

# VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

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### Message from Mr. Pavey

It has been another busy week at Vane Road with children dodging the rain and puddles at break times. We were delighted to finally have the sand installed on our giant sandpit in the playground. The delay in having this ready for the children to play with has been finding a solution to ensuring that cats and other wildlife don't use it as their toilet when the children are not playing in it. Last week, we finally installed the bespoke cover which is easy to get on and off. It was lovely to see the children all playing in it and I am sorry if you find sand in your homes – please can we have it back if you do!!

I mentioned in last week's newsletter that despite being used as a polling station next Thursday, school will be fully open. We will need to make the following adjustments as the Studio (room used for out of hours club) will be the polling station. Please can Year 2 parents/carers and children use the car park gate to enter and leave both at the beginning and end of the day; Class 1 parents/carers and children, please keep to the right-hand side (as you approach the school) of the main path allowing voters to access the polling station via the left-hand side; out of hours club will use the hall. Going on past experience, we have a small number of voters but I will be on the main gate at the beginning and end of the day and if necessary will control the number of voters accessing the school at these times. Please rest assured that there will be no mixing of the children, voters or the returning officers and the studio will be deep cleaned before the children are able to access this room the next day. This is certainly not ideal but it is better than returning to remote learning and I will continue to work with the Local Authority to stop the school being used as a polling station in the future. I lost this battle but I am determined to win the war!!

### COVID Update

You may have heard that a number of schools in the local area including Woodham Burn and Woodham Academy have had positive cases of COVID 19 in their schools and have had to close bubbles. The cases have come to light following Lateral Flow Tests of asymptomatic children. Whilst it is frustrating that the positive cases have led to the closure of bubbles, it has shown how valuable these tests are in the fight against the spread of COVID19. If these cases had not been found then these children would have continued to be in school and spread the virus on to other people. Staff in school take tests twice weekly and although we all hold our breath whilst the sample is analysed, it does give us a sense of confidence that we are free from the virus and that if we are positive we can take the appropriate action to stop us spreading the virus further. I would encourage everyone to take these tests regularly.

### Quick Reminders

There was an accident in our car park the other night between two parents as children were leaving school, could we please remind you that our car park is only for staff.

Please remember to keep the office up to date with any changes to your child's details, e.g. address, telephone numbers or lunchtime arrangements. Contact us on Dojo or telephone.

### Attendance



This week's attendance  
(w/c 26.4.21)

Class	Attendance %
1	94.3
2	94.3
3	94.6
4	98.0
5	97.9
6	98.5
7	92.4
8	92.4
9	90.3
10	97.4
11	96.1
12	94.4
13	95.0
14	97.1

#### Our Minimum Target Is 96%

Well done to classes 4,5,6, 10,11 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	Logan H, Lillie S	C2	Savannah McD
C3	Lucas M, Lacey J	C4	Lana D, Anna S
C5	Grace E	C6	Poppy W
C7	William B	C8	Nathan C, Harry H
C9	Ella H	C10	Charlie H, chloe B
C11	Ellie R-C, Emily B, Freddy D, Alistair J, Seth W	C12	Thomas T, Annabel R
C13	Jacob Sp	C14	Adam B

Rights Respecting Certificates were given to Alex J (C5) and Grace A (C6).



### Dates for Your Diary

**May bank holiday:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
**Break up for half term:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
**Return to school:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
**Break up for the summer holidays:**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

### After School Clubs - Summer Term

All after school clubs finish at 4:15pm.

**Monday:** Year 5/6 Athletics

**Tuesday:** Year 4 Athletics

**Wednesday:** Year 4 Netball

**Thursday:** Year 5/6 Cricket

**Friday:** Year 5/6 Football

### 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>

### Local Sports Clubs and Events – New 2021

**Cricket** — Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club — contact Adam Gittins on 07748508239 or algittins@googlemail.com. Visit their website [https://newtonaycliffe.play-cricket.com/website/web\\_pages/233640](https://newtonaycliffe.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/233640)

**Football** – Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club – Visit their website <https://www.nayfc.com/> or contact Bernie 07939 045242

**Badminton** -Newton Aycliffe Badminton Club – contact [peterwalton1@aol.com](mailto:peterwalton1@aol.com) or ring 07917095478. Sessions run every Monday evening 4.00pm – 5.00pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

**Junior Parkrun** - South Park, Darlington - <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/southpark-juniors/>

### **Rights Respecting**

This week we have been revisiting Article 29 - Goals of Education, which gets children thinking about the many reasons why education is important.