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## NEWSLETTER

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#### News

1 Hello! It seems like such a long time since I have written to you. I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful summer weather; no rain in sight and lovely blue skies.

#### Condover Hall

1 We are now into our final half term of the year and 2018-2019 has been a great year in school. We have many events to look forward to and your children will be busy right up until the final day.

#### Confirmation

1 Reports are being finalised and will be out next month, the Year 6 have started rehearsing their leavers play, we have Confirmation in a couple of weeks time, sports days (although if the weather continues like this we might be doing canoeing instead of running), awards assemblies, prayer services and much more.

#### Whole School Photo

1 Reception have been to the farm this week, Year 4 got very wet at Kingsbury Water Park and Year 1 are off to visit Tamworth Castle next week. I will endeavour to keep you informed of all events and hope that we can all enjoy a wonderful end to the school year.

#### School Uniform

#### Summer Fete

#### 2 Condover Hall 2019

2 Having experienced it first hand with the Year 6, I can honestly say it was brilliant. All 30 Year 6 children came on the residential and we did not stop from the moment we left school until we returned. The children's behaviour was superb and my most abiding memories are of smiles and laughter.

#### Attendance

#### Classes for 2019-2020

2 We went canoeing and ended up in the lake! We had sessions of archery, abseiling, low rope obstacle courses, sensory trails, lazer quest, buggy building and a night time quiz that ensured we ran all over the complex.

#### Dates for the diary

2 All I say is that when your children get the opportunity please encourage them to come on the residential, it is an unforgettable experience.

#### Summer Fete

Saturday 29th June

1pm—3pm

My thanks to Mrs Hoyle and Mr Samuels who came on the residential with me—but I'm pretty sure they enjoyed it as much as me!

#### The lovely Mrs Lines would like donations of

- Bottles
- Packets of sweets
- Chocolate
- Gifts for the gift tombola
- Volunteers

If you could help out at the fete on Saturday 29th then please do let Mrs Lines know. Put the date in your diary, rain, hail or sun we will hold the fete!

#### Confirmation

Year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 25th June at Corpus Christi Church at 7:00pm. As always I ask our children and our families to support us in this celebration. It is always a special occasion and it is the first time we are doing it in the evening on a week night. Please do come and celebrate with the school and Year 6 pupils.

#### Whole School Photograph

I am have booked to have a whole school photograph on Monday 17th June (this Monday coming). As the Year 6 class were my first Reception class as Headteacher, about 6 teachers have started with us since the last whole school photograph and Mr Doohan was still head. It is time.

Weather permitting we will all assemble on the field for the photograph—please make sure the children are smart on Monday because this photograph will be up for years!

#### School Uniform

School uniform is very important to us; I feel it is incredibly important that the children are smart and well presented. We held the new Reception parents meeting yesterday and went through the uniform policy.

We have noticed some children are not wearing black shoes and this is part of school uniform. From September we will be checking uniform very closely and anyone without black shoes will have a pair given to them to wear. I will also talk to the governors about the new 'jump suit' shorts that some girls have started wearing to see whether they want this incorporated into school uniform or not.

Many thanks to all those parents who continue to support the school uniform policy fully. If you have any problem purchasing school uniform please do let me know as we are happy to help.

A very happy Eid to all our Muslim friends and families who celebrated this festival last week. We hope that you enjoyed the festivities.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER IS**

95.76%

Year 6—12 Attendance stars  
 Year 5— 1 attendance star  
 Year 4—4 attendance stars  
 Year 3—9 attendance stars  
 Year 2—9 attendance stars  
 Year 1—8 attendance stars  
 Reception—7 attendance stars

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Monday 17th June  
 Whole School Photograph  
 Year 4 Sports Festival (pm)  
 Catholic Athletics Competition  
 Tuesday 18th June  
 Year 1 Tamworth Castle Swimming Group  
 Thursday 20th June  
 Feast of Corpus Christi—whole school Mass with Corpus Christi School at Corpus Christi Church (weather permitting)  
 Friday 21st June  
 Year 2 Mass  
 Year 5 Class Prayer Service (parents invited) 2:30pm in the school  
 Tuesday 25th June  
 KS1 Sports (weather permitting) 9:15 am  
 Wednesday 26th June  
 Year 5 trip to Safeside  
 Thursday 27th June  
 Year 2 Assembly  
 Friday 28th June  
 Year 3 Mass  
 Saturday 29th June  
**SUMMER FETE**

**Attendance and Punctuality**

**Attendance—100%** amazing—couldn't do better!

**Attendance 97%-99%** incredibly good, children should be very proud of this attendance.

**Attendance 95% - 96%** hitting national attendance

**Attendance 91% - 94%** cause for concern

**Attendance 90% and below** is classed as persistent absence and steps will have to be made to improve attendance.

Just to confirm that all holidays will be noted as unauthorised absences from school—even if we have discussed it I am not allowed to authorise it and obviously if it takes your child's attendance for the year to below 90% then we will have to take measures to ensure improvement. Mr Wilson and I will be sending out information on the guidelines that we have to follow.

We are now following the Fast Track procedure and have started to issue warning notices and hold meetings with families whose attendance is low. There are also many children and families who have made a big effort with attendance and who improved greatly and I am delighted with this.

**CLASSES FOR 2019-2020**

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistant/Support
Year 6	Mr Wilson Mrs Baker Mon-Wed	Mrs Lines
Year 5	Mr Gallagher	Mrs Hangreaves
Year 4	Mrs Hoyle	Miss Cahill Mon-Wed
Year 3	Mr O'Rourke	Mrs Parkes Miss Neason
Year 2	Miss Flynn	Mrs Layton Ms Gardner (am)
Year 1	Miss Debono	Mrs Hart
Reception	Mrs Hodson	Mrs Boyle Mrs Arscott (am)
Nursery	Mrs Graty Mon-Wed Mrs Mehew Thurs&Fri	Miss Tombs
PPA	Mrs Harries Year 6 Monday, Year 5 Tuesday	PPA—Mrs Baker Year 4—Monday pm
PPA	Mrs McKenna Wednesday am—Year 3 Wednesday pm—Year 1 Thursday all day—Reception Friday pm—Year 2	

Mrs Harries will now be working 2 days a week, Miss Cahill 3 days a week and Mrs Graty has increased her days to 4.

Mrs Arscott and Miss Gardner will continue to support Special Needs across the school in the afternoons.

Obviously plans have a way of changing but in readiness for next year these are the staff your children will be having. I haven't give you all the details there maybe times when your child's teaching assistant will be working with another year group for an afternoon.

I hope the weather is kinder to us this weekend. Please remember any donations for the summer fete are gratefully received.

I will see you on Monday.

Mrs Hobbs