



A Message from Mrs Hawkings

This is only my second Newsletter as Headteacher at Vernham Dean Gillum's but I already feel extremely settled and am enjoying every minute! Your children amaze me every day with their strong disposition for learning and their polite manners.

I set a challenge for the children to find out the most interesting fact about me. The winner was Archie from Maple class who asked " If you were an SUV what would you be, why and where would you go in it" Well as I am sure you will appreciate, this was a question I had to think very hard about. Firstly I had to look up what an SUV is (my knowledge of cars is not the best). My answer was that I would be a jeep because it has big wheels and I would drive anywhere that had big puddles. Well done Archie, a very thought provoking question!

Well done to the Year 5 and 6s who participated in the Sparkling Rugby tournament in Overton last Friday. It was rather cold and wet but the children played on and their sportsmanship and excellent team work shone through. We are all very proud of their efforts. Thank you to all the parents/carers who drove the children there, picked them up early and those who stayed to watch. Thank you also to Mr Nicoll and Mr Cox who did an amazing job of supervising the children.

Please check the school website for information on the Curriculum in your child's class this half term, also check the website for photographs showing what the children learned during science day doing all sorts of weird and wacky experiments.

Dates for your Diary

- 07/05 May Day Bank Holiday
- 08/05 Yr2 Parents SATs meeting
- 09/05 Coffee Afternoon 2:45pm—3:30
- 14/05-17/05 SATs
- 22/05 New Starters
- 21-24/05 Walk to School week
- 25/05 Secondhand Uniform Sale
- 07/06 Ferns 2:30pm
- 11/06 Yr 5 Taster Day The Clere School
- 12/06 Park House Taster day Yr 5
- 13/06 Maple Class Trip
- 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
- 30/06 Village Fun Day
- 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

- Monday 7th May May Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 8th May 3:00pm Yr2 Parents SATs meeting
- Wed 9th May Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Hawkings
- 14-17th May SATS Yr6
- 21-24th May Walk to School Week
- Fri 25th May Second hand Uniform Sale

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO INSET DAYS******

Proposed INSET Days 2018/2019

The Inset days for 2018/2019 are as follows:

- Monday September 3rd 2018,
- Friday December 21st 2018

Friday 5th April 2019—This date has changed due to Easter

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2019

INSET Days

23rd July

Second-hand Uniform Sale

Out next sale of second-hand uniform will be Friday 25th May at 3:30pm on the playground. If you have any unwanted uniform, please leave in the school office. 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.

Attendance w/c 30th April

- Willow: 99.3%
- Maple: 98.9%
- Oak: 94.2%
- Beech: 92.4%
- School: 96.4%

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

There will be a welcome worship for Mrs Hawkings on Sunday 20th May at 10:00am at St Mary's The Virgin Church. All families are welcome and it would be lovely to see as many of children and parents there as possible.

This Half Terms Worship Theme is Creation



We have been thinking in Worship about how lucky we are that God created such a beautiful world. Please can the children take a photograph of somewhere they find beautiful and bring it in to show us?

School Meals

After half term hopefully the weather will continue to improve and so we would like to offer the children, as well as the meat and vegetarian option, another choice.

There will be a packed lunch made by HC3S. A menu will be coming home shortly with the different options the children can choose from.

Head Teacher Coffee Afternoon

Please come along on Wednesday 9th May from 2.45pm until 3.30pm for an opportunity to chat to Mrs Hawkings about the vision for the school, things that are working well and things that we can improve on.

Library

Mrs Maguire has given the Library a springtime sort out. You are welcome to change books with your children after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4:00pm. The children are allowed to check out 2 Library books at one time.

Village Event on Burydene

Family Fun Day, Saturday 30th June 11:30am onwards. Sports, rides, BBQ, Bar, sweet stall, cakes & refreshments. Details to follow.

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