



Newsletter

Friday 2nd November 2018



A message from Mrs Hawkings

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break. The weather has certainly started to change so please ensure your child comes to school dressed ready for the cold weather with named coats, hats and scarfs.

I would like to keep expectations high at Vernham Dean Gillum's and so would like to ensure that the children come to school as smart as possible. Recently, I have noticed that there are a few children wearing trainers instead of black school shoes. I appreciate that sometimes shoes may become damaged or are left at grandparents houses etc but please can you ensure that the children have a replacement pair as soon as possible. I would also like to clarify the uniform in terms of wearing boots. In the bad weather children may wear wellie boots/winter boots to school but they must be changed when they get into school. School shoes should be worn in school **not boots of any kind**. This is also the case for school jumpers and cardigans. Please ensure that your child has a spare in case one is misplaced. Jumpers and cardigans from home should not be worn in school.

As you are aware the school has had visits from the NSPCC team this week . Each class attended an assembly and then Year 5/6 had a separate one hour workshop. As part of this we are supporting the NSPCC by fundraising through a sponsored event. The School Council initially met with Emma from the NSPCC during one of their meetings and they decided to do a sponsored sporting event. This week your child has bought home a sponsor form for this event which will take place on Wednesday the 7th of November. Every child in the school will be completing the sporting event in their house team. Red house are doing a sponsored run around the Burydene, Yellow and Green houses are doing a sponsored danceathon and Blue house are completing a mini Olympics. We really appreciate your support with this event and would like all sponsorship money and forms in by **Tuesday the 13th of November**.

Reminders

- **Tuesday 6th November**, individual and sibling photos, if you would like to include a preschool child in the sibling photograph, please come to the school hall at 8:30am
- School Poppy Box—Poppies and other related items are available from the School Office or after school on playground, suggested donation for items will be displayed
- **Thursday 15th November** Bag2School. Please bring your unwanted clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels and bedding to Burydene car park by 9am on 15th November. More collection bags are available from the office
- Applications for Yr R places for September 2019, now open
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR>
- Please ensure that dinner money is paid daily or weekly. We have some outstanding bills which the school has to fund when dinner money is not paid on time. We are currently looking into having an online payment system.
- Please can we remind again that children should not just be "dropped off "in the playground in the morning. Teachers may be in their classroom preparing for the day but legally it is not their responsibility to supervise the children before 8.55am unless they are attending early morning club. I shall be outside next week to monitor the situation.
- A reminder that applications for Parent Governor must be in by Tuesday 6th November at 12:00 noon, application forms available from the Office

Volunteers

If you are able to join us for tree planting at Harmony Woods on Friday the 30th November 9-12am please could you let the office know.

We have 9 spaces and would appreciate some more volunteers!

Attendance w/c 29th October

Willow:	96.0%
Maple:	99.3.4%
Oak:	91.3%
Beech:	99.0%
School:	96.6%

We are coming into the season of coughs and colds and illness begins to notice in our attendance figures. Please ensure that your child is in school as much as possible.

School Term and Holiday Dates 2018/19

Autumn 2018: 3 September 2018 - 21 December 2018
 (3rd September is an INSET Day first day back for Years 1-6 Tuesday 4th September)
 Spring 2019: 7 January 2019—5 April 2019
 Half term: 18 - 22 February 2019
 Summer 2019: 23 April 2019 -23 July 2019
 Half term: 27 May – 31 May 2019

INSET Days Monday 3rd September, Friday 21st December, Friday 5th April 2019, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Christian Values

Our worship theme this half term is friendship and what friendship means. The children are currently concocting a recipe in their classes of what the perfect friend would be. We will be sharing these in Worship on Monday.

We have also been thinking about remembrance. We are having a special Worship today on Armistice and Remembrance. The children have also been thinking about remembrance in their classes by making clay poppies which will be displayed in the Millennium Hall at their World War I exhibition. This is taking place on Sunday 11th November 3:00-5:00pm. Entrance free, donations to the British Legion.

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

	November 2018
Saturday 3rd	School Grounds Tidy Day 10:00am –2:00pm
Tuesday 6th	Individual School photos
Wed 7th	NSPCC sponsored events taking place in school
Fri 9th	Wear Red for Remembrance
Fri 9th	PGL Deposit/reply slips due back for 2019 trip
Sunday 7th	World War I Exhibition Village Hall 3:00-5:00 including Poppies made by children
Tues 13th	NSPCC sponsor forms due back
Wed 14th	Junior Diabetes day—wear superhero costume—donations to support children with Type 1 Diabetes
Thursday 15th	Bag2school— donations by 9:00am Burydene car park
Thursday 15th– 21st	Book People Book Fair 3:30pm Playground
Friday 16th	Children in Need—wear Pyjamas donations to CIN
Sat 24th	St Mary's Church Christmas Fayre—4 pm Village Hall
Fri 30th	Tree Planting Harmony Woods 9:00am –12pm. Wear own clothes
	December 2018
Friday 7th	Christmas Fayre & Carols 3:30-6:00pm
Tuesday 11th	Red & Yellow House Christmas Performance for parents 2:30pm School hall
Wednesday 12th	Blue & Green House Christmas Performance for parents 2:30pm School Hall
Thursday 13th	Christingle Service at the Church 2:30pm parents welcome
Friday 14th	Governors Christmas Lunch for pupils—Village Hall
	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 18th	Whole School Christmas Panto visit to Basingstoke
Wednesday 19th	Christmas Service at the Church 2:30pm - all welcome
Thursday 20th	Christmas parties in school
Friday 21st	INSET DAY
24th—6th Jan	Christmas Holidays
Monday 7th Jan	Return to School