

VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2020

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Message from Mr. Pavey

We are rapidly approaching half term, just 2 weeks away, and there is still a lot to do. We will be assessing the children in Reading, Writing and Maths over the next couple of weeks so that we know how much the children's education has been impacted by Lockdown. Please don't worry the children (especially the younger ones) may not even notice that their teacher is assessing them. It is really important that the teachers have a good understanding of where the children are educationally so that we can plan for the next few terms. I have no doubt that all children will have slowed in their educational development, some more than others, and it is vital that we try to resolve this as soon as possible. We have allowed the children the past 5 weeks to settled back into school life; the first thing we needed to do is make sure that they were happy and, I am pleased to report, that the vast majority are really pleased to be back at school learning and with their friends. This is now an excellent platform for us to build on. We will let you know what the assessments have told us after half term but please don't worry about them.

Following on from the Road Safety week, I would like to gather parents/carers view on parking and traffic around school. Please will you [CLICK HERE](#) to take you to the survey and complete it by Monday 19th October.

The School Nurse team, will be coming to school on 23rd October 2020 to carry out Flu Immunisations for all our children. They will only carry this out if we have a completed and signed form which was sent home with the children a couple of weeks ago. If you don't think you have received this or have any questions about it, please get in touch with Mrs Wilson who will be more than happy to help.

Please can I remind everyone that if you want your child to attend Breakfast club or After school club, they must be booked in a week in advance. Our current restrictions mean that we are unable to be as flexible as we would normal be and have to plan far more to keep the children safe.

COVID Update

If a member of your household has symptoms, the WHOLE household must isolate and the person with symptoms must access a test. All the children in that household MUST NOT attend school. Providing the test result is negative and the child in that household does not have symptoms, they can return to school.

Once again, I find myself having to respond to a view expressed on Social Media because the suggestion is so ridiculous. I have seen on 'Anything Aycliffe' that some of our parents/carers incorrectly stating that there are children in the school who have tested positive for COVID 19 and that we are hiding this from parents/carers. This is wholly incorrect and I will take action against people who defame the school in this way. To those who think this is the case, I want to point out that as adults in school, we are at greater risk than the children. The staff happily put their own safety in jeopardy whilst the rest of the country is told to work from home if they can. Like many others we can't work from home, added to this the children can't socially distance so the work of school staff comes with significant risk. We would NEVER keep information about positive cases secret from parents/carers.

Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 5.10.20)		Our Minimum Target Is 96% Well done to classes 1,2,3,4,5, 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13 and 14 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to class 2 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
Class	Attendance %	
1	98.7	
2	99.7	
3	99.4	
4	98.8	
5	99.4	
6	98.1	
7	96.9	
8	99.3	
9	98.4	
10	98.3	
11	97.4	
12	99.2	
13	95.1	
14	99.3	

Teacher's Awards



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

These are the children who have received them this week.

C1	Jay S	C2	Esmé H
C3	Mollie Mck, Oskar R	C4	Oscar R, Daniel C
C5	Evelyn S	C6	Annabel S, Anna T, Ellie A, Elly B
C7	Leo B	C8	Courtney B, Charlie W
C9	Joshua D	C10	Jessica C
C11	Alex F, Nyla P,	C12	Joey H,
C13	Zak H, Ruth R, Chloe-Eve J	C14	Cole R

Rights Respecting Certificates were given to Reuben B (C11) and Freya A (C12).



Dates for Your Diary

Flu vaccinations: Friday 23rd October
Break up for half term: Friday 23rd October
Return to school: Monday 2nd November
Children in Need: Friday 13th November
Break up for Christmas: Friday 18th December
Return to school: Monday 4th January

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 **8.15am**. Thank you.

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

The rarest fossil, found in what is now northeastern China, was of a feathered dinosaur called *Microraptor*. It had gobbled down a lizard head-first and died not long after. The fossil created told us that *Microraptor* ate lizards!

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.

Quick Reminder

Message from Durham County Council - Organised firework displays are **not** allowed this year. We are working with County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service to urge members of the public not to host their own bonfire events, and to adhere to social distancing restrictions brought in by the Government to try and control the spread of Coronavirus.