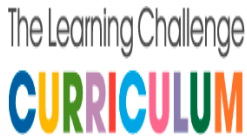




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CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES - SEPTEMBER 2022

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School Captains

TEAM	KEY STAGE TWO (YEAR 6)
HAWK Captain	Freya Wilkie
Vice	Logan Clark
EAGLE Captain	Olivia Pienaar
Vice	Harry Tatton-Sant
KESTREL Captain	Sam Bellingham
Vice	Blake Stanyer
FALCON Captain	Cara Apps
Vice	Alex Medeleanu

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Year 6 Leadership Team

Head Boy	Bailey Hudson
Head Girl	Holly Yuill
Deputy Head Boy	Kevin Bitten-Broomhall
Deputy Head Girl	Matilda Wakefield
Deputy Head Girl	Olivia Lucas
Deputy Head Girl	Ayla Arslan

Recycling / ECO Officers (Year 6)

Jay Cooper
Layla Taqadusi
Tegan Gill
Lawy Faruk

Toy Shop / Play Leaders

Lillie Watson
Ayla Arslan
Jasmine Irish
Olivia Lucas
Jasmina Kere
Jay Cooper

E-safety Monitors (Year 5)

Noah Yates
Lexi Irish

Attendance Officers (Year 6)

Matilda Wakefield
Jasmine Irish

All of the children above have been given special responsibilities in school this year. A special mention goes to our Year 6 Leadership Team who were chosen after a rigorous application process, their letters of application were amazing!



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



MacMillan Coffee morning - Thank you

A massive thank you to those parents donated cakes and came to you coffee afternoon. The day was a great success and that was due to your generosity. We raised a huge amount of £298.83. Thank you!

Holiday Dates 2022 - 2023

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
Christmas 2022/2023	Friday 16 th December	Tuesday 3 rd January
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		
	1 st September 2022	
	2 nd September 2022	
	31 st October 2022	
	5 th June 2023	
	21 st July 2023	
Bank Holiday		
	Monday 1 st May	
	Monday 8 th May (awaiting confirmation)	



Naming Personal Items

We already have a lot of lost property so please, please, please can I ask parents to make sure that all coats, jumpers, cardigans, t-shirts, shirts, PE kit, lunch bags etc. are named! It is very difficult to locate lost items when we have several red sweatshirts or twenty Ben 10 lunchboxes that all look exactly the same! Thank you for your cooperation!



Class Assemblies - a reminder

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 **9:05am** promptly and last for approximately 15 - 20 minutes. **Please note that two assemblies take place on a Tuesday.**

Tuesday 8 th November	Year 2
Wednesday 9 th November	Year 5
Tuesday 15th November	Reception
Wednesday 16 th November	Year 6
Tuesday 29th November	Year 4
Wednesday 30 th November	Year 3



Christmas Parties

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

Tuesday 13th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas party

Wednesday 14th December - Reception Christmas party (am), Year 5 and 6 Christmas party (pm)

Thursday 15th December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas party

On party days children can come to school in their best party gear, more details to follow!

Dates for the Autumn Term



November

- 2nd - Cricket in school sessions start until Christmas (Year 1 and Year 4)
- 4th - Crewe Alex in school sessions start until half term (Year 2 and Year 5)
- 8th - Year 2 class assembly
 - Year 3 Grandparents lunch
- 9th - Year 5 class assembly
 - Year 1 infant agility at Cheshire College South and West (10am - 12pm) **NEW DATE**
- 10th - Year 2 infant agility at Cheshire College South and West (10am - 12pm) **NEW DATE**
- 14th - Theme Week - World Cup and Maths
- 15th - Reception class assembly
 - Year 4 Grandparents Lunch
 - FLUENZ nasal spray (Reception to Year 6)
- 16th - Year 6 class assembly
- 17th - Dress as your favourite footballer (£1 donation) **DATE CHANGE**
- 18th - Children in Need - '**Bright and Colourful or Show your Spots**' (£1 donation)
- 22nd - Year 5 Grandparents Lunch
- 23rd - Whole School Panto (in school)
 - Non Uniform Day - **Early Christmas Jumper Day** (Donations - biscuits, tins, and items for a food hamper, toilet-eries, chocolates, wine or other bottles). **NEW DATE**
- 25th - Home and School meeting (2:15pm) **NEW DATE**
- 29th - Year 4 Class Assembly
 - Year 6 Grandparents lunch
- 30th - Academy Photographers in school (individual, family, siblings)
 - Year 3 class assembly
 - BINGO night (6pm) **NEW DATE**

December

- 6th - Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity (1:30pm)
 - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert (6:00pm)
- 7th - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert (1:30pm)
 - Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity (6:00pm)
- 9th - Christmas Lunch
 - Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)
- 13th - Key Stage 1 Christmas party
- 14th - Reception Christmas party
 - Year 5 and 6 Christmas party



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas dinner is on Friday 9th December; a letter will soon be sent out regarding this fabulous meal. Please return the letter by Friday 25th November. If your child does not want a Christmas Lunch please remember to send them with a packed lunch as no other hot dinner choices are available on that day.



Christmas Jumper Day

Once again this year we are taking part in Save the Children's Christmas jumper day. The event is taking place on Friday 9th December. We are asking the children to bring in a £1 donation for this amazing charity. For more information about Christmas jumper day please visit <https://christmasjumperday.org/>



Christmas Post Box

From Monday 5th December a Christmas post box can be found in the entrance for the children to post their Christmas cards to each other. Please ensure that both the child's name and class are on the envelope, thank you.

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: freeschoolmeals@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 or your child's class teacher in the morning.

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Staffing News

I am sure that you will all join me in welcoming Mrs Clothier to Vine Tree Primary School! Mrs Clothier is an experienced member of staff who has joined us this term She will be teaching in Year 5 on a Monday and in Year 1 on a Friday.

In addition Mrs Timmis has agreed to work an extra day a week whilst Mrs Brocklehurst is on maternity. Therefore, Mrs Timmis will now be working Monday to Thursday.



BINGO is back!

We are holding a non-uniform day for the children on **Wednesday 23rd November (changed from the original date of the 11th)**. The optional theme for the non-uniform day is 'Early Christmas Jumper Day.' The theme gets us in the mood for our whole school panto that performs for us on **the same day**.

The purpose of our non-uniform day is to help us provide prizes for our **Christmas Bingo which takes place on Wednesday 30th November at 6:00pm**. To enable your child to take part in the day could you please send in biscuits, tins, and items for a food hamper, toiletries, chocolates, wine or other bottles.



Bikes and Scooters in school - a reminder

It's great to see so many children coming to school on their bikes or scooters, keep it up! Unfortunately having more vehicles on site can create a traffic problem. Recently we have had a number of children who have ridden their bikes on site in or around people. This can be quite dangerous, could you please talk to your children about the potential dangers and encourage them not to ride their bike on school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

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

Vine Tree Home and School Association Need Your Help!

Come along to the first informal meeting of the, hopefully soon to be reformed, **Vine Tree Home and School Association**, on **Friday 25th November at 2:15pm**. The Vine Tree Home and School Association are looking to restart and we really **do** need your help to make it happen.