

Vane Road Primary School Newsletter – Friday 1st October

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Message from Mrs Sim

I cannot believe we are now in October; the weeks really are flying by.

I would like to begin this week with news of the appointment of our Year 6 class teacher position. Yesterday, we interviewed and appointed Mr Logan who will be joining our Vane Road family after the Christmas break. Some of you may recognize the name as he previously worked with us in 2015-2018. Mr Logan is a highly experienced teacher and I hope you will join me in welcoming him to our school.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to three members of our staff today. Doris Armstrong, one of our much-loved lunchtime supervisors who has been at Vane Road since 2010. Michelle Chappell who is a valued member of our kitchen staff and been with us for 7 years and Laura Kilpatrick, one of our Early Years Teaching Assistants who has been with us since 2020. I would like to thank them for all their contributions to our school and wish them lots of luck with their future endeavours.

I would like to introduce you to a new section of our newsletter-

What do you know now that you didn't know yesterday?

In this section a different year group each week will be sharing the facts, knowledge and skills they have learnt in class. We hope this will give you an insight into their learning.

This week we are starting with Year 6

"I know that the Mayans created the first ever board game called Pok a tok." Hannah

"I know the main diet of the Mayans was maize and they thought if their Gods mixed it with water it would make dough" Penny

"I know that Charles Darwin created the theory of Evolution and was a naturalist however his father Robert Darwin wanted him to pursue a medical career even though that was not his dream" Ava

"I know that by being kind and respectful to everybody means we are happier in school" Jake

Well done to all Year 6



Announcements/Reminders

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Our current total raised is £188.89. Many thanks to all who donated.

'LET THE CHILDREN PLAY' – Thank you for your recent donations towards our breaktime play. We seem to have a shortage of girl's toys and would be very grateful for any further donations. Thank you

PARKING: A reminder that our school car park is for Staff **ONLY** and should not be used by parents. Gates are locked between 8.45/9.15am and 2.45/3.30pm. It is not possible to unlock them during these times. Could we also ask you to park considerably outside the school. Thank you.

COVID 19

Please remember if your child displays any of the following symptoms: continuous cough, high temperature or loss/change in taste or smell they must stay at home and get a PCR test. Please inform the school office as soon as you can. Please send a copy of your PCR test results to the school office (Ms Office on Dojo).

Attendance

This week's attendance

Class	Attendance %
1	92.6
2	92.6
3	89.9
4	98.6
5	95.6
6	97.9
7	97.2
8	97.0
9	91.3
10	88.1
11	87.1
12	96.6
13	83.8
14	97.9

Our Minimum Target Is 96%

Well done to Classes 4,6,7, 8,12 and 14 who have all achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to **Class 4** 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. Names of the children receiving them will be printed here.

C1	Ethan W	C2	Madison B
C3	Logan H, Harriet G	C4	Thomas K, Rayna P, Zach Y
C5	Arjan R, Alexander P	C6	Isaac T, Louis W
C7	Elise O	C8	Amelia A
C9	Leo B,	C10	Kai L, Layla Y
C11	Maisie C	C12	Jensen S, Isobel W
C13	Ava S, Luscha F, Ellie R-C, Nyla P, Malukah W	C14	Thomas C

Rights Respecting Awards were given to Albie R in C9 and Hollie F in C10.



Dates for Your Diary

4th October – Y5 Ancient Egyptian Felting Workshop
6th October – Y5/Y6 Girls Football Festival, Ferryhill
7th October – National Poetry Day
7th October – New Starters 2022 Open Evening (4-5pm)
8th October – Y1 Animal Story Workshop
20th October – Flu Vaccinations
20th October – New Starters 2022 Open Evening (5-6pm)
9th November – Individual & Sibling Photographs
12th November – Children in Need (Non-Uniform/dress up)
15th November – Support Plan Parent's Evening
29th November – Parent's Evening
30th November – Parent's Evening
19th January – Lumiere Event (5.00pm)

Morning Clubs

Morning clubs are now finished.

After School Clubs

w/c 13/9/21 to w/c 18/10/21

3.15pm to 4.15pm

Monday – Y3/Y4 Athletics
Tuesday – Y5/Y6 Athletics
Wednesday – Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby
Thursday – Y5/Y6 Netball
Friday – Y5/Y6 Football

**Information on our new
clubs to follow soon.**

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Could we please remind you that any medicines to be given in school should be handed into Mrs Wilson or the School Office by an adult and not left in your child's bag and taken to class. 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. Visit their website 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 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

Rights Respecting – This week we are looking at:

Article 2: The Convention applies to every child whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, abilities, whatever they think or say, no matter what type of family they come from.

Article 23: A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life in conditions that promote dignity, independence and an active role in the community. Governments must do all they can to provide free care and assistance to children with a disability.

VANE ROAD TOP TABLE IS BACK!

It has been a joy to have all the children back together over lunchtimes. We have been working very hard on our table manners and ensuring lunchtimes are an enjoyable part of the school day for all. Please see below pictures of children who were awarded a Top Table position this week. We look forward to sharing more photographs of children celebrating their [Top Table awards](#). Well done to all!

