

# VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

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### Message from Mr. Pavey

It has been a busy week in school and thankfully with little disruption from COVID 19. We have been busy putting the finishing touches to our Virtual Open Evening video which will hopefully be released next week. Choosing the right school for your child in normal times is challenging but this year parents/carers will need to do this without the opportunity to see the school and meet the staff.

I know that the staff continue to feel additional pressures from working hard to keep children and themselves safe in school. What does add to this level of pressure is seeing the small number of parents/carers who don't socially distance at the school gates. School were given little choice in how we opened in September and staff have worked really hard to make sure that it is a very safe environment; I am sure that the vast majority of you share the concern that all that hard work is in vain when people stand at the school gates in huddles of multiple households.

On Wednesday, we held a very emotional, poignant but enjoyable Armistice Day 2 minutes' silence. The children from both Vane Road and Woodham Burn and all self-isolating staff members, took part in a joint virtual observation of the silence. This was followed by a thoroughly enjoyable wave around the classrooms; each class took it in turns to wave and say hello to each other. It certainly made everyone feel less alone at a time when we can't be together.

At the risk of being called a 'humbug' I have made the decision that we will not allow children to exchange Christmas cards with each other this year. I am aware that many of the children love to write cards and post them in the letter box for their friends and the children love receiving them but there is a significant contact source for spreading COVID19. It is possible that a child who is asymptomatic could write their cards at home, lick them all closed, post them in the letter box with all the other children's cards which touch each other and then they are distributed to the recipients and then taken home and so inadvertently spreading the virus. The logistics of quarantining them would be complex. Instead we are inviting families to donate to a charity which will be chosen by our Community Group and we will put a virtual Christmas Message on our school website.

### COVID Update

Please can we all remember that children should not come to school if they have a high temperature (38+), new persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell. Children also should not come to school if any member of their household has these symptoms and is going to get a test.

### Advance Notice of Christmas Events

This year it will be very challenging for us to do our normal Christmas events. Mrs Poulter is in the process of organising a way to do performances, these will most likely be done by year groups and recorded, the videos would then be uploaded online as unfortunately we aren't allowed to have parents come in to school to watch. There are a lot of finer details to iron out yet though so more information will be given as we know it.

The children will be able to have a Christmas party within their year group still and a timetable is being organised for this.

Christmas dinner will be on 9<sup>th</sup> December and is available to all children, there is an online form to be completed via ClassDojo by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November to order your child one.

### Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 9.11.20)		<b>Our Minimum Target Is 96%</b>
Class	Attendance %	
1	97.8	Well done to classes 1,2,3,4,5, 6,7,8,10,11,13 and 14 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to class 6 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	97.5	
3	99.3	
4	98.5	
5	97.7	
6	100	
7	98.2	
8	99.1	
9	92.9	
10	99.3	
11	98.0	
12	95.9	
13	97.5	
14	97.7	

### 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	Frankie C	C2	Leo H
C3	Nyla G, Leo W	C4	Connor A
C5	Benjamin T-F	C6	Amelia A, Marnie-Rose W
C7	Anna C	C8	Harry H
C9	Isla M, Daniel C	C10	Marley C, Lily S
C11	Jack P, Olivia B	C12	Grace A, George A
C13	Drew L	C14	Evie C

Rights Respecting Certificates were given to Aria S (C3) and Louis W (C4).



### Dates for Your Diary

**Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
**Golden Day:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
**Break up for Christmas:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
**Return to school:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
**Break up for half term:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
**Return to school:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 didn't actually have horned helmets?

### **Rights Respecting - Article 39**

You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected or badly treated.

**Article 2** – non-discrimination

**Article 12** – respect for the views of the child

**Article 19** – protection from violence, abuse and neglect.

### **ParentPay**

You may have noticed that on ParentPay there is an option to pay by bank transfer. There seems to be a delay of around 10-12 days for these payments to clear, this can cause problems where there is a deadline for the payment to be made or if you need a refund for any reason (it doesn't let us process a refund until the payment has progressed to cleared so there can be a long wait). Paying by debit/credit card is the quicker option if you are able to do it this way.



### **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Thank you for your kind donations, to date we have raised £272.50. We will leave this item on ParentPay over the weekend if you still wish to donate.