

# VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

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### Message from Mr. Pavey

It has been a very busy week in school. The children are continuing with their performances from Christmas which will hopefully be ready for you to see during the last week of term. I have enjoyed listening to the children's tales of the Elf on the Shelf and I am just pleased he doesn't come to my house anymore because if he did some of the things he gets up to in yours, I would be sending him straight back to the North Pole.

This week, I have been working with subject leaders and the rest of the Senior Leadership team reviewing the work that the children have been doing this term. We have spent a great deal of time looking through their books and their work around school. I have been so impressed with how hard the children have worked since returning to school in September. It was clear that the standard of work for many children had been negatively impacted by the Lockdown but huge progress has been made. The rate of progress this Autumn term has been far greater than in previous years. I am confident that the vast majority of children will be back on track soon because of the hard work they put in and the fabulous support they get from home and at school.

I saw a lovely thing on the BBC news yesterday morning called the [Random Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar](#). I thought that it would be nice to share this with the children each day and see whether they could achieve some of the challenges and make a positive difference in the run up to Christmas. Some of them may need parental help or supervision to complete so please help if you can. This weekend they are: Saturday – make a gift for someone who is homeless or lonely; Sunday – support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about. Please have a go!

We are inviting children to wear their Christmas/Winter themed jumpers next week. On Wednesday we have our Christmas Dinner day so they can wear them then and on Friday it is the National Christmas Jumper Day. We are not asking for any money but we are asking for donations of tinned food for the Food Bank. It will be quarantined until Monday and have a further quarantine before it is distributed by the Food Bank.

### COVID Update

I am sure you will all share my excitement at the news that we are a step closer to the vaccine. This is fabulous news which I find difficult to process as I have been so accustomed to hearing bad news over the past 8 months. I do have to continue to bang the 'caution drum', as the Prime Minister says, we are not out of the woods yet! We must all continue to follow the same rules as we have been to make sure that we all see it through this unprecedented time in our lives. Relaxing at this stage would only increase the dangers that we face. Please stay safe and help keep others safe too.

### Quick Reminders

There seems to be a little confusion about the date of return after Christmas. In July, I moved the Teacher training day from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to allow us more days in September to prepare for the reopening of school. The children definitely come back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. [Here are the Holiday Dates for this year.](#)

### Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 30.11.20)		<b>Our Minimum Target Is 96%</b>
Class	Attendance %	
1	93.1	
2	96.6	
3	97.3	
4	97.2	
5	99.2	
6	<b>100</b>	
7	96.6	
8	89.1	
9	96.7	
10	96.8	
11	95.7	
12	97.8	
13	95.7	
14	96.7	

Well done to classes 2,3,4,5, 6,7,9,10,12 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.

### 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	Class 1	C2	Fletcher B
C3	Isla S, Arjan S-R	C4	Louis W
C5	Ella P, Amelie C	C6	Max P
C7	Levi B	C8	Hollie F
C9	Noah H, Lily R	C10	Georgia P, Scarlet F
C11	Freddy D, Alfie E	C12	Mikkel W
C13	Evie P	C14	Daisy MacD

Rights Respecting Certificates were given to Bethany B (C11) and Joey H (C12).



### 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 a whale is the biggest mammal?

#### **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.

### Christmas Events

#### Christmas lunch

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Xmas Jumper

#### 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 – Xmas/Winter Themed Jumper Day  
 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 from 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.

