

# VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2021

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### Message from Mr. Pavey

I want to start off by telling everyone about a fabulous achievement one of our pupils has completed last week. Alfie, in Year 6, set himself the challenge of 'virtually' walking from John O'Groats to Lands' End. This is a National Challenge which sees people from all over the country walk the 874 miles in as little time as possible. The walk is measured using a 'fitbit' and Alfie started the challenge on 7<sup>th</sup> May, completing it on 27<sup>th</sup> June. He came 4<sup>th</sup> in the whole country and received a Gold Medal for his efforts. This would have been challenging enough but Alfie has trouble with his hips which can make walking painful. Well done Alfie, you have shown amazing resilience, we are really proud of you!

You will recall a couple of weeks ago that the Governors asked the parents/carers for their views on PE kit. At the meeting last night, they considered all the views and decided that we should keep the PE kit policy the same. This means that children will need a white T-shirt, black shorts or skirt, plimsols or trainers. Individual teachers may request the children to bring in a tracksuit on occasions when they are doing PE outside. PE kit should be brought in a drawstring bag as this takes up less space in our cloakrooms and children will be bringing their PE kit home on a Friday to be washed to be brought back each Monday.

### COVID Update

I think it goes without saying that this has been a challenging week and hope that my fears for the last two weeks don't come true. The number of positive cases in our school is actually only 5 which is very low however the impact is being broadly felt by us all. I am sure that you have seen the media coverage about the numbers of children out of school in England being over 385,000 and this is in large part to the PHE and DfE continuing with the strategy of closing whole Bubbles when a positive case is reported. We are constantly reviewing whether or not we can make our Bubbles smaller to minimise the impact of a positive case but there are practical aspects that we simply can't avoid such as toilets, dinner hall and play areas which make any further reduction in the size of the Bubbles extremely difficult. I have spoken at length with PHE about what we are doing in school and they have said that we are doing all we can and the fact that the cases within the Bubbles are not increasing suggests that the cases are not being spread in school.

I am sure most of you were delighted with the England result on Tuesday evening but I found it difficult to understand why as a result of one positive case in Year 6, I was being advised to close the whole Bubble whilst watching 45,000 elated fans hugging, singing and celebrating the victory. The children have missed far too much school and I find it really unhelpful that Gavin Williamson is saying that the Bubble system may go on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

I am sorry to appear to be moaning, we are very lucky to have children in school but I know that many parents/carers are being hugely inconvenienced by the Bubble closures not to mention the children missing more school.

### Quick Reminders

Could we please ask you to make sure that all of your balances are paid in full on ParentPay before we break for summer as we need to prepare for the new academic year, especially if your child is leaving our school.

Dinner money from September will rise to £10.75 per week. Please remember to give us a week's notice in writing to make any lunchtime changes. Thank you

Please make sure you let the office know if your contact details/telephone number changes.

### Attendance



This week's attendance (w/c 28.6.21)		<b>Our Minimum Target Is 96%</b>
Class	Attendance %	
1	87%	
2	98%	
3	N/A	
4	N/A	
5	N/A	
6	N/A	
7	84%	
8	87%	
9	89%	
10	96%	
11	81%	
12	95%	
13	62%	
14	65%	

Well done to Classes 2 and 10 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to **Class 10** 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	Luke H	C2	Hannah, Sophie, Albie
C3	Isla S & Amelia	C4	Isla D
C5	Madison B and Benjamin T-F	C6	Benjamin & Amelia
C7	Jessica	C8	Whole Class
C9	Harry W	C10	Liam G
C11	Theo D	C12	Elliott S
C13	Hallie & Jacob Sm	C14	Adam B



### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Y6 Planet Leisure:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
**NSPCC Speak Out Assembly** – Mon 5<sup>th</sup> July  
**Provisional Sports Day:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
**Y2 Planet Leisure:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
**School Photographs:** CANCELLED  
**Break up for summer:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

### **After School Clubs - Summer Term** **Limited Availability in all Clubs, please Dojo the Office to see if places available**

All morning clubs start **prompt** at 8.20am  
All after school clubs finish at 4:15pm.

**Monday: a.m.** Y4 Netball / **p.m.** Y5/6 Girls Football  
**Tuesday: a.m.** Y4 Athletics / **p.m.** Y4 Tag Rugby  
**Wednesday: a.m.** Y4 Basketball / **p.m.** Y5 Netball  
**Thursday: a.m.** Y3 Athletics / **p.m.** Y6 Cricket  
**Friday: a.m.** Y6 Cricket / **p.m.** Y4/5 Cricket

### **IMPORTANT – COVID 19**

If a member of your household is showing symptoms or awaiting a test result for Covid 19, please **do not** send your child into school until you receive a negative result. Please contact school to let them know your situation. Thank you.

### **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.

<https://www.vaneroadprimary.co.uk/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](mailto: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/>

**Newton Aycliffe FC Junior Section** - Adam Cayless 07825 845962 or [nafcjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:nafcjuniors@gmail.com)

### **Rights Respecting – Articles being looked at next week.**

Article 12 - views of the child, Article 15 - Freedom of association, Article 31 - Leisure and play.