

VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2020

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Message from Mr. Pavey

Well it has certainly been a busy time since I wrote last week's newsletter. On Sunday we had the worrying news that one of our children had tested positive for COVID 19 which meant that we had to close the Year 5 group. This was a very challenging decision and I thank everyone for their support and understanding. It is such a shame that these children and their staff are having to self-isolate for 14 days. To be honest I am surprised that we have managed to get to week 7 before we have felt the direct impact of COVID. I am also delighted that the few cases where children had been sent home with symptoms from other year groups have all returned negative results. It is such a worry but I think everyone should be proud about how well we are coping and this is thanks to the excellent team work between school and home.

On Tuesday, we had the hard task of interviewing for Mrs Costello's replacement. As you will know, Mrs Costello will be leaving to be the Head Teacher of Cockfield Primary School after Christmas. The Governors interviewed 7 exceptional candidates on Tuesday all of whom could have been appointed. We have appointed Miss Atkinson who is an experienced Year 2 teacher from Stockton who will take up the post in January. I want to thank the Year 4 children for interviewing the candidates and the Class 5 children for giving their very honest views about the candidates who had to send in a video of them reading a story to the class.

Today is a sad day as we say good bye to Mrs Denise Stanley, who has been one of our school cooks for over 25 years. She retires today and I want to take this opportunity to thank her for all the time and dedication she has given to the school. I have worked out that she has cooked over 1.5 million lunches for children which is incredible. Thank you so much Denise, you will be missed.

It is also the last day that Mrs McGuire will be teaching Class 13. She has been teaching the children since Christmas in the absence of Mrs Cant who has been on maternity leave. I want to thank Mrs McGuire for being such an amazing teacher during this time; we are so fortunate to have her on the staff to step up when needed. Mrs Cant returns on Monday.

COVID Update

I thought that it would be a good opportunity to let you know what happens when we have a confirmed case of COVID in school. The first thing that happens, is that we call the Department for Education who discuss the individual case with us and advise us what action to take. The case is also referred to Durham Public Health who also advise us on what needs to be done. This information is shared with staff, parents/carers and Governors. If needed the Bubble or class is told to self-isolate for 14 days. The areas in school where the person with the positive test result has been are deep cleaned before the anyone else is permitted in there. Those children entitled to Free School Meals continue to have lunches delivered to them.

Quick Reminder

Please can all outstanding dinner and Out of Hours Club balances be cleared before we break up for half term. If you are unsure if you owe anything please check your online ParentPay account. If you have any queries please contact the office about dinner money and Debbie about Out of Hours Club.

Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 12.10.20)		Our Minimum Target Is 96%
Class	Attendance %	
1	99.3	
2	99.7	
3	95.3	
4	98.5	
5	98.8	
6	98.4	
7	91.0	
8	93.6	
9	95.6	
10	96.1	
11	93.2	
12	98.3	
13	96.5	
14	98.0	

Well done to classes 1,2,4,5,6, 10, 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.

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	Oliver S	C2	Reign B
C3	Leia B-S, Arthur G, Zachary P, Robert Jnr H	C4	Isaac T, Annalise F
C5	Amelie C	C6	Phillipa S, Poppy W
C7	Jake T	C8	Tommy W, Conner-Jay A
C9	Will S, Alex B, Ruby-Rose T	C10	Alistair E, Libby C
C11	Lillie H, Luscha F, All of CI 11	C12	Jake J, All of CI 12
C13	All of Class 13	C14	Megan B

Rights Respecting Certificates were given to Sophie M (C9) and Faith O'N (C10).



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

Chameleons vary widely in size. They can change colour to communicate or regulate body temperature.

Rights Respecting - Article 28

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.



Poppy Appeal 2020

We will be selling poppies this year as normal and they are due to be delivered into school very soon. Could any money sent into school for this be in a small bag or envelope please.

Items can also be viewed and bought from the following link:
RBL Poppy Shop at poppyshop.org.uk