



Valley Invicta Primary School at Leybourne Chase

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back

We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer, its been lovely seeing the children back in school.

School Attendance

As we head into academic year 2021-2022 and following guidance from Department for Education it is

- a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where the child is a registered pupil at school
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability for schools and local authorities to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

If you child is off sick for any reason please notify the school office by either of the following, via the absence phone line on 01732 840 908 or via the absence section in ParentMail.

Pupils who are required to self-isolate as they have symptoms or confirmed COVID-19

Pupils who have symptoms of COVID-19, or have had a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test, should self-isolate and get a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. If a pupil tests negative and if they feel well, they can stop self-isolating and return to school.

Pupils who are a close contact of someone who has symptoms or confirmed COVID-19

Pupils who are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to self-isolate. They should instead get a PCR test, and should only self-isolate if they test positive.

Pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable

Clinically extremely vulnerable people are no longer advised to shield. All clinically extremely vulnerable pupils should attend school unless they are one of the very small number of children and young people under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their clinician or other specialist not to attend.

Pupils required by legislation to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine

As usual, parents should plan holidays within school breaks. Families should also consider that their child may need to self-isolate following trips overseas that require a period of quarantine.



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Happy Birthday

Bradley and Iris in Panda Class, Jacob in Year 2, Carleigh in Year 3, Hector in Year 4 and Olivia and Taylor in Year 5 all celebrate their birthdays this week.



Happy Birthday to you all, enjoy your special day.

Notices / Reminders

- School dinners must be ordered via the online ordering system by **Saturday at midnight**. The school will no longer be ordering and taking payments for school meals. Follow this link to register and order school dinners for next week:
<https://innovate2020.cashlesschool.co.uk/>
- On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery or earrings for PE lessons.
- There are no school run after school clubs during the first and last week of term. After school clubs will start week commencing 13 September. Details to follow via ParentMail.
- Children should be wearing Winter Uniform during terms 1 - 4.
- We are no longer operating a staggered start and end to school day.

Drop off and Collection Times - Years 1 to 6

Morning Drop Off

- Children should arrive to school via the main gate from **8.30-8.40am**
- Children only, should enter via the main gate via the car park and walk through the main playground. There will be only one gate open and a member of staff will supervise.
- Children arriving to school after 8.40am should report to the school office, with an adult where they will be asked to sign their child in.

Afternoon Collection

- The end of school day, for the whole school will be **3.20pm**
- Parents should collect from the main playground:
 - ◇ Years 1 & 2 parents should wait by their classroom doors
 - ◇ Year 3 collection will be from the climbing frame
 - ◇ Year 4 collection will be from the flower bed
 - ◇ Year 5 collection will be from the gazebo
 - ◇ Year 6 collection will be from the fence

Healthy Snacks

We would like to remind all parents that fruit only should be provided for snack time. Please do not send in cereal or any alternative snacks. Teachers will not be allowing children to eat snacks other than fruit so please do not send them in.



Drop off and Collection Times - Panda Class

	Morning Drop Off	Collection Times
Monday 6 September - Wednesday 8 September	8.30 to 9.00am	11.45
Thursday 9 September - Friday 10 September	8.30 to 9.00am	1.30pm (children staying for lunch)
Monday 13 September	8.30 to 8.40am	3.20pm

Panda Class Parent Lunch - Friday 10 September - 11.50am

Lunch will be served at 11.50 after which we invite you to stay and play with your child until 1pm. At 1 pm Miss George will be hosting a phonics talk for all Panda class parents which we would encourage you to attend.

If you would like to attend this lunch/phonics talk please let the school office know before **3pm on Tuesday 7th September**.



The role of every parent association is to better the school experience for EVERY child – quite simply the best reason to get involved!

Could you spare some of your time to help the PTA?

Mrs Craig will be holding a meeting for anyone who would like further details, in the School Hall on

Wednesday 15 September - 2.30pm

Year 6 Bikeability

Cycle training can make the biggest difference to your child's safety on the roads and provide an important life skill.

Year 6 will be taking part in Bikeability Cycle Training - week commencing Monday 13 September

If you wish your child to take part please return the consent form and make payment via the ParentMail payment section by **Wednesday 8 September**

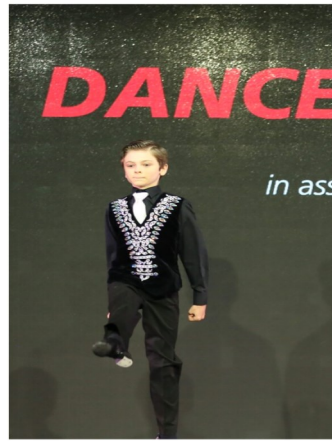


Outside Achievements

Christopher in Year 6 took part in Dance World Cup 2020-2021 this summer. It was a quite big event with dancers from 62 countries worldwide.

Christopher danced in 5 categories with his friends and came first in all of them receiving gold medals!

Well done Christopher we are very proud of you!



Dates for your Diary

Please find below our proposed dates for the diary. We are unable to give out our normal dates for your diary due to the current government guidelines.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6 September	Reception Class Start 8.30/9 - 11.45
Thursday 9 September	Reception Class 8.30/9.00 - 1.30 (staying for lunch)
Thursday 9 September	Year 6 Kent Test
Friday 10 September	Panda Class Lunch
Monday 13 September	Reception Class Start full time 8.30/9.00 - 3.20
W/C Monday 13 September	Year 6 - Bikeability
Wednesday 15 September	PTA Meeting School Hall
Friday 24 September	Grandparent Day / Macmillan - <i>details to follow</i>
Friday 1 October	Individual School Photos
Thursday 16 October	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 16 October	Parents Evening
Friday 22 October	End of Term 1
Monday 1 November	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 2 November	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 3 November	Start of Term 2 - all children return