

# VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

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### Message from Mr. Pavay

I want to start off this week's newsletter by saying a huge thank you to everyone, especially the parents/carers of Junior children for helping us with our Social Distancing this morning. Yesterday, I wrote a 'moan' about how many children were arriving at school well before their allotted time. I don't like sending those sorts of messages out because I know that it is only the minority who don't help us. This morning was so much better; only a handful of Junior children were waiting in the cold outside before 9:05am and there was a steady stream of children arriving between 9:05am and 9:15am. This meant that there was so much more space for everyone to come into school safely. Thank you, please keep it up!

It continues to be lovely to have the children back in school and this week the weather has changed significantly. On Wednesday we had the first test of our new playtime system in dreadful weather. I was caught between my desire for children to get out to play, something that many of them have missed over Lockdown and the knowledge that I would have a barrage of complaints from parents/carers about their children being wet throughout the day. When I checked with staff and children it was clear that some children were really well prepared to brave the inclement weather and really wanted to get out but there were other children who just did not have the right clothing. I therefore left it to the teachers and children to decide for themselves. I have to say, despite some children being a little damp, those children who did have the right clothing and wanted to go out had an absolutely wonderful time; we have had lots of messages from parents/carers saying how 'buzzing' their children were about jumping in puddles! We want to continue this so please can all children have wellies and a good waterproof coat in school every day. I am also happy for them to bring a spare pair of socks/tights for them to have in their tray for time when the water does go over the tops of their wellies!

It is a myth that you catch a cold from being out in the rain!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity with your donations to MacMillan with our Virtual Coffee Morning today. We raised £111.50 which is fabulous considering how difficult these financial times are. I know many parents/carers have lost their jobs or have a very uncertain future.

Please remember that schools can access funding to provide essential items such as a winter coat and shoes. Please just ask either Mrs Sim or Miss Wren if you want some support with this. All requests will be dealt with confidentially and with sensitivity.

### COVID Update

I was told this week that some people have been spreading rumours on Social Media that the school is not COVID compliant. I don't normally react to keyboard warriors but I want to reassure everyone that the school is doing a huge amount to try to keep everyone safe. I have developed a page on our website with the [Risk Assessments and Operational Plans](#) for school during COVID. All of this information has been shared with parents on a number of occasions. Remember we are doing our very best and if you have concerns, raise this with school rather than trying to create even more anxiety. #Bekind This week a new cleaner, Mrs Rudd, started and we have increased our cleaning regime during the day.

### Quick Reminder

Could we remind our Reception parents to log onto ParentPay as we are now a cashless school. If you require your log-in details to be re-sent, please contact the school office.

### Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 24.9.20)		<b>Our Minimum Target Is 96%</b>
Class	Attendance %	
1	93.1	Well done to classes <b>3,4,5,6,8,9,12</b> and <b>14</b> who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to class <b>12</b> for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	95.9	
3	98.3	
4	98.8	
5	99.4	
6	97.5	
7	94.0	
8	96.4	
9	96.2	
10	95.2	
11	93.1	
12	100	
13	88.3	
14	96.1	

### Teacher's Merit Awards



We are sorry that we can't invite parents into school for an assembly at present but have asked the teachers to start giving a weekly merit.

These are the children who have received them this week.

C3	Amelia S	C4	Niamh T & Jace P
C5	Alex J	C6	Liam C
C7	Ella S	C8	Finley E, Ella H
C9	Eva C	C10	Millie C
C11	Levi C, Ava S	C12	Isla H
C13	Jayden S, Jamie McC	C14	Phoebe H



### Dates for Your Diary

**Black History Month virtual assembly:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
**Flu vaccinations:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
**Break up for half term:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
**Return to school:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
**Children in Need:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

### After School Clubs - Autumn Term

There are currently no after school clubs running this half term, this will be reviewed as the situation with COVID progresses.

Debbie's Out of Hours Club is separate to this and is running.

### Out of Hours Club

#### REMINDER

If you require child care before or after school this term, you MUST book in the week before.

Breakfast club will open at 7.30am and all children MUST be in by 8.15am. After school club will be until 5.30pm.

These arrangements are to help us keep all the children safe.

If you would like any further information, or to book your child into our Out of Hours Club please ring Debbie Ridley on **07900701981**.

**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 prompt at 5:30pm.

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

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

#### **Fun Fact – From Year 6**

There are about 400 tribes, each with its own language, culture and territory in the rainforest. Many tribes have never seen people from the outside world.

#### **Rights Respecting - Article 38**

Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war.