



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2020

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Message from Mr. Pavey

Well done to everyone for making it to the end of an incredibly challenging term. It is hard to cast our minds back to the uncertainty that we faced in September. I remember being fearful of being in a school with over 400 people again after being so isolated since March but the sight of all the children made that fear disappear. There have been many challenges and we have had some bad days but all in all, I believe that it has been an overwhelming success. The children, most of the time, are back in front of their teachers, back with their friends and making huge progress. The virus has definitely not gone away and we are still all living with the fear but together we will prevail.

I am really sad to have to say good-bye to 3 members of our fabulous staff. Mrs Annie Sutton is one of our cleaners, who makes sure that our school is clean and safe for our children and staff, is retiring today. Joining her in retirement is Mrs Lynn Wilson, one of our Lunchtime Play Leaders who has shown so much love and compassion to all our children and Mrs Kathryn Costello, one of our teachers, who has so many important roles in the school that if I were to list them, there would be room for nothing else on this newsletter, is leaving to become the Head Teacher of Cockfield Primary School. Thank-you ladies for all that you have done for our school, you will be missed and we wish you all the very best for the future.

I hope that everyone managed to see the Christmas Productions that I sent out this week on the Class Story section of ClassDojo. From the many comments that parents/carers wrote, it was clear that they brought great joy and emotion to you all. Thank you so much to the children and staff for making sure that the Christmas Production tradition of school was not missed this year.

I want to end this message with heart-felt thanks to all the parents/carers of our children for being fabulously supportive, especially since September. As a parent of school-aged children myself, I know how hard it has been to put trust in school to keep our children safe. The support and kind messages that we have received have given us the strength to keep going and the children have thrived under the most difficult of circumstances. I also want to thank my staff for their bravery in coming to a place where Social Distancing is not possible, living with the constant fear of where the virus is in school and making sure that school is as normal as possible for our children. Special thanks to Mrs Sim and Miss Wren who have been instrumental in making sure everything runs smoothly.

My final and biggest thanks go to our wonderful children. They are why we are all here and the most important part of our school. They have adapted so well to all the changes that they have had to face in school and their smiles and laughter have kept all our spirits up!

I wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas

COVID Update

It is still really important that anyone with COVID Symptoms accesses a test as soon as possible. If a child or member of staff tests has symptoms **before Monday** which results in a positive test result, I will need to send confirmation of this using ClassDojo, identifying who must self-isolate. It is crucial that if this happens, parents/carers must email vaneroadparents@durhamlearning.net

Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 14.12.20)		Our Minimum Target Is 96%
Class	Attendance %	
1	98.5	
2	99.0	
3	100	
4	97.3	
5	91.5	
6	97.0	
7	92.5	
8	89.4	
9	92.4	
10	95.0	
11	96.0	
12	97.3	
13	92.4	
14	95.1	

Well done to classes 1,2,3,4, 6, 11 and 12 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 3 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	Isla D	C2	Jack G
C3	Farah R, Harvey G	C4	Archie L
C5	Jak O, All of Year 2	C6	All of Class 6
C7	Luca D	C8	Layna S
C9	Isla M, Sophie J, Ruby-Rose T	C10	Charlie T
C11	Theo D, Alistair J, Sam B	C12	Dylan F, Josh H
C13	Maddison F	C14	Lucas B

Rights Respecting Certificates were given to Anna C (C7) and Oscar P (C8).



Dates for Your Diary

Return to school: Monday 4th January

Photographer: Tuesday 26th and
Wednesday 27th 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 prompt 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 Banksy once designed a fake banknote?

Rights Respecting - Article 31

You have the right to play and rest.