

# VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

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### Message from Mr. Pavey

It is with a heavy heart that I have to let you know Lynn Wilson one of our Lunchtime Play Leaders and Annie Sutton, one of our cleaners, have decided to retire at the end of the term. They will be a greatly missed at our school and I am sure that you will join me in wishing them both a very happy early retirement. Lynn has been with us since March 2011 and has patched up countless grazed knees and put the magic paper towel on hundreds of bumped heads, not to mention the cuddles that have temporarily had to stop! Annie has been at the school since November 2016 and has been a wonderfully dedicated cleaner. Her care and attention to detail has ensured that we have all enjoyed a clean and safe environment. I want to especially thank her for her additional work during this term to keep COVID at bay. Take care ladies and come back to see us whenever you want.

It was lovely this week to hear the beginnings of the children learning lines and listening to Christmas songs in preparation for their Virtual Christmas Productions. We really hope that these will be sent out via Clasdojo or Tapestry at the end of term. The children will also be making the traditional Christmas Card, Calendar and other Christmas crafts to bring home. Last week, I informed you that we don't want children to bring in Christmas Cards from home to distribute to their friends. I know that some people are disappointed about this but there are others who have told me that it is a relief not to worry about cards coming home. The risk from this is very low but there is a slight risk and I would rather be criticised for being too careful than reckless. Children can always, under the supervision of their parent/carer, deliver cards to the homes of their known friends or make private arrangements to exchange these cards. We would also ask that children don't bring in gifts for the staff for the same reasons. A message via email, Dojo or Tapestry are always welcomed.

### COVID Update

I am aware that there are many parents worried about the children going into self-isolate during the last week of term which would mean that they have to isolate on Christmas Day. I completely share this worry and selfishly neither I nor my staff want to have this happen either. The Prime Minister has said that school can't close that week, however we will redouble our efforts to make sure that we are as safe as possible in school as we have been all term. I would ask for your help in this. We still have many parents who refuse to wear a mask on school grounds and don't distance from one another; we have had reports of children having sleep-overs in each other's houses; there are still some parents who send their children into school while other members of the household are awaiting test results. Frankly, I see this behaviour as nothing but selfish and irresponsible. We are all in this together and it is the behaviour of a small minority who increase the likelihood of us having to issue isolation orders to people in our school. Please can I ask all those who are still behaving in this manner to stop and if you are wanting to report anyone for breaking the rules you can [CLICK HERE](#) to take you to Durham Constabulary Live chat or phone 101. We have had to do this on a number of occasions but anyone can do this.

I thought it would be useful to share with you some information that I have just received from Durham County Council. Up to the 5pm on 25<sup>th</sup> November, there was 1 Special School fully closed due to COVID 19 and 57 schools (31 primary schools, 21 secondary settings 5 special schools) who have reported current bubble closures due to COVID-19. Whilst I know that this might not comfort some of you, I do think it is worth noting that many schools are impacted by the virus and we continue to do our very best to keep it away.

### Quick Reminders

As we can't send Christmas cards this year we have set up a ParentPay item where you can make a donation instead, the children in the Community Group will choose which charity to give it to.

### Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 23.11.20)		<u>Our Minimum Target Is 96%</u>
Class	Attendance %	
1	98.6	
2	100	
3	99.3	
4	97.9	
5	95.7	
6	99.2	
7	94.1	
8	94.5	
9	98.0	
10	94.0	
11	96.7	
12	99.0	
13	98.0	
14	99.2	

Well done to classes 1,2,3,4, 6,9,11,12, 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.

### 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	Cooper B	C2	Joselyn B
C3	Olivia Y, Ethan V	C4	Layla P, Lana D
C5	Indie A	C6	Sid P, Aaron Y, Will W
C7	Katie P	C8	Leah B
C9	Skye-Louise D, Ella H	C10	Jack C
C11	Hannah B, Seth W	C12	Sadie B, Thomas C
C13	Kurtis T	C14	Daniel McM

Rights Respecting Certificates were given to Ava H (C13) and Evie C (C14).



### 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 goosebumps are meant warn off predators?

#### **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.

### Christmas Events

#### Christmas lunch

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

#### Parties

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1  
 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Reception

On the day of their party children can come to school in their party clothes. However, these must be appropriate for school and footwear must be appropriate for playing outside.

#### Performances

Recordings of the performances are planned to be uploaded online on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, further details to follow.

#### Christmas Cards

A reminder we are not accepting any Christmas Cards in school this year. If you can, please make a donation to our Christmas Card Appeal on ParentPay which will be sent to a charity chosen by our Community Group. Thank you.

