

### School Lunches

Today, children across school returned to eating their school lunch in the hall or studio. This has been carefully planned to ensure that children remain in their year group bubbles and bubbles do not mix. A full menu is once again on offer and these are available for parents to view on the school website.

The children really enjoyed being back in the hall to eat their lunch.



### Music Lessons

We are very pleased to have music lessons back up and running in school, in line with the government guidance. We have a number of children taking up private music tuition with Louise Bradley (piano and harp) and Bob Howitt (drums). Violin lessons, taught by Tees Valley Music, will also be starting again soon.

Whole class music lessons are also back underway in Key Stage 2, with children all receiving a fortnightly guitar lesson. As you may know, previously, children in Key Stage 1 were taught the ukulele as part of our music curriculum. Although, this is not able to take place at the moment, we hope to have these lessons back up and running soon.

### Forest Schools

On Wednesday 30th September it will be Year 3's turn to take part in an educational forest school lesson. Class 8 will have their session in the morning and Class 7 in the afternoon. **Children can come to school in their forest school clothes.** Please ensure they have a waterproof coat/suitable footwear.

### Ofsted Letter

Following on from the information shared last week about our recent Ofsted visit, we have attached to this newsletter the letter we received following the visit.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place via Zoom during the week commencing Monday 19th October. Each class will be allocated a day during that week with appointments being made available for parents between 10am and 6.30pm.

Allocating a full day, as we did in the Summer term, rather than our usual two evenings, will allow us to operate the school day as normal, including the running of Breakfast & Tea Club and after-school clubs.

We will let you know when appointments are available to book on our Parents' Evening system.



## Newsletter

Monday 28th September 2020

### Stars of the Week

Our stars of the week are:

**Nursery:** Vesper **Class 1:** George **Class 2:** Kai  
**Class 3:** Aryana **Class 4:** Charlie **Class 5:** Harriet **Class 6:** India  
**Class 7:** Samuel **Class 8:** Lyra **Class 9:** Arlo **Class 10:** Edward  
**Class 11:** Lucas **Class 12:** Harry **Class 13:** Charlie  
**Class 14:** Katie

### Secondary School Information for Year 6 Pupils

Last week, all parents of Year 6 children should have received information from Sedgfield Community College about their virtual open day, which is available on their website from Thursday 8th October. In addition, children should have brought home today some information we have been sent by Northfield School for prospective pupils.

### October Half-Term Holiday Club

Holiday Club will take place during the October half-term (Monday 26th-Friday 30th October). More information about this will follow on next week's newsletter.

### Parking

The new car park has now been open for a number of weeks and, we hope you'll agree, is making a big difference to traffic and congestion around school at drop-off and pick-up times.

However, we do ask parents to ensure they park within the marked bays and do not park across multiple spaces when using the car park as we have had a number of complaints about this.

### Nursery

Our new Nursery cohort have settled in brilliantly. They are really enjoying exploring our Nursery provision, learning through play and making new friends.

We have had a number of questions from parents regarding a January intake to Nursery for children who turn three during the Autumn term. Nursery is almost full, however, if we do have any remaining Nursery places in January, we will begin the process of allocating these after October half-term. This will be done in line with our Nursery admissions policy and, following this, we will contact parents of those children eligible to offer the remaining places.



### Worships

As you know, collective worship is held daily in school. Usually, worships take place in the school hall, however, during the current circumstances daily class worships have been taking place. We have recently invested in webcams for use across school which will allow us to introduce some virtual whole school worships in the coming weeks. We will also be introducing a weekly virtual worship led by Reverends Mark and Emily Hudghton, the church leaders of Vine Church Wynyard. We look forward to welcoming Mark and Emily into school to work with the children, albeit virtually initially.