



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2017

Christmas Jingle and Mingle

Friday 1st December is our 'Jingle and Mingle' Christmas performance and Markets. We invite parents, families and friends to take your seats, on the playground, from 3:00pm when mulled wine with a mince pie will be available. The event starts off with the children performing the Nativity and Carols at 3:30pm (and with a snow machine operated by our Chair of Governors!). This will be followed by our now famous Christmas Market where a range of Christmas products will be on sale, alongside some fun games to play as well as a BBQ and refreshments.

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We are asking for **volunteers** to help us set up the marquees in the morning, help out on the stalls, serve refreshments, help run the games and also to clear up afterwards. If you able to help please contact the school office or see Miss Thompson.

Father Christmas will be visiting the market and to make this simpler on the evening, **this will be a pre-booked ticket only**. Tickets are now available from the school office priced at £2.50 per child. Pre-school children are also very welcome.

Dress Down Day for the Bottle Tombola. There will be a dress down day on Friday 24th November, please can the children bring in a bottle for the tombola—wine, beer, spirits or non alcoholic drinks gratefully received.

Mystery Box Raffle—Tickets are now on sale from the PTA at £1 per strip

Wanted! Homemade Jams, Chutney and Marmalade, Christmas gifts and stocking fillers. Please bring to school office.

Also if anyone is able to do some **face painting**, please let us know.

If you would like to have your own stall, please contact the school office on 737241.

We look forward to seeing you there.

There will be a letter sent home next week with full details of all the Christmas activities taking place in school. This will include reply slips for the Christmas Pantomime and Governors' Christmas Lunch.

Thank you

Dates for your Diary

- 07/11 Individual School Photos
- 08/11 Saxon League Rugby Vernham Dean
- 09/11 Punch and Judy Willow and Maple Class
- 09/11 Year R (2018 intake) Open Afternoon
- 09/11 Bag2School
- 17/11 Spotacular
- 17/11 Curry and a Murder Friends of the School 7:30pm
- 24/11 Dress Down for Bottle donation to Tombola
- 24/11 Yr 6 & JST tree planting Harmony Woods
- 25/11 Church Christmas Fair Village Hall 4:00pm
- 28/11 Choir to sing at Village Hall Christmas Lunch
- 01/12 Jingle and Mingle Christmas songs & Markets
- 11/12 Panto Village Hall
- 14-21 Book People Book Fair
- 15/12 Governors Christmas Lunch
- 20/12 School Disco 2:30-3.25pm (no charge)
- 21/12 Carol Service 10:30am
- 12/01 KS2 Swimming
- 19/01 KS2 Swimming
- 26/01 KS2 Swimming
- 31/01 O2 Young Voices
- 02/02 KS2 Swimming
- 09/02 KS2 Swimming

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

Forthcoming Events

- **School Photographer 7th November.** Individual and sibling portraits. If you would like a family photo with a pre-school sibling please come in to school at 8:30am
- **Bag2School** Thursday 9th November—please leave your bags by 9am on Burydene carpark
- **Open Afternoon** for September 2018 intake. Thursday 9th November 2:00pm.
- **Spotacular.** Our Children in Need event will now take place on **Friday 17th November.** The Children can dress in home clothes with a spotty theme. Suggested donation of £1
- **Poppies** —we are now selling Poppies and related items from the School Office
- **Murder and a Curry - Part 2.** Friday 17th November 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale now.

Friends of the School PTA—The Giving Machine

If you shop online, you can raise a free cash donation with every purchase if shop and support us via The Giving Machine:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/vernham-dean-gillums-primary-school>

It's really simple, you enter your favourite shops via their website and a percentage of your shopping bill is converted into a cash donation for us, at no extra cost to you. Over 2,000 stores are participating including Amazon, John Lewis and Tesco. Thank you for your support.

Food Bank

Thank you to all who donated food at our Harvest Festival. We received this message from the Food Bank:

Thank you for donating your Harvest gifts to Foodbank, we really appreciate your support. The donations weighed 47.3KG which is the equivalent of contributing to 45 meals for those in need.

Attendance

A big thank you to everyone for your help and support so far this year. Attendance across the whole school for the first half of this term was 97.3%.

Miss Thompson set me a challenge to go to The Burydene and look for litter. On Sunday the 8th October I collected almost a whole bin bag of litter. It included drink cans, plastic bottles, crisp packets, chocolate and sweet wrappers, plastic cable ties, and most shockingly BROKEN GLASS! Littering can endanger local wildlife PLEASE can we all remember to use the litter bins or take our rubbish home thank you. Keep Vernham Dean safe and tidy.

By Amelie Harris age 8



Hair in School

Please note we accept that all children like to have different hair styles. However, the school advises that long hair (shoulder length or longer) be tied back at all times to ensure that a personal pride in our uniform is maintained and to help us prevent the spread of nits. We would also appreciate if parents would keep bows to a sensible size.

For subjects where it is necessary to maintain high standards of health and safety, the Headteacher and Governors insist that all hair which is shoulder length or longer, is tied back. This will include subjects such as PE, Science investigations, Art and Design. We are happy for your child to keep a hair elastic band in their drawer so they have the facility to tie hair up when necessary.

Combating Nits

For support in combating/treating nits parents have shared 3 top tips:

Check regularly for nits

Treat as soon as you see them

Help prevent them by using a nit comb on a regular basis after washing hair (even when nits aren't present)

We would like to add to these tips that you tell the office straight away so that we can inform other families.

For further advice use the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>