

VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2019

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Message from Mr. Pavey

I am sure that the Year 6 children will be pleased that the SATs are finally here and by this time next week their tests will be over. I am so proud of how hard they have worked over the past few months and now they just need to remain calm and show everyone exactly what they know. I wish them luck for next week. The Year 6 children have been asked to come in earlier than usual next week and I would like to ask for everyone else's support by making sure all children are in on time so that there are as few disruptions as possible once the school day has started. Some of the Year 2 children have started their SATs this week which are far less formal than the Year 6's. Many of the Year 2 children don't even know they have taken them and the 'test' they sit is only used to support the teachers' judgements.

I have noticed that there are a number of children wearing trainers in school at the moment. I am aware that some parents/carers may not feel that it is worth buying a new pair of school shoes so close to the end of term. If any parent/carer is struggling to buy school shoes to see the children through to the end of term, please let Mrs Sim know and we can always find ways to help make sure that all children are wearing school shoes until the end of term.

Following the distribution of the Interim Reports last week, I have had a number of queries regarding the attendance figures. The attendance figure is given for the period since the last Interim Report, for the latest report this was from February half term until the end of the Spring term. This was 30 school days (60 sessions {morning and afternoon}). This means that to achieve an A grade (96%+) only 1 school day could have been missed. The other question that was raised was about medical appointments. These are registered as an absence, even if they are for a hospital appointment. I hope that this clarifies matters but if you still do have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I have had a couple of questions about the Teacher2Parents App this week. Some parents/carers have downloaded this App to receive the text messages. We have not subscribed to use this App as we don't need to use all the different parts to it. As a result, parents/carers using the App have not been able to access text messages sent. If you are having this issue with the Teacher2Parents App, please delete the App and then the messages will be directed to your normal text messaging service inbox.

Safeguarding

Parents/carers might have seen media coverage of the Government's new guidance on the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education in schools. I am meeting with Governors before half term to start the planning process for the introduction of this which will include a full consultation process with parents/carers. The new guidance on Relationships and Sex Education does not need to be implemented until September 2020 so please be assured that nothing will be done until we have provided all the information to parents/carers and have taken on all parent/carers views. Unsurprisingly, I feel, the media have greatly exaggerated what is required and the Dfe guidance can be viewed visiting:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/781150/Draft_guidance_Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education2.pdf

School News

Next week our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs. Please could children in **all year groups** make a special effort to be on time every day so as not to disturb the children taking tests. Thank you.

Quick Reminders

Early Birds will be **CANCELLED** week beginning 13th May due to SATs and will **start** again week beginning 20th May.

Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 6.5.19)

Class	Attendance %
1	94.7
2	93.5
3	92.3
4	86.9
5	98.7
6	94.4
7	96.4
8	96.3
9	96.1
10	95.8
11	97.2
12	97.2
13	95.8
14	92.7

Our Minimum Target is 96%

Well done to classes 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to class 5 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.

Head Teacher's Awards, Stars of the Week and Merits



The following children have been nominated to receive an award at Merit Assembly on **Friday 17th May at 9:10am** (doors open at 9:05am), their Parents/Carers are invited to come along.

C1	Ellie A, Elly B	C8	Evie C, Annabel R, Evie C, Dylan F, Isla H, George A,
C2	Will W, Isla-Rose McA, Benjamin R, Jacob H	C9	Lochlann C, Kyran W, Shayne G, Lucy M
C3	Oscar P, Maisie A	C10	Jayden S, Theo S, Britney F
C4	Stevie B, Elise-Mae K	C11	Iris K
C5	Charlie F, Charlie H, Poppy C	C12	Alex S, Jackson R, Alistair J
C6	Isabella F, Sophie J, Maisie C, Charlie M-T, Lily R	C13	Sophie L, Grace Kis, AJ W, Alana D
C7	Evie C, Alistair J, Harry L, Layla M	C14	Oliver E, Matilda P

Brancepeth won the House Team Cup this week. Our individual winners were Elly B from class 1 and Alistair J from class 12.



Dates for Your Diary

Road safety week: Monday 13th to Friday 17th May
Year 6 SATs week: Monday 13th to Friday 17th May
Reception Down at the Farm trip: Monday 13th May
Reception vision screening: Tuesday 21st May
Cultural diversity assembly: Wednesday 22nd May
Year 2 Ruff n Tumble trip: Friday 24th May
Break up for half term: Friday 24th May
Return to school: Tuesday 7th June
Class photos: Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th June
Sept. '19 new starters meeting: Thursday 6th June at 4:30pm
Phonics screening week: Monday 10th to Friday 14th June
Soccer aid assembly: Monday 10th June
Moor House camping trip: Thursday 13th to Friday 14th June

Summer Term Clubs

Monday: Year 5 and 6
Cricket
Tuesday: KS2 Athletics
Wednesday: KS2 Girls
Football
Thursday: Year 4 and 5
Netball, Homework Club
Friday: Year 5 and 6
Cricket

All clubs are 3:15pm to
4:15pm.

Out of Hours Club

If you would like any further information, or to book your child into our Out of Hours Club please ring Debbie Ridley on **07900 701981**.

Breakfast Club – If you are paying for your child to have breakfast please make sure they arrive in time - our last serving is at **8.25am**. Thank you.

After School Club – A reminder that this club starts at 3.15pm and finishes promptly at 6.00pm.

Holiday Club – If you need any more information, please get in touch.

<http://vaneroad.sites.schooljotter2.com/parents/out-of-hours-club>

Activities in the Local Area

Club finder

<http://www.getactivenortheast.co.uk/>

Running

Sedgefield Junior parkrun

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/sedgefield-juniors/>

Hackworth parkrun

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/hackworth/>

South Park parkrun

<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/darlingtonouthpark/>

Football

Newton Aycliffe Youth FC

<https://www.nayfc.com/>

Bernie - 07939 045242

Cricket

All Stars Cricket

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club

Adam – 07748508239

Relax Kids

Relax Kids Club Wednesday 5-6pm at the Pioneering Centre Partnership. Email:

sam@relaxkidsdarlington.co.uk for further information.

School Dinners

If your child wishes to change their lunchtime arrangements, please send a note to the school office giving a week's notice for the change. Our records will then be updated and a confirmation text sent to you. Current price for KS2 meals is £10.25 per week (to be paid on ParentPay). Meals are still free for KS1 children.

School Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking outside of school. The highway code states drivers must not park in front of an entrance to a property or anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services and always 10 metres from a junction. If you witness unsafe parking/driving please ring 101.

Rights Respecting - Article 24

You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.