

VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2020

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Message from Mr. Pavey

It was lovely to have all year groups back in school this week although we have some staff, children and parents who are having to self-isolate at the moment and we hope to see them back at school soon.

I had a lovely week before half term and continued this week, looking through the home learning journals (completed from March to July) of those children who sent them back to school. There was so much work, it took me hours to go through but it was an absolute delight. It was clear that parents/carers and children took a lot of time to work together to continue the children's education. Many of the learning activities would not have been done in school – I was particularly impressed with the cookery skills of our children. I have returned all of them to the class teachers so your children will be bringing them home, it seems wholly inadequate but each child has been given a certificate in appreciation for all their efforts. I will be drawing the raffle next week for the prizes for those children.

Today your child should bring home their interim assessment. The teachers have assessed the children and have given them grades based on their attainment. Clearly, with the children having been absent from school for such a long period of time, many children will not be at the same standard as they were in February. Please don't worry too much about this, it is inevitable and we will continue to do all we can to get them back to where they were. Following feedback last year from parents/carers, the teachers have added a short statement about how your child has settled into the new school year. We are also setting aside time week commencing 16th November for virtual parents' meetings. If you would like to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, please send them a message on Classdojo next week and request a telephone appointment. If your child has a Special Needs Support plan your child's class teacher will be in touch with you to discuss this.

COVID Update

We have noticed that there are some parents, possibly now furloughed, who are coming to drop off or collect children from school; please remember that we ask only one parent/carer per family to do this. I would even ask that parents/carers don't come together to wait outside school because this creates greater congestion around the school streets. There are still a small number of parents/carers who are not following Social Distancing rules, this includes some parents/carers who have Junior children that are not able to come into school before 9:05am but still arrive well before that time. I was surprised to see that lots of our older children who don't have younger siblings at school very early this morning. Please remember to stay at least 2 metres from each other where possible and come at the right time. PSCOs will be patrolling next week. Please also remember to avoid talking to staff and definitely don't break the 2- metre rule if you do need to talk to us.

I would also like parents to be aware that under Department for Education rules and our Risk Assessment, windows in school must be kept open. To combat this, we have turned the heating up but your child might come home complaining of being cold. I would suggest a vest and if it gets very cold, the teacher will allow them to wear coats. The additional ventilation reduces the concentration of the virus in school and helps

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. Children can come to school in whatever they like, it could be non-uniform or something more adventurous (remember that whatever children wear they will have it on all day including breaktimes and lunch so it needs to be practical). Donations can be made online via ParentPay.

Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 2.11.20)		Our Minimum Target is 96%
Class	Attendance %	
1	99.2	Well done to classes 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,13 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.
2	100	
3	98.9	
4	99.3	
5	99.2	
6	99.2	
7	96.5	
8	93.8	
9	98.1	
10	97.3	
11	97.9	
12	94.2	
13	97.3	
14	97.4	

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	Penny S	C2	Isla K
C3	Jude S-F, Lacey J	C4	George T, Jasmine W
C5	Elliott H	C6	Jack S, Lucas P, Zofia L, Ben R
C7	Scarlett A, Jayden P	C8	Hollie-Mae J, Hollie F
C9	Charlie M-T, Evie E-W	C10	Gracie C
C11	Theo D, Ellie R-C	C12	Layla P, Annabel R
C13	Max MacL	C14	Daniel B-S

Rights Respecting Certificates were given to Maiya C (C5) and Jack B (C6).



Dates for Your Diary

Children in Need: Friday 13th November
Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 9th December
Break up for Christmas: Friday 18th December
Return to school: Monday 4th January
Break up for half term: Friday 12th February
Return to school: Monday 22nd February

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

Did you know that Vikings skied for fun?

Rights Respecting - Article 31

You have the right to play and rest.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed towards this year's Poppy Appeal.

