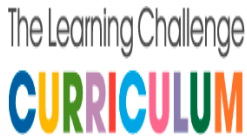




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welcome Staffing News

After February half term we will have Mrs Sampson join the staff at Vine Tree. Mrs Sampson is an experienced member of staff with many years experience in both Key Stage 1 and 2. She will be teaching in Year 5 on a Monday and in Year 1 on a Friday. Mrs Sampson replaces Mrs Clothier who leaves us to join another school as a SENCO (her dream job)! Mrs Clothier has not been with us very long but we wish her all the best in her new role, we will miss her!

In addition, after February half term, Mrs O'Neill, joins us to work part time as a teaching assistant. Many of you will know Mrs O'Neill as both a parent and Midday Supervisor.

Welcome to Team Vine Tree!!

thank you!

Fundraising and Charity School Events

Can I thank all those children and parents that have either attended or supported some of our fantastic events over the last few months.

The organising of such activities is a difficult task and I am very grateful to the many people that have given up their time to make them such a success. Each event raises money for a worthwhile charity or to spend on future in school activities and our last five events have raised the following amounts:-

Children in Need - £171.92

Football Day - £129.00

Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) - £91.00

Bingo Night - £423.35

Christmas Raffle - £244.90



Parents' Evening

Parents' evening this term will be run over 2 nights. We will be delighted to see you on either night for a formal appointment with your child's class teacher. The dates for parents' evening this year are Tuesday 28th March 5:30pm - 8:00pm and Wednesday 29th March 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Further details will be sent out via our text messaging service..

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.

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You can find our Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/VineTreePrimarySchool

Uniform Guidelines — a reminder

We are still having a number of children who are coming to school in trainers, **trainers are not school uniform**. Equally our uniform policy states, **a plain long sleeved top or hoodie and a plain white t-shirt**.

- Red V-neck jumper or cardigan
- White shirt or white polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers
- Black or grey knee length skirt
- Grey pinafore dress / Red gingham dress during summer months
- School shoes, **no trainers at all**

Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name.

PE - Indoor kit

- PE pumps / trainers
- Plain black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt

Outdoor

- Black jogging trousers
- Red school hoodie or red / black plain hoodie
- Plain long sleeved top or hoodie for the colder months
- Trainers



Before and After School Club

Breakfast and After School Club - The Tree House operated by Premier Education

We would like to introduce you all to Premier Education and our new Wraparound Club at Vine Tree Primary School that opened last week.

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all to our new Wraparound Club at Vine Tree Primary School. My name is Michaela Stubbs. I have three young children and we love doing arts and crafts together. I have worked in a primary school for over 7 years in various roles, but my favourite role has always been working in the before and after school, so I am delighted to join Premier Education as the Manager of The Tree House Wraparound Club. I have qualifications in childcare, food hygiene, safeguarding and paediatric first aid

I would also like to introduce some of the staff that will be working alongside me. We have Marie and Jessica and we are also very lucky to have some of the fabulous Premier Education sports coaches joining us to run different sports activities at the after-school club. The Wraparound Club is Ofsted registered and we are available for all children from Reception to Year 6.

Times and prices per session: -

Breakfast Club 7.30am until 8.45am: £5

After School Club until 4.30pm: £5

After School Club until 6pm: £10.50

Breakfast Club: - Children will have the choice of cereals, toast, fruit, and fresh juice. They will also have a variety of activities and games set up for them to play with. At 8am we take the children outside for a physical activity before they go into class at 8.40am

After School Club: -Children will be collected from their classroom and brought to The Tree House room where they will have a free choice of daily crafts and a variety of games and learning activities from 3pm until 3.45pm. From 3.45pm until 4pm it will be snack time, where the children will be offered a healthy snack. We have a two-week rotational menu. We can also meet all children's dietary needs as required. At 4.15pm we will take the children outside or into the school hall for physical activities. If the children are staying until 6pm we will go back inside at 4.30pm for free play and then back outside or to the hall for additional physical activities from 5.30pm till 6pm

I am very excited to welcome as many children as possible and their families, to our Wraparound Club here at Vine Tree Primary School.

For further information and bookings please visit: - www.premier-education.com or email sgray@premier-education.com

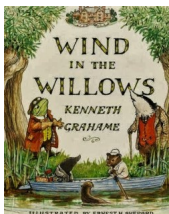


Image Theatre - Wind in the Willows

On Thursday 30th March we will be having our annual visit from Image Theatre. The theatre company will be performing Wind in the Willows to the children as an end of term treat (there is no cost to parents)

Holiday Dates 2022 - 2023

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
Half Term	Friday 17 th February	Monday 27 th February
Easter 2023	Friday 31 st March	Monday 17 th April
Half Term	Friday 26 th May	Tuesday 6 th June
Summer 2023	Thursday 20 th July	
In-service training days for Teachers		
	5 th June 2023	
	21 st July 2023	
Bank Holiday		
	Monday 1 st May	
	Monday 8 th May	

Holiday Dates 2023 - 2024

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
Summer 2023		Wed 6 th September
Half Term	Thursday 19 th October	Tuesday 31 st October
Christmas 2023/2024	Friday 22 nd December	Monday 8 th January
Half Term	Friday 16 th February	Monday 26 th February
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 th March	Monday 15 th April
Half Term	Friday 24 th May	Tuesday 4 th June
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 rd July	
In-service training days for Teachers		
	4 th September 2023	
	5 th September 2023	
	20 th October 2023	
	30 th October 2023	
	3 rd June 2024	
Bank Holiday		
	Monday 6 th May 2024	

Dates for the Spring Term



February

17th - School closes for half term
27th - School Reopens
- Theme week - World Book Day
28th - School closed (strike action)

March

2nd - World Book Day
3rd - Non Uniform day - Bingo donation (letter to follow)
3rd - Gingerbread Socks - World Down Syndrome Day Awareness Assembly
8th - Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting (6pm)
15th - School Closed (strike action)
16th - School Closed (strike action)
17th - Comic Relief Day (letter to follow)
20th - Year 6 Residential - Petty Pool Outdoor Centre
21st - Year 6 Residential - Petty Pool Outdoor Centre
- World Down Syndrome Day (letter to follow)
22nd - Bingo Night (6pm)
23rd - World Maths Day
28th - Easter Dinner (letter to follow)
- Parent Evening (5:30pm to 8pm)
29th - Parent Evening (3:30pm to 6pm)
30th - Image Musical Theatre in school - Wind in the Willows (pm)
31st - **End of Term**

April

17th - School Reopens



OFSTED Visit

As you will be aware OFSTED visited our wonderful school for two days, 17th and 18th January. Once the report is made public we will send it out to you via our email system.

On a personal note thank you to all the parents that spoke so positively about the school and thank you to everyone that filled in the parent questionnaire. The inspector shared all your comments with myself and as a school we appreciate them all.

A huge thank you to all the staff who work so tirelessly to provide the great quality of education that your children deserve. They work long hours way beyond the school day to produce exciting learning for their classes and their hard work and dedication makes Vine Tree such a special place!

Finally a massive thank you to the children, they were amazing during the inspection, they represented the school fantastically well and spoke so eloquently and maturely to the inspector. Once the report is published a well deserved treat will be in order!



Did you know that Vine Tree Primary has an Easyfundraising account? Don't forget to help raise funds for Vine Tree Primary School whenever you shop online!

Use Easyfundraising to shop with over 3,600 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com - and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy!

Help support us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/vinetreepriamary/>

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

This is just to remind parents that the Free School Meals entitlement still exists for all eligible families. Cheshire East Council will continue to award free school meals to the families that receive the qualifying incomes as outlined below, and whose children attend a Cheshire East school:-

- Income support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed **£16,190**.
- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- If you have recently become unemployed or have reduced your working hours and have been granted the four week working tax credits.

You will be aware that school meals are free for all Key Stage 1 children, however we still require you to register your eligibility with Cheshire East.

Please note - it is very important that if you are entitled to free school meals, you register with Cheshire East even if your child does not wish to have a meal each day or is in Key Stage 1 . We receive more funding as a school based on the number of children entitled to free school meals.

If you feel that you qualify for Free School Meals (even if you choose to still send your child with a packed lunch) please contact Free School Meals Cheshire East on **0300 123 5012** or Email: free-schoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk or via the Web on http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/education_and_learning/schools/free_school_meals.aspx

Pupil Premium

This is additional funding that your child's school can claim. It is available for any child who qualifies for free school meals due to their family income.

The money can be used by the school to help to provide more support to the children, to help develop children's academic progress, their self esteem or their social and emotional skills.

For each child registered, the school will receive:

- £1320 for pupils in reception through to Year 6.
- £300 for pupils where either parent is a serving member of the armed forces or has been in service during the child's education.

Collection of Children

Could you please ensure that if your child is being collected by somebody different at the end of the day that you have informed either the office, the child's childminder or your child's class teacher in the morning.



Future Residential Trip

Year 6 have a very exciting class residential visits are planned next month. The class are visiting Petty Pool Outdoor Centre in Sandiway, Cheshire from Monday 20th March to Wednesday 22nd March. Please go and have a look at their website

<https://www.pettypool.org.uk/outdoor-centre/>

Attendance Procedures - Important Update

Please see below important information regarding term time holiday requests., taken from our school policy.

- The school will require parents to observe the school holidays as prescribed.
- The headteacher will be unable to authorise holidays during term-time.
- The headteacher will be only allowed to grant a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. Applications will be made in advance and the headteacher will be satisfied by the evidence which is presented, before authorising term-time leave.
- The headteacher will determine the amount of time a pupil can be away from school during term-time. Any leave of absence is at the discretion of the headteacher.
- Any requests for leave during term-time will be considered on an individual basis and the pupil's previous attendance record will be considered.

Requests for leave will not be granted in the following circumstances:

- ⇒ Immediately before and during assessment periods
- ⇒ When a pupil's attendance record shows any unauthorised absence
- ⇒ Where a pupil's authorised absence record is already above 10 percent for any reason
- ⇒ Requests for leave in September
- ⇒ When the request for absence is made with less than 2 weeks' notice
- ⇒ When a child's absence is already below 97%
- ⇒ When the request for absence is not exceptional.

If parents take their child out of school during term-time without authorisation from the headteacher, they may be subject to sanctions such as penalty fines imposed by the Local Authority.

The imposition of fixed penalty fines for parents and carers taking children out of school in unauthorised circumstances will be imposed by the Local Authority and not the school. The penalties for unauthorised absence are detailed below.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance