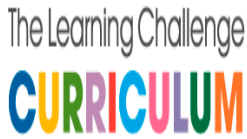




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Christmas Pantomime

Traditionally as a school we have always gone to the pantomime at the Lyceum Theatre in Crewe. However this year we are doing something different! - the pantomime is coming to us!! This Friday 24th November the children will be treated to a performance of Dick Whittington.



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Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Again this year we have decided to support a very worthwhile cause - **The Crewe Rotary Shoebox Scheme**. We still have a number of Shoe Boxes in school and we are hoping to fill them with gifts that will be sent to children and families at Christmas.

If you are able to fill a box please call in at the office and collect a 'green' letter or speak to Mrs Walker.

Boxes can come in straight away.



Christmas Jumper Day - Advance Notice

Once again this year we are taking part in Save the Children's Christmas jumper day. The event is taking place on Friday 15th December. For more information about Christmas jumper day please visit <https://christmasjumperday.org/>

Pop Project, another Christmas Treat!

On Monday 4th December The Pop Project is coming into school to start off our Christmas celebrations in style!

Their "Christmas Special", features Christmas songs, party songs and lots of opportunities for children (and staff) to sing along. The show follows a "through the decades" theme with all the fun bits, including the dance crazes and favourite toys and games of each decade from the 50's to the present day.

There is no charge for this event, we are paying the bill!!!

You can find our Facebook page at:



www.facebook.com/VineTreePrimarySchool

You can follow us on Twitter at:



www.twitter.com/VineTreePrimary

Uniform Guidelines

- Red V-Neck Sweatshirt
- White shirt or white / red polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers
- School shoes, no trainers
- Red Cardigan or jumper
- White blouse or white / red polo shirt
- Grey or black skirt, pinafore or trousers
- School shoes, no trainers or high heels

Could you also ensure that your child has a warm coat for outdoor play in the colder weather. Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name.

PE

PE kits should be in school every day and should consist of:

Indoor kit

- PE pumps
- Black shorts
- White t-shirt

You can order school uniform direct from the school office. We carry most items in school so you can check you have the correct size.

Outdoor

- Black jogging trousers
- Long sleeved top for the colder months
- Trainers



Money and Letters

Due to financial regulations and in order for us to have a 'Paper Trail' of evidence **we no longer are allowed to accept cash handed in to the office.**

Parents are asked to ensure that any money brought into school is in a sealed named envelope. This money will then be collected by the teacher and sent to the school office where it will be locked away until required.

Don't forget that you can use our letterbox (see above picture) which is located in the school entrance. This letterbox can also be used to 'drop off' any payments if you do not want your child to bring in the named envelope.



Breakfast Club

The club will start at 8:00am and is located in the mobile. **The cost will be £3:00 per day and you must pay and be booked into the club in advance.** Simply call into the school office to book your place.

Please do not send your child to the club without an advanced booking as this will cause problems and may result in your child being unable to attend the club.

If you need to cancel a place at the club 24 hours notice must be given. If you do not give us 24 hours notice you will still be charged for a place.



Adverse Weather Guidance

If snow falls heavily during the school day our priority is to ensure that our young children reach home safely. We would be grateful if parents could ring school to check if children will be allowed to leave earlier with parents/carers. Please let us know if arrangements differ from the usual ones. I have known occasions when parents have been stuck on the roads or at work and school have not been in a position to know how to return children to a suitable address. If you were unable to contact us we would begin by using the names you have given to us on the contact lists. Please check if you are not sure that these are up to date.

If the snow falls heavily during the night or before school opens, please listen to Radio Stoke or Signal Radio as information about school closures will be broadcast. We would be grateful if all parents could follow this advice, even if they live very close to school as there are some members of staff who live a distance away and who may be delayed or unable to reach school. We will also send everyone a text message as well as putting a notice on the front page of our website.

If you have changed your mobile number recently it is very important that you update us with your new number.

Thank you for your help.

Holiday Dates 2017 - 2018

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
Christmas 2017/2018 Half Term	Wednesday 20th December Friday 16th February	Monday 8th January Monday 26th February
Easter 2018 Half Term	Thursday 29th March Friday 25th May	Monday 16th April Tuesday 5th June
Summer 2018	Tuesday 24th July	
In-service training days for Teachers		
Monday 4th September		
Wednesday 25th July		
Thursday 26th July		
Monday 30th October		
Monday 4th June	Bank Holiday	Monday 7th May



Class Assemblies

Below is a list of all the class assemblies. You are welcome to come along to share in your child's work. All assemblies will begin at **9:10am (please note the change in time)** promptly and last for approximately 15 minutes.

DATE	YEAR GROUP/STAFF MEMBER
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 5
Wednesday 6 th December	Reception
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 6

Christmas Performances

A letter will shortly be going out regarding our Christmas performances. The dates for the performances are as follows:-

Tuesday 12th December - Key Stage 1 afternoon performance (1:30pm start)

- Year 3 and 4 evening performance (6:30pm start)

Wednesday 13th December - Year 3 and 4 afternoon performance (1:30pm start)

- Key Stage 1 evening performance (6:30pm start)



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas dinner is on Friday 8th December; a letter will be sent out shortly regarding this fabulous meal.



Children In Need - Thank You!!!

A massive thank you to those parents who baked for Children in Need. The day was a great success and that was due to your generosity. We raised a huge amount of £145.20 Thank you!

Christmas Parties

The dates have been arranged for our Christmas parties. They will take place on the following days:-

Monday 18th December: Year 5 and 6 Party

Tuesday 19th December (am) Key Stage 1 Party, (pm) Year 3 and 4 party

Dates for the Autumn Term (2nd half)



November

Friday 24th - M and M Pantomime in school Dick Whittington (pm)

Wednesday 29th - Year 5 class assembly (9:10am)

Thursday 30th - Christmas Bingo (6:30pm)

December

Monday 4th - The Pop Project Christmas Show (am) - all children, no charge

Tuesday 5th - Reception children visit The Ice Cream Farm

Wednesday 6th - Reception class assembly (9:10am)

Thursday 7th - Key Stage 2 children at All Saints Church—Christmas service (am)

Thursday 7th - Year 6 SAT's Meeting (5:30pm)

Friday 8th - Christmas Lunch

Friday 8th - Year 5 and 6 sleepover at school

Saturday 9th - Hand bells club playing at M and S Food (10:30am - 12:00pm)

Tuesday 12th - Key Stage 1 Christmas Celebration (1:30pm)

Tuesday 12th - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration (6:30pm)

Wednesday 13th - Year 6 Class assembly (9:10am)

Wednesday 13th - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration (1:30pm)

Wednesday 13th - Key Stage 1 Christmas Celebration (6:30pm)

Thursday 14th - Christmas Disco - Key Stage 1 - (4:00pm - 5:00pm)

- Key Stage 2 - (5:15pm - 6:15pm)

Friday 15th - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 18th - Year 5 and 6 Christmas party (pm)

Tuesday 19th - Key Stage 1 party (am), Year 3 and 4 party (pm)

Halloween Spooktacular

What an amazing event our Halloween Spooktacular was last month. The fireworks were truly fantastic and I would like to thank all the people who attended. Altogether we raised a massive total of £1600.

Parking on Dane Bank Avenue

Could I respectfully remind people not to park on the pavement or over neighbours driveways with their cars. Before the holidays a number of pedestrians have been having problems getting up and down the road, particularly those parents who have younger children in prams and buggies.

Coming Soon - Online Payment System!

We are in the process of setting up an online payment system for dinner money, school visits, breakfast club etc. We will be sending out a letter shortly with more details on how to sign up for this new system.