



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday, 21 December 2017

We Wish you a Merry Christmas...

Dear Families,

With the term drawing to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your support over the autumn term. Our wonderful school is truly supported by parents and grandparents, thank you from us all. The team here believe that this school is a happy place to be, with wonderful children who make us smile on a daily basis; I am enormously proud of my team and the children.

Over the term I have shared many happy and magical moments with the children and I thought I would share with you a few of the things they have said that have made me smile.

*'This school is the best school, the teachers work ever so hard...
because you say they have to'*

'Jingle and Mingle was good because I had the nicest meringue ever'

'I want to do the Friday Dance every day, it makes me happy'

'If I could come to school on Saturday, I would'

On behalf of staff and Governors, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Katy Thompson

Headteacher

Heavenly Father

Help us in remembering the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of angels,

The gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.

Let us close the door of hate and open the door of love.

Let kindness come with every gift we give.

Teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May Christmas morning make us happy to be with our families.

May we remember all less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving.

Amen

We would like to say a big thank you to the Governors and helpers for cooking a fabulous Christmas lunch for the children and staff.

Thank you to the PTA for providing the food and gifts for the children.

We all appreciate this immensely.

Volunteers Wanted

If you have a spare hour in the afternoon, on a regular basis, to listen to younger children read, please contact Miss Thompson or the Office.

School uniform reminder—please may we ask all parents ensure that children are correctly dressed in our school uniform. Details are available on the website. In particular we request children wear black school shoes—not trainers and school logo jumpers.

As ever, please label all clothing! Thank you

Dates for your Diary

15/01 Yr R 2018

application deadline

KS2 Swimming 12/01,
19/01 26/01, 02/02, 09/02

**Python Computing Yr
5/6 Harrow Way** 15/01

2/01 29/01,5/02

24/01 Bake Off Yr 5/6

31/01 O2 Young Voices

02/03 Quiz Night

06/03 Rugby St Martins

13/03 Rugby Woolton

Hill

15/03 Bag2School

14/05-17/05 SAT's

18/06-21/06 Bikeability

Years 5 & 6

INSET DAYS

4th January 29th March,

23rd July

Church

St Mary's 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

Reminder

Please remember to
check your child's
zippy every night for
letters and homework
etc

Attendance

Attendance for the Autumn Term:

Willow: 97.14%
Maple: 97.1%
Oak: 96.11%
Beech: 97.49%

A huge well done to those 20 children who have a 100% attendance.

Many thanks to all families who have supported the school in aiming high with attendance. Our overall attendance for this term is 96.95%

In line with previous correspondence, your colour coded attendance letter will be with your child's report.

GREEN category (95%+) AMBER category (92 - 95%) RED category (below 92%)

Events and Reminders

- Friday 5th January. First day back after Christmas holiday
- W/C 8th January clubs running will be those run by Premier Sports only ie Fencing, KS1 Team Sports & KS2 Football/Rugby
- W/C 15th All clubs running
- Monday 22nd—Please note there will be no Mindfulness Colouring or Sploder Clubs on Monday 22nd January. We apologise for this inconvenience but staff training will be taking place after school on this day
- Just a reminder that KS2 swimming starts on Friday 12th January
- Please ensure that off site consent and medical forms are completed at the beginning of term. Please let the school know if someone else is picking your children up from the swimming pool
- Celebration Worship will change to Thursday afternoons whilst Swimming lessons are taking place. (Friday 12th, 19th, 26th Jan. and 2nd, 9th Feb.)

Threadworms

May we remind parents to be on the look out for sign or Threadworms. For full details please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

We have reminded the children in school about the importance of proper handwashing.

Please ensure children wash their hands after using the toilet and before meals. Thank you for your support.

Clubs for 2018 w/c 15/01/18

Monday Mrs Brzostek—Sploder KS2 (Max. 20)
Mrs Price—Mindfulness Colouring
Mrs Chamberlain Netball (Lunchtime)

Tuesday Mrs Richardson—Homework

Thursday Mrs Hall—Fun and Games KS1

Friday Mrs Lloyd Choir—Lunchtime

Premier Sports' Clubs—w/c 08/01/18

Since 2013, the Government has been providing schools with a sports premium fund each year to spend on the provision of sport in school. This year, schools have seen a rise in allocation of the funding. Therefore, we are delighted to announce that from January until the end of the academic year, we are able to not only offer an increase in sports clubs, but also there will be **no charge**.

Tuesday—Fencing Year 2 + KS2, Wednesday—Team Sports Yr R, 1 & 2
Thursday - KS2 Football and Tag Rugby