

VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 16TH JULY 2021

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Announcements/Reminders

- Today is the last day of term but Holiday Club is on for those who need childcare over the summer. Please contact them on 07900701981 to book your child's place.
- The school will continue to run the Test and Trace service for the NHS during the first few days of the holiday. If your child tests positive on a LFT or PCR, you must let school know by emailing vaneroadparents@durhamlearning.net. We will then work with PHE to identify close contacts and we will use ClassDojo to contact those affected.
- When we return in September, all children must be in the correct school uniform every day: our uniform policy is grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, white polo t-shirt, maroon cardigan/sweatshirt and black polishable school shoes. Black trainers are not accepted as school shoes. Hair is to be tied up if possible and no jewellery or make up is to be worn in school. This also includes earrings. If your child has just had their ears recently pierced, we will require a letter with the date they were pierced and the date they will be able to remove them. Earrings are not to be covered with plasters after this time for health and safety reasons.
- Please can all parents/carers check any outstanding balances on ParentPay and clear any balances this weekend.
- We say a fond farewell to Mr Cope who has been a teacher at our school since 2011, he takes on a promotion at a school in North Yorkshire; Miss Waters who is one of our TAs, she is leaving to train to be a teacher, We thank them for all their hard work and wish them every happiness in their new adventures.
- Miss Emery is also due to get married over the summer break and we would like to wish her the best of luck for her big day.
- The children return to school on Thursday 2nd September.

Final message from Mr Pavey

We have finally made it to the end of another unprecedented year which seems to have thrown up so many challenges but we have come through it!

I want to start by thanking the parents/carers for all your support over the past 12 months, we really could not have done this without your help and understanding. I completely understand the frustration, inconvenience and heartache that our messages about Bubble isolations causes you. As a parent myself, I had that dreaded message from my daughter's school on Monday night saying she had been a close contact and had to isolate, meaning she misses the end of term and has to isolate for part of the first week of the holidays. I am delighted that the policy of mass isolations will have gone when we return which will hopefully mean we face fewer disruptions to the children's education. Parents/carers have had to adapt at short notice to enable the children to switch to Remote Learning and you have all been incredible in your efforts to keep the children's learning going.

I want to thank all the staff, teachers, TAs, office staff, out of hours' staff, cleaners, cooks, site manager and lunchtime play leaders for all their support and hard work this year. Like parents/carers, they have had to adapt to ever changing situations. They have learned new skills which have enabled the children's learning to continue even when they weren't at school. I think the most stressful time for them was just after Christmas when we all returned and then had to move to Remote Learning as well as continuing to teach a significant number of children in school. The mixed messaging, contradictions and expectations put upon schools made life so challenging but because they want the best for our children, they found a way through. They deserve a well-earned break this summer.

Thanks also go to the Governors of the school, ably led by Dave Wallace, who too have had a challenging year. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to secure a bright future for our school. Their work often goes unnoticed by most but if they weren't so diligent, everyone would soon notice.

My final and most important thanks, go to the children of Vane Road who are the most amazing children, making coming to school a privilege. Seeing their bright smiles each day, makes all the hard work worthwhile. It has been a very hard couple of years for them, they have missed out on so much but we will work really hard over the coming years to make sure we make up for this. We say farewell to our Year 6 children today and wish them well for the future.

We don't have any guidance yet on what measures we need to keep in school in September but we will be in touch when we get this. It is likely that the staggered end of the school day will end so all children finish at 3:15pm and the children will not be restricted to their Bubbles. We will confirm this on 1st September.

As you are aware, my role changes slightly in September and Mrs Sim will be Head of School. Alongside Miss Wren, they will continue to drive the school forward making sure that the school is the best place for every child. I will still have a huge influence on how this is achieved and all the great things about Vane Road will remain with new and exciting ideas being developed all the time.

All it leaves for me to say is, please have a lovely, safe summer and I look forward to seeing everyone back on 2nd September.

Durham County Council are looking to recruit a School Crossing Patrol on Burn Lane (path leading to Ostric Place), Newton Aycliffe.

Hours of duty are 8.00 to 9.00am and 3.10 to 4.00pm. Full uniform and training provided.

The link to the advert is

https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrols/210706

Would you also remind parents that there will probably be no cover for at least the first week in September.

The closing date is 02nd August so hopefully we may be able to process any applications over the summer.

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