



# Newsletter

Friday 21st September 2018



## A message from Mrs Hawkings

So as you are all aware we had a special visitor in school yesterday from Ofsted. A huge thank you to all the children who as always did us proud with their excellent behaviour, manners and attitude to learning. Thank you also, to all parents who filled out the online Parent View questionnaire and who spoke to the Inspector in the playground. There were lots of positive comments about the school—so thank you! We will have to wait approximately two weeks and then you will receive a letter with the result.

## News and Updates

- Monday 24th KS1 Sports clubs—places available for Yr 1&2
- Tues 25th—no Craft or Homework Club this week
- Wednesday 26th Homework Club this week
- Celebrating British Food; there will be a special Harvest Menu on Friday 28th September to celebrate British food. Details to follow

## Diary Dates

Please see the attached sheet for full details of this terms events and activities.

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest celebration is taking place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. The service will be at held St Mary's Church at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend. We will be walking up to the Church at 2.10pm, parents/carers are very welcome to walk with us.

Please bring your donations to Andover Food Bank into school by Thursday. Suggested items include: tinned soup & fish, sugar, pasta sauce, packet noodles and rice, tea and coffee, biscuits, Tins of vegetables eg tomatoes, sweetcorn, beans or spaghetti. Thank you for your support. The children will return to school after the service and can be picked up from the classrooms when they get back. Please ensure children have their coats in school and wellies/boots to change into if wet or muddy.

## Open Days For Year R Intake September 2019

Thursday 4th & Thursday 11th  
October  
9:30-10:30am and 2:00-3:00pm  
Applications for places open 1st  
November 2018.

## Reading Help in School

We are looking for volunteers to come in and hear children read. If you think you would be able to commit to coming in regularly, please speak to the office.

## Reminder

Earrings; Children should be able to take them out for PE or if not they must be covered with microporous tape. Thankyou.

## Football

If anyone has any experience of football coaching with 8-11 year olds and could donate some spare time, we would really like to have a school football team. Please contact Mrs Hawkings via the School Office . Thankyou.

## Attendance W/C 17th Sept 2018

Willow:	100%
Maple:	99.6%
Oak:	97.4%
Beech:	99.0%
School:	98.9%

### An Update on Parents Meeting

These are the 'even better ifs' that parents asked for and that we have now implemented:

- Lined Homework books
- Afternoon break
- Reading records KS2 for home school communications
- More spellings
- Homework over the weekend
- Double lined handwriting books

We are now working on:

- More sports and working with Rural School Sports groups and Saxon League Rugby.

### School Term and Holiday Dates 2018/19

Autumn 2018: 3 September 2018 - 21 December 2018

Half term: 22 – 26 October 2018

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: Friday 21st December, Friday 5th April 2019, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July 2019**

Please also see the website for calendar updates and school term dates:

<http://vernhamdeanschool.co.uk/news-events/calendar/>

<http://vernhamdeanschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Inset-Days-2018-2019->

### Church Services

**St Mary the Virgin Church Vernham**

Dean Family Service 10:00am 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday of each month

**St Peter's Hurstbourne Tarrant Family**

Service 10:00am 1st Sunday of each

month



### Christian Values

Our Christian values are Love, Hope and Courage. We will be thinking about what they mean and what we will see at Vernham Dean if we are following these values.

Something to think about-  
As a family what are your hopes for this year?

**Autumn 2018 Diary Dates on page 3**

	<b>September 2018</b>
Tuesday 25th	Yr 5 Harrow Way Computing
Thursday 27th	Harvest service at the church 2.30pm. Walking to church @ 2:10pm. Coats & wellies if wet. Donations for Food Bank
Friday 28th	HC3S British Food menu lunch Cake Sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support 2:30pm and 3:30pm Playground
	<b>October 2018</b>
Tuesday 2nd	Yr 5 Harrow Way Computing
Tuesday 2nd	PGL Residential Parents Meeting 3:30pm
Thursday 4th	Open Day for Year R 2019 9:30-10:30am & 2:00-3:00pm
Monday 8th—12th	PGL Beech Class to Osmington Bay
Thursday 11th	Open Day for Year R 2019 9:30-10:30am & 2:00-3:00pm
15th-19th	RE week—more details to follow
Tuesday 16th	Save a Heart Day
Tuesday 16th	Parent consultation Eve 3:40pm—5.30pm— <b>No Craft, Eco or Homework Clubs. Football Club will take place</b>
Wednesday 17th	Parent consultation Eve 5:00pm –7:00pm - <b>No Art or Book Club</b>
Wednesday 17th	Flu Immunisations Yr R—5
Friday 19th	Second Hand Uniform Sale 3:30pm Playground
22nd—26th	Half Term
Monday 29th	Return to School. New school Menu begins
	<b>November 2018</b>
Thursday 1st	Year 6 Parents SAT's meeting 4:00pm
Tuesday 6th	Individual School photos
Thursday 15th	Bag2school— donations by 9:00am Burydene car park
Thursday 15th	Book People Book Fair 3:30pm Playground
	<b>December 2018</b>
Friday 7th	Christmas Fayre & Carols 3:30-6:00pm
Monday 10th	Blue House Christmas Performance for parents 2:30pm School Hall
Tuesday 11th	Red House Christmas Performance for parents 2:30pm School hall
Wednesday 12th	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
Monday 17th	Yellow House Christmas Performance for parents 2:30pm School Hall
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