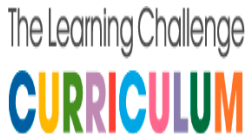




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 The Vine Tree Diary - Issue 77



Welcome Back!

Welcome to Issue seventy seven

It has been great to see you and your child(ren) back at school - we've missed them. The children have been so keen and happy to be here. Of course, there is always a butterfly or two fluttering around in stomachs (children and staff), but that is healthy. It was also great to see so many parents smiling after dropping children off at school.

A special welcome goes out to our new children and their parents/carers - welcome to our Vine Tree family. We hope you all have many happy years here.

The focus across school, for the first month will be 'bonding'. It is essential that your child enjoys coming to school; trusts in their class teacher; can tell them anything. It is also essential for your child to feel that they belong and that they love school.

If you have any questions about our school, I would like to remind you that we will be pleased to discuss anything with you. Our senior leadership team consists of:

- Mrs. Walker (Deputy Head & Special Educational Needs Coordinator),
- Miss Thomas (Math's Lead, Y4 Teacher)
- Miss Woodward (English Lead, Y5 Teacher),

Mrs. Brennan, our fantastic Learning Mentor, is also available for a chat about issues in school, the home, or whatever you may need,

We are all happy to meet and discuss issues with you in person (usually via an appointment), by phone, or by email.

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Staffing Information

Reception	Mrs Welsh and Mrs Taylor
Year 1	Mrs Timmis and Miss Culverhouse
Year 2	Miss Johnston and Mrs Beck
Year 3	Mrs Walker and Mrs Critchley
Year 4	Miss Thomas
Year 5	Miss Woodward and Mrs Morris (for 2 afternoons a week).
Year 6	Miss Handley
Key Stage 2 TA's	Mrs Scott, Mrs Thomas , Mrs Cope and Mrs Reid

You can find our Facebook page at:



www.facebook.com/VineTreePrimarySchool

You can follow us on Twitter at:



www.twitter.com/VineTreePrimary



Staffing - Baby News

We are absolutely thrilled and delighted to inform you that Mrs Timmis is expecting her first child! It is anticipated that Mrs Timmis will take her maternity leave around Christmas time. Mrs Timmis is very excited yet also sad that she will not be able to spend the whole year with her new class. I will inform all year 1 parents via letter once we have found a short term replacement for Mrs Timmis.

Uniform Guidelines

Please note that trainers will not be accepted as suitable footwear and shirts must be long enough so that they can be tucked in to trousers and skirts.

- Red V-neck jumper or cardigan
- White shirt or white polo shirt (from September we will be expecting to see them tucked in)
- Black or grey trousers
- Black or grey knee length skirt
- Grey pinafore dress / Red gingham dress during summer months
- School shoes, **no trainers at all**

Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name.

PE - Indoor kit

- PE pumps / trainers
- Plain black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt

Outdoor

- Black jogging trousers
- Long sleeved top for the colder months
- Trainers

You can order school uniform direct from our online shop or through the school office. We carry most items in school so you can check you have the correct size for your child.

After School Club - The Tree House



Before and After School Club

The Tree House at Vine Tree is now open from 3.15pm until 5.45pm weekdays, during term time.

We are based in the mobile building within the grounds of Vine Tree Primary School. We have access to an enclosed outdoor play space and also use the outdoor grassed space and equipment at Vine Tree Primary school.

Aims

At The Tree House at Vine Tree we aim to provide a safe and secure and relaxed environment, offering a range of activities to reflect the interests of the children in our care.

What we offer

Our Club follows the Playwork Principles, so the children are free to choose activities and resources as they wish.

There will always be a selection of activities and resources available, including

Indoor & outdoor play, team games, art & craft activities, computer/Wii/PlayStation, role play, board games, quizzes, colouring activities and much more!

In addition, other resources are available for the children to select from and there is also an opportunity for your child to do any homework they may have.

Our Prices

The current fees are **£5.50** per child for a part session (3.15pm - 4:30pm), **£9.75** for a full session (3:15pm - 5:45pm). Fees are payable in advance by using our online payment system.

If you need any help or assistance please contact Mrs Cope or the school office, who will be happy to answer any queries you may have.



Parents Evening

Parents' evening this year will be run over 2 nights, we will be delighted to see you on either night for a **5 minute appointment** slot with your child's class teacher. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in to their new class. The dates for parents' evening this year are **Tuesday 1st October from 3:30pm - 5.00pm** and on **Wednesday 2nd October from 4.30pm - 7.00pm** Further details will be sent out very shortly.

Holiday Dates 2019 - 2020

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
Summer 2019		Wednesday 4 th September
Half Term	Thursday 24 th October	Tuesday 5 th November
Christmas 2019/2020	Friday 20 th December	Wednesday 8 th January
Half Term	Friday 14 th February	Monday 24 th February
Easter 2020	Friday 3 rd April	Monday 20 th April
Half Term	Friday 22 nd May	Monday 1 st June
Summer 2020	Tuesday 21 st July	
In-service training days for Teachers		
	Friday 25 th October	
	Monday 4 th November	
	Wednesday 22 nd July	

Naming Personal Items



Please, please, please can I ask parents to make sure that all coats, jumpers, cardigans, t-shirts, shirts, PE kit, lunch bags etc. are named! It is very difficult to locate lost items when we have several red sweatshirts or twenty Ben 10 lunchboxes that all look exactly the same! Thank you for your cooperation!



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 **9:05am** promptly and last for approximately 15 - 20 minutes.

DATE	YEAR GROUP/STAFF MEMBER
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 1
Tuesday 22 nd October	Reception
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 2
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 3
Tuesday 19 th November	Year 6
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 4
Tuesday 26 th November	Year 5

Dates for the Autumn Term



September

- 13th - Class Newsletters out
- 20th - Jeans4Genes day (letter to follow)
- 23rd - Times table Rock stars Launch day (letter to follow)
- 27th - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (2pm)

October

- 1st - Parents Evening (3:30pm to 5pm)
- 2nd - Parents Evening (4:30pm to 7pm)
- 9th - Reception Grandparents lunch (letter to follow)
- 10th - Academy Photographers in school (individual, family, siblings)
 - Reels on Wheels Film Night (6pm)
- 15th - Year 1 Class Assembly
- 16th - Year 1 Grandparents lunch
- 19th - Halloween Fireworks (gates open at 5pm)
- 22nd - Reception Class Assembly
- 23rd - Year 2 Grandparents lunch
- 24th - **HALF TERM**
- 25th - INSET day (school closed)

November

- 4th - INSET day (school closed)
- 6th - Year 3 Grandparents lunch
- 7th - Cricket coaching starts (Year 1 and year 4 in school time)
 - Cricket after school club starts (more information to follow)
- 8th - Non uniform day (Bingo Prizes)
- 13th - Year 4 Grandparents Lunch
 - Year 3 Class Assembly
- 14th - FLUENZ nasal spray (Reception to Year 6)
- 15th - Children in Need
- 19th - Year 6 class assembly
- 20th - Year 5 Grandparents Lunch
 - Year 4 Class Assembly
 - Bingo Night (6pm)
- 22nd - Whole School Panto (in school)
- 26th - Year 5 Class Assembly
- 27th - Year 6 Grandparents Lunch

December

- 3rd - Christmas Quiz (6pm)
- 10th - Key stage 1 Christmas celebration (1:30pm)
 - Year 3 and 4 Christmas celebration (6:30pm)
- 11th - Year 5 and 6 Christmas celebration (1:30pm)
 - Key stage 1 Christmas celebration (6:30pm)
- 12th - Year 3 and 4 Christmas celebration (1:30pm)
 - Year 5 and 6 Christmas celebration (6:30pm)
- 13th - Christmas Jumper day
 - Christmas Lunch
- 16th - Year 5 and 6 Christmas party (pm)
- 17th - Key stage 1 Christmas party (am)
 - Year 3 and 4 Christmas party (pm)
- 18th - Christmas Movie (Whole School) (pm)
- 20th - **END OF TERM**

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

This is just to remind parents that the Free School Meals entitlement still exists for all eligible families.

Cheshire East Council will continue to award free school meals to the families that receive the qualifying incomes as outlined below, and whose children attend a Cheshire East school:-

- Income support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed **£16,190**.
- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- If you have recently become unemployed or have reduced your working hours and have been granted the four week working tax credits.

You will be aware that school meals are free for all Key Stage 1 children, however we still require you to register your eligibility with Cheshire East.

Please note - it is very important that if you are entitled to free school meals, you register with Cheshire East even if your child does not wish to have a meal each day or is in Key Stage 1 . We receive more funding as a school based on the number of children entitled to free school meals.

If you feel that you qualify for Free School Meals (even if you choose to still send your child with a packed lunch) please contact Free School Meals Cheshire East on **0300 123 5012** or Email: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk or via the Web on http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/education_and_learning/schools/free_school_meals.aspx

Pupil Premium

This is additional funding that your child's school can claim. It is available for any child who qualifies for free school meals due to their family income.

The money can be used by the school to help to provide more support to the children, to help develop children's academic progress, their self esteem or their social and emotional skills.

For each child registered, the school will receive:

- £1320 for pupils in reception through to Year 6.
- £300 for pupils where either parent is a serving member of the armed forces or has been in service during the child's education.

Collection of Children

Could you please ensure that if your child is being collected by somebody different at the end of the day that you have informed either the office or your child's class teacher in the morning.

Attendance Procedures - Important Update

Changes in the law came into force recently regarding Head teachers option to allow up to 10 days authorised leave of absence for family holidays.

The new law removes head teachers flexibility to allow any holidays during term time. It also makes clear that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the leave of absence isn't an exceptional circumstance then it will be unauthorised.

As from 1st September 2019 any requests made for a holiday to be taken in the academic year 2019-20 or thereafter which is not considered by the Headteacher to be exceptional in circumstances, will be recorded as unauthorised, and a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued by the LA.

Changes at Vine Tree

During the summer we made some changes in and around school. My thanks to Mr Ross for working so hard.

- We enclosed part of our playground for our Year 2 children to use.
- We have had brand new red carpet in our entrance and reception areas.
- The staffroom has also had some new carpet.
- Reception children had a new mini bike rack fitted for their area
- A number of areas around school were repainted.
- The hall floor was resurfaced.

Over the coming year we have lots more planned and we also hope to start a major building project this year to replace our old and outdated windows!



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Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme



Bagel Shack!

The National School Breakfast Programme

Our school is part of the government's National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), which is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast.

Last year as a NSBP School we were pleased to offer our 'Bagel with a Buddy' scheme and our Friday 'Bagel Shack', to all.

After some discussions in school we have made some changes to our free community bagel scheme this year and the great news is that **the bagel shack is now open every day of the week!**

Don't forget that our bagels are available to **everyone** not just the children, young and old are more than welcome to join us at 'The Bagel Shack' every week day for a tasty free bagel!



Breakfast Club

The club will start at 8:00am and you will need to bring your child into the school via 'The Tree House' entrance. **The cost will be £3:50 per day and you must pay and be booked into the club in advance.** Simply use our online system to book a place for your child.

Please do not send your child to the club without an advanced booking as this will cause problems 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.

Curriculum Newsletters

Curriculum Newsletters for each class will be sent home by Friday 13th September. These will provide information about the kind of things your child will be learning about this term, together with ways that you can support their learning. If you have any questions about any of the areas of learning on the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Vine Tree Primary Presents

Halloween Fireworks Spooktacular

Saturday 19th October

Gates Open 5pm

Firework and Sound Display 7pm

FACE PAINTING

REFRESHMENTS

TOMBOLA

Bouncy Castle
Candy Floss
Children's Fancy
Dress Competition
Fun Fair
Hot Food
Popcorn

Advance Admission
Wristbands Adults £5
Children £3 Family of
four £13

On the Night
Wristbands Adults £6
Children £5 Family of
four £18

Wristbands
available from the school until
Friday 18th October

Vine Tree Primary Dane Bank
Avenue Crewe CW2 8AD - 01270 661526



RUSKIN
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



Ruskin Community High School Open Evening

Monday 16th September 4.00pm-7.00pm

Headteacher's Talk: 4.30pm & 6pm

Open to all parent/carers of Year 5 and 6 students.

At Ruskin, students make positive progress compared to other schools nationally. Our results show that students who study at Ruskin for five years make good progress in both English and Maths.

We are proud of the level of individualised support we offer to every student to help them achieve their very best.

T. 01270 560514

E. parent-carer@ruskin.cheshire.sch.uk

We hope to see you there!