



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th April 2018



A Message from Mrs Hawkings

As I complete my first week at Vernham Dean Gillum's I just want to say a huge thank you to all the parents, staff, Governors but especially the children, for making me feel so welcome. I have loved my first week and getting to know everybody.

In my first welcome worship I asked the children what they expected of me as their new Headteacher and then I talked about what I expect of them. The similarities were evident and what resulted was that kindness, mutual respect and keeping each other safe will be at the heart of everything we do at Vernham Dean.

I also set the children a challenge to see who could write the most interesting question to find out the most interest fact about me. There will be a prize for the most interesting and I have had some imaginative ones already such as:

'If you were a tree, what tree would you be and why?'

'Who is the most famous person you have met and where?'

There is still time to write a question and hand it in to me on Monday.

I wish you all a lovely weekend enjoying the sunshine and look forward to seeing you all again next week

Dates for your Diary

- 27/04 Yr 5/6 Rugby
- 04/05 Science Day
- 07/05 May Day Bank Holiday
- 14/05-17/05 SATs
- 22/05 New Starters Meeting
- 21-24/05 Walk to School week
- 07/06 Ferns 2:30pm
- 11/06 Yr 5 Taster Day The Clere School
- 12/06 Park House Taster day Yr 5
- 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
- 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

Events and Reminders

27/04 Yr 5/6 Sparkling Rugby

04/05 Whole School Science Day

Term Dates and Calendar are also available on our Website

PLEASE NOTE THE SUMMER PRODUCTION & FAMILY FUN EVENING IS NOW WEDNESDAY 18TH July

Proposed INSET Days 2018/2019

The Inset days for 2018/2019 are as follows:

Monday September 3rd 2018,

Friday December 21st 2018

Friday 29th March 2019

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2019

INSET Days
23rd July

This half terms worship theme is Creation



Can you think about things you like to create and why?

Attendance w/c 16th April

Willow:	96.0%
Maple:	100%
Oak:	98.9%
Beech:	96.5%
School:	98.2%

Well done Maple for 100% attendance!

Summer Term

Please provide children with a named sun hat to keep in school and ensure that they also have a water bottle.

When necessary please apply sun cream before school, the children may also apply their own sun cream during the day if required.

Church

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

Staffing

We have some very exciting news at Vernham Dean. Mrs Brzostek is expecting a baby! We are very pleased for her and wish her all the best as she embarks on the special role of being a Mummy.

Sadly, it does mean that Mrs Brzostek will be leaving us at the end of the academic year but we hope she will come back and visit us when the baby arrives.

Mrs Brzostek's replacement in September will be Miss Chilcott who will be the Year 3/4 teacher in Oak class. The children will remember Miss Chilcott from when she did her teacher training in Maple Class last year.

We also welcome Mrs Betteridge, who is working alongside Mrs Richardson in Beech Class

Wanted!

Any donations of seeds, plants, trays and pots for Gardening Club, gratefully received. Please see Mrs Price. Thank you

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.

Music

Just a reminder that payment for Guitar and Ukulele lessons for the summer term is now due. Please send £75, either cash or cheque payable to Vernham Dean School. If your child is interested in starting lessons in September, please contact the school office. Thank you.

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