online payment and booking systems correctly. Mrs Buckland and our admin team will be sharing information with you after the half term break to keep you updated with their progress.

It has been brought to my attention by Mr. Rodgers, that several children (and adults), have been walking or running in the road in school. I respectfully ask that families stay together and continue to use our one-way system. Mr. Rodgers has also commented that the speed that parents are driving into the school premises is too fast, could those parents with car-parking passes please moderate your speed whilst on site to ensure the safety of our children and our community, thank you. It has also been brought to my attention that parents are parking inappropriately along Flag Lane South, which is causing traffic flow issues and also blockages around the church gate/car park entrance. We have recently secured access for pedestrians only via the Baptist Church gate and it would be very unfortunate if this access was denied due to the actions of a few. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this request.

The number of COVID-19 cases has started to reduce this week, although another class has gone above threshold. We have undergone a review of current cases with the Local Health Protection Team, who continue to be very supportive of our measures and actions. This has been a very challenging last four weeks, but as colleagues start to return to school and we welcome more and more children back, it feels more like our school should do again. Thank you so much for our support and continued words of kindness and appreciation for the hard work of our team, they are very much appreciated and valued. Primary schools throughout the region have been suffering with staff and pupil absence, so I know that this is not restricted to just our school. Hopefully we are starting to see the continued reduction of cases, but please do remember that if your child has symptoms of COVID-19, high temperature, a new, dry, continuous cough and a loss or change of sense of smell/taste, then get a PCR test. If your child does have other cold/flu like symptoms, including diarrhoea, then check using an LFD test. This will help with us doing our best to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. HUGE thanks for your support with this request.

Yours faithfully

Conrad North


Headteacher

Leave of Absence Request

Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless the reason meets the exceptional criteria. In response to your leave of absence request, a decision will be made and a letter sent to you within 5 working days. If leave of absence is authorised, a date to return must be agreed with the Headteacher. A child who is absent longer than the agreed date can be legally removed from the school register and the parent may be liable to prosecution.

When the leave of absence is 'unauthorised' and a child incurs 10 unauthorised absence marks in a term, i.e. five school days, the Local Authority may be informed and a fixed term penalty notice may be issued. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. This charge is per parent/carer per child. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.

Cheshire West & Chester Council
Cycle training



**Bikeability Level 3
for year 6 and above students**

At: Vicars Cross Community Centre, Thackeray Drive, Vicars Cross, Chester CH3 5LP
Date: Tuesday 22 February 2022
Time: 10 am or 1230 pm

Book now to avoid disappointment.
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