



Vine Tree Primary School
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Treated Fairly
Enjoy



Holidays are coming!



Welcome to Issue seventy four.

Staffing News

Unfortunately a valuable member of staff is leaving us at Christmas. Mr Cabbie, our site manager has decided on a change in career and is moving on to a full time job driving coaches around the country.

Everyone at Vine Tree will be very sorry to see Mr Cabbie leave, he has made a significant contribution to school life since he joined us in January 2016, thank you!

The search for Mr Cabbie's replacement has already begun and we hope to conduct interviews next week. I will let you know when we have found a suitable replacement for Mr Cabbie.

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Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas dinner is on Friday 14th December; a letter has already been sent out regarding this fabulous meal. Please return the letter by Wednesday 5th December. If your child does not want a Christmas Lunch please remember to send them with a packed lunch as no other hot dinner choices are available on that day.



Christmas Jumper Day

Once again this year we are taking part in Save the Children's Christmas jumper day. The event is taking place on Friday 14th December. For more information about Christmas jumper day please visit <https://christmasjumperday.org/>

After school club at Vine Tree

We have had a large response from our questionnaire regarding extending our out of school provision beyond our current breakfast club. The questionnaire told us that there is clearly a need for an after school club at Vine Tree.

Over the coming months we will be working hard to ensure that an after school club will start at Vine Tree, at the latest by September 2019 but hopefully sooner, watch this space!!

You can find our Facebook page at:



www.facebook.com/VineTreePrimarySchool

You can follow us on Twitter at:



www.twitter.com/VineTreePrimary



Class Assemblies

Below is a list of all the class assemblies. You are welcome to come along to share in your child's work. All assemblies will begin at 9:10am (please note the change in time) promptly and last for approximately 15 minutes.

DATE	YEAR GROUP
Tuesday 4th December	Year 4
Wednesday 5 th December	Year 6

Show Racism the **Red Card** Wear Red Day - Thank you

We raised a fantastic total of £150.45 for our day where we showed 'Racism the Red Card'. The children were amazing during the day and participated in the activities with respect, understanding and empathy. A huge thank you to Miss Woodward for organizing the day and thank you to the children for being brilliant as always!



Children In Need - Thank you!

A massive thank you to those parents who baked for Children in Need. The day was a great success and that was due to your generosity. We raised a huge amount of £130.20 Thank you!



Bingo Night - Thank you!!

What a fantastic turnout we had for our Christmas bingo! Mr Cabble even had to call in the emergency tables and chairs to accommodate everybody! Yet again it was a wonderful event that was fantastically supported by our Vine Tree family, thank you. We raised a MASSIVE £424.70, this is an incredible total and my thanks go to all the staff that contributed to another superb Vine Tree community event.

Christmas Post Box

From Monday 3rd December a Christmas post box can be found in the entrance for the children to post their Christmas cards to each other. Please ensure that both the child's name and class are on the envelope, thank you.

Christmas Parties

The dates have been arranged for our Christmas parties. Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party. They will take place on the following days:-

Monday 17th December: Year 5 and 6 party

Tuesday 18th December: Year 3 and 4 party

Thursday 20th December: Key Stage 1 party



Adverse Weather Guidance

If snow falls heavily during the school day our priority is to ensure that our young children reach home safely. We would be grateful if parents could ring school to check if children will be allowed to leave earlier with parents/carers. Please let us know if arrangements differ from the usual ones. I have known occasions when parents have been stuck on the roads or at work and school have not been in a position to know how to return children to a suitable address. If you were unable to contact us we would begin by using the names you have given to us on the contact lists. Please check if you are not sure that these are up to date.

If the snow falls heavily during the night or before school opens, please listen to Radio Stoke or Signal Radio as information about school closures will be broadcast. We would be grateful if all parents could follow this advice, even if they live very close to school as there are some members of staff who live a distance away and who may be delayed or unable to reach school. We will also send everyone a text message as well as putting a notice on the front page of our website.

If you have changed your mobile number recently it is very important that you update us with your new number.

Thank you for your help.

Holiday Dates 2018 - 2019

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
Christmas 2018/2019	Friday 21 st December	Monday 7 th January
Half Term	Friday 15 th February	Monday 25 th February
Easter 2019	Friday 5 th April	Wednesday 24 th April
Half Term	Friday 24 th May	Monday 3 rd June
Summer 2019	Friday 19 th July	
In-service training days for Teachers		
	Tuesday 23 rd April	
	Monday 22 nd July	
	Tuesday 23 rd July	
Bank Holiday		
	Monday 6 th May	

Christmas Performances

A letter went out recently regarding our Christmas performances. The dates for the performances are as follows:-

Tuesday 11th December - Key Stage 1 afternoon performance (1:30pm start)
 - Year 3 and 4 evening performance (6:30pm start)

Wednesday 12th December - Year 3 and 4 afternoon performance (1:30pm start)
 - Key Stage 1 evening performance (6:30pm start)

Hot Dinner Menu - Autumn / Spring

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Margherita Pizza Saute Potatoes (v) Salmon Fish Fingers Saute Potatoes Filled Jacket Potato (v) Autumn Feast Muffin	Chicken Korma Rice & Cous Cous Cheesy Pasta (v) Tuna Bap Chocolate Crunch with Fruit Chunk	Roast Pork, Apple Sauce, Creamed Potatoes Veggie Sausage in Onion (v) Gravy with Creamed Potatoes Filled Jacket Potato (v) Dorset Apple Cake with Custard	Mild Beef Chilli in a Tortilla Boat Topped with Cheese Cheese Toastie with Veg Sticks (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Orange Surprise Traybake or Organic Yogurt	Butchers Pork Sausage All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s (v) Cheese Bap (v) Cookie with Fruit Chunk Or Organic Yogurt
Week 2	One Pot Tuna & Sweetcorn Gratin Cheesy Pasta (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Rosalie Biscuit with Fruit Chunk	Chicken Casserole with Tomato Bread Quorn Burger (v) Tuna Bap Lemon Drizzle Cake	Roast Gammon & Pineapple with Roast Potatoes Quorn Fillet, Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Rice Pudding with Fruit Coulis	Cottage Pie Quorn Meatball Pasta Bake (v) Cheese Bap (v) Chocolate Marble Cake with Custard or Organic Yogurt	Pulled Chicken Flatbread Salmon/ Fish Fingers Chips & Chips Filled Jacket Potato (v) Apple Oatie Shortbread or Organic Yogurt
Week 3	Organic Beef Burger with Potato Wedges Vegetarian Cottage Pie (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Banana Cake	Pork & Sweet Potato Hot Pot Vegetarian Sausage Roll (v) Sweet Potato Mash & Gravy Tuna Bap Flapjack with Fruit Chunk or Organic Yogurt	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes Quorn Fillet, Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes (v) Hot Chicken Bap Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard	Hearty Beef Stew with Homemade Bread Cheese Flan with Salad Potatoes (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Choc Penny with Fruit Chunk or Organic Yogurt	Butchers Pork Sausage with Chips Harry Ramsdens Junior Fish Fillet & Chips Cheese Bap (v) Frozen Yogurt Ice Cream



Autumn/Winter Menu



Dates for the Autumn Term (2nd half)



December

- 4th - Year 4 class assembly
 - Reception class out at Cheshire Ice Cream Farm Tattenhall
- 5th - Year 6 class assembly
 - Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Quiz (6pm)
 - Year 2 out at Blakemere
- 6th - Year 1 and Year 5 Nativity the Musical
 - Year 6 out Crewe Police station (am)
- 11th - Key stage 1 Christmas celebration (1:30pm)
 - Key stage 2 Christmas celebration (6:30pm)
- 12th - Key stage 2 Christmas celebration (1:30pm)
 - Key stage 1 Christmas celebration (6:30pm)
- 14th - Christmas Jumper day
 - Christmas Lunch
 - Last Crewe Alex football session
- 17th - Year 5 and 6 Christmas party (pm)
- 18th - Year 3 and 4 Christmas party (pm)
- 20th - Key stage 1 Christmas party (pm) DATE CHANGE
- 21st - END OF TERM

Light and Sound Spectacular

What an amazing event our Night at the Movies Sound and Light Spectacular was last month. The fireworks were truly fantastic, better than last year I think, I would like to thank all the people who attended and supported this wonderful community event. We raised a total of approximately £500 and all of that money has been used to pay for the magnificent in school panto 'Cinderella' that the children enjoyed on the 23rd November.

Parking on Dane Bank Avenue

Could I respectfully remind people not to park on the pavement or over neighbours driveways with their cars. Before the holidays a number of pedestrians have been having problems getting up and down the road, particularly those parents who have younger children in prams and buggies.



Breakfast Club

The club will start at 8:00am and you will need to bring your child into the school through the main entrance. **The cost will be £3:00 per day and you must pay and be booked into the club in advance to ensure the kitchen have the correct supply of food. Simply use our online system to book your place.**

Please do not send your child to the club without an advanced booking as this will cause problems in the kitchen and may result in your child being unable to attend the club.

If you want to cancel a place at the club 24 hours notice must be given. If you do not give us 24 hours notice you will still be charged for a place. Our breakfast club is very popular and children must be booked into the club in advance.

Merry Christmas