

# VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2020

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### Message from Mr. Pavey

So ends a half term quite unlike any other that we have ever had. We started in September in bright sunshine full of hope but also full of fear at what might lie ahead. It was amazing to see the children back in school, loving their learning and being back with their friends. I have been so impressed with how well the children have adapted to the new systems in school all designed to keep everyone safe.

Parents/Carers have done their part too, most wearing face coverings on the school grounds, keeping us up to date with how your children are feeling and asking for advice and help when needed; keeping children at home when you are unsure whether it has been needed; getting the children to school on time and at the right time; putting your children through really unpleasant COVID tests to get the clarification we need – all of this has been so appreciated by school.

The staff have been incredible! Putting themselves into an environment where there are hundreds of other people when the rest of the Nation are being told to keep their distance has taken tremendous resilience. They do this because they want the best for our children and they know that this is best achieved by being in school. To think that through all this, there has not been one non-COVID related staff absence is phenomenal!

We managed 6 whole unbroken weeks of education for our children, over 200 hours of school life, before we had our first case. On the first weekend of term, the first schools in the area started to get positive cases, it was inevitable that COVID would eventually come to Vane Road. It has been very unfortunate and distressing that we have had a case with two classes having to self-isolate. The teachers in these classes along with the parents have made valiant efforts to keep the children's learning going from home. I believe the return to school has been a huge success because of the hard work of staff and parents/carers.

Next half term will be even harder but we will tackle whatever we face together because none of us wants to see children out of school in the same way as they were during Lockdown. I want everyone to take a well-earned rest during next week, keep safe and return after the holiday reinvigorated for the lead up to Christmas.

### COVID Update

I am not sure what 'tier' the local area will be in over the coming week but I do want to encourage everyone to continue to follow the rules. We have worked so hard to make sure that we keep COVID under some sort of control and it would be a shame if all that hard work went to waste over the holiday. I am very concerned about the appearance of the Fair in Newton Aycliffe. I don't want to be a kill joy but I can see no sense in this taking place at such a critical time in the development of the virus. Please think carefully about letting your children attend.

### Quick Reminder

Just a reminder that parents/carers should not be pulling into the car park to drop off or collect children for school or breakfast/after school club.

### Attendance

This week's attendance  
(w/c 19.10.20)

Class	Attendance %
1	96.9
2	99.1
3	96.5
4	98.8
5	96.4
6	98.1
7	95.3
8	96.1
9	97.8
10	97.5
11	Absent
12	Absent
13	98.5
14	98.7

**Our Minimum Target Is 96%**

Well done to classes 1,2,3,4,5, 6,8,9,10,13 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	Jakob F	C2	Zachary Y
C3	Ella F, Bradley S	C4	Logan T, Charlotte H
C5	Ella P, Evan B-H	C6	Zofia L, Grayson A, Class 6, Marnie W
C7	Jayden P	C8	Freya D
C9	Charley F, Jamie B-S, Class 9	C10	Reece D, Elizabeth B, Isobel W
C11	Emily B, Harry L	C12	Molly S
C13	Flynn C	C14	Ryan C

Rights Respecting Certificates were given to Stevie B (C7) and William G (C8).



### Dates for Your Diary

**Return to school:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
**Children in Need:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
**Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
**Break up for Christmas:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
**Return to school:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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>

#### **Halloween Fact – From Year 6**

Dracula's castle was based upon one in Scotland

#### **Rights Respecting - Article 29**

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



#### **Poppy Appeal 2020**

We still have a very small amount of items left which will be on sale on our first week back. 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](http://poppyshop.org.uk)

Enjoy half-term, school re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020