



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 18th May 2018



A Message from Mrs Hawkings

Year 6 have completed their SATs this week. We are very proud of how they conducted themselves and know they have done their very best. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff for their hard work prior and during the SATs process.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to my coffee afternoon. Your Post-it notes are covering the walls of my office! I want to keep you updated with your suggestions and I am currently looking into new reading records for KS2 and more spellings for KS2.

Thank you also to all of you who supported your children with learning their lines and song lyrics for the Summer Production auditions. Mrs Richardson and I were amazed by the quality of performance and parts will be assigned shortly.

Walk to School Week Monday 21st May—Friday 25th May

We are pleased to support 'Walk to School Week'. Whilst we hope as many parents as possible will leave their cars at home, we appreciate that many cannot avoid driving. In order to include everyone we encourage you to 'park and stride'. Either by parking safely away from the school and walking the remaining distance or to arrive early and walk a lap of the Burydene with your child. Please note that this will not be supervised by the school and must be under total parental supervision. Thank you

Events and Reminders

- 20th May Mrs Hawkings 'Welcome' Service at St. Marys' 10:00am all welcome
- 21-25th May Walk to School Week
- 22nd May New Starters meeting for Yr R 2018
- Fri 25th May Second hand Uniform Sale

Half term 26th May—3rd June

Term Dates and Calendar are also available on our Website

Zippies—School Book Bags

Please note that children should be bringing book bags (zippies) and drawstring bags for PE, **NOT rucksacks**, as we do not have enough room for them on the children's pegs. Thank you for your helping in keeping the school corridors tidy.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

Our next sale of second-hand uniform will be Friday 25th May at 3:30pm on the playground. Donations of unwanted uniform gratefully received. Thank you

PE Kit

Please note that children should have their PE kit in school all week. If it is not in school you may receive a call to bring it in. Thank you

Dates for your Diary

- 22/05 New Starters meeting
- 21-25/05 Walk to School week
- 25/05 Second-hand Uniform Sale
- 06/06 Yr 6 Trip
- 07/06 Ferns 2:30pm
- 07/06 Beech Class trip
- 11/06 Yr 5 Taster Day The Clere School
- 12/06 Park House Taster day Yr 5
- 13/06 Maple Class Trip
- 14/06 Oak Class Trip
- 14/06 Ferns
- 16/06 Friends of School Race Night
- 18/06, 19/06 & 21/06 Bikeability Years 5 & 6
- 20/06 Yr 6 Leavers Winchester Cathedral
- 21/06 Ferns
- 28/06 Ferns
- 29/06 Whole School Photo
- 30/06 Village Fun Day
- 03/07 Sports day & Family picnic 10:00am
- 05/07 Ferns 1:00pm
- 11/07 Year 5 Taster Day Harrow Way
- 18/07 Summer Whole School Production & Family Fun evening
- 20/07 Yr 6 Leavers Service St Mary's

INSET Days

23rd July

Attendance w/c 14th May

Willow:	97.3%
Maple:	99.6%
Oak:	97.9%
Beech:	98.2%
School:	98.5%

Family Welcome Service

There will be a welcome worship for Mrs Hawkings on Sunday 20th May, 10:00am at St Mary's The Virgin Church. All families and friends are very welcome and it would be lovely to see as many of children and parents there as possible.

Church Services

St Mary the Virgin Church Vernham Dean
Family Service 10:00am 2nd Sunday of each month

St Peter's Hurstbourne Tarrant Family Service
10:00am 1st Sunday of each month



We are continuing our Worship theme of Creation

Can you find a story about Creation from another religion. How is it the same/different from the Christian Creation story?

Friends of Vernham Dean School

Invite you to an Ascot style race night

7 pm Saturday 16th June 2018

In the Millennium Hall Vernham Dean

Best Dress and Hats encouraged.

A prize for the best or most outrageous ladies hat.



Sumptuous Cold Supper included



Tickets £15 each to include a cold supper. Bar by The George Inn

Tickets from Jane Pelham 737522, Carol Ward 737689,
Paul Nicoll 737372 or the School Office 737214

We would like to warmly invite children, family and friends to a

Family Fun Day

Saturday 30th June

from

11:30am

Burydene Playing Field

We have lots of exciting things planned, with something for all ages:

- Ice-cream and fresh fruit stall
- Homemade cakes and drinks (any contributions gratefully received on the day)
- Beer tent, also serving wine and Pimms (run by The George Pub)
- Gladiator jousting (knock your opponent off the podium!)
- Kids' inflatable slide
- Swing ride (for children)
- Teacup ride (for children and teenagers)
- Coconut shy
- Animal petting area
- Giant games: Jenga, Lego, Connect 4, Kerplunk, Snakes and Ladders, Acrobats, Hopscotch and a Frisbee game (all will be free of charge to play)
- Ball rolling game
- Treasure hunt
- Colouring activity stall
- Frisbees to play with
- Burger Van
- Sweet van (with candy floss)

And maybe more – come along and find out!

We really hope you will come and join us for lots of fun and frivolity (and, hopefully, sunshine!) in our beautiful village. We look forward to welcoming you there!

With very best wishes from St Mary's Church and The Playing Fields Association, Vernham Dean.

P.S. If you would like a pitch for your own stall, please email heather@backhouses.net

School Meals

After half term hopefully the weather will continue to improve and so we would like to offer the children, as well as the meat and vegetarian option, another choice.

There will be a packed lunch made by HC3S. A menu will be coming home shortly with the different options the children can choose from.

PGL

The next instalment of £75 is due by 24th May. Please send cash/cheques, payable to Vernham Dean School, to the Office.

Thank you.