



Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2018



A message from Mrs Hawkings

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Harvest Service last week. It was wonderful to hear the children singing harvest themes songs and showing thankfulness for the food we have and appreciating how we can help others too.

Year 5/6 are off to Osmington Bay on Monday and we hope they have a fantastic time, they will be team building, risk taking and problem solving. We can't wait to see the photographs! We will aim to keep you updated with photographs as much as we can via the website and I will be in communication with the group daily to see how they are getting on so I will feed this back via parent text.

After half term we will be inviting you in after school every Thursday at 3.30pm to come and have a look at what your child has been learning that week. It is a valuable opportunity for your child to share their work with you.

Dates for your Diary

- 11/10 Open day Sept 2019 Intake
- 8/10-12/10 Beech PGL**
- 16/10 Parent Consultation evening 3pm
- 17/10 Parent Consultation evening 5pm
- 16/10 School Save a Heart Day
- 17/10 Flu immunisations Yr R—Yr5
- 19/10 Secondhand Uniform Sale
- 29/10 New School Menu start
- 1/11 Yr 6 Parents SATs meeting 4pm
- 03/11 Open School for grounds Tidy
- 6/11 Individual School Photos
- 15/11 Bag2School
- 15/11 Book Fair
- 7/12 Christmas Fayre and carols
- 11/12 Red & Green house Christmas performance 2.30pm
- 12/12 Blue & Yellow house Christmas performance 2.30pm
- 13/12 Christingle service at the church 2.30pm
- 14/12 Gobs Christmas Lunch—Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children 2.30pm
- 18/12 Whole School Panto Visit
- 19/12 Christmas service 2.30pm at the church
- 20/12 Christmas party Day.
- 21/12 INSET

News and Updates

- Please return you Flu immunisation forms by Tuesday 9th October if you would like your child to have the vaccine in school
- Parent consultation Evenings 16th & 17th Oct. If you are unable to attend the session, please speak to the class teacher to make an alternative date. There will be no Art, Craft, Book, Homework or Eco Club on these days. Football club will take place as usual
- Caron Hitchen our school SENDCO will be available on the Tuesday Parent Consultation evening if you would like a chat about and issues or concerns you may have regarding your child/children

Reminders

- Please remember we are a nut free school, this applies to packed lunches, snacks and any cakes and bakes sent into school
- Early Morning Club. Parents must fill in a form prior to dropping them at the Early Morning Club, due to ensuring we have the correct ratios of adults to children it is not longer just a drop off, forms must be filled out prior. Please see office for details.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

Friday 19th October, 3:30pm on the playground. Donations of good used and wearable uniform to the office.
Thankyou

Open Days For Year R Intake September 2019

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

Thank you

A big thank you to families for supporting both our Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection and the Macmillan cake sale. We raised **£224.75** for Cancer Support.

The new School Menu will start w/c 29th October. Filled jacket potatoes will also be available. Menus will be sent out shortly.

Attendance w/c 1st Oct

Willow:	100%
Maple:	96.4%
Oak:	100%
Beech:	97.1%
School:	98.0%

School Term and Holiday Dates 2018/19

Autumn 2018: 3 September 2018 - 21 December 2018
(3rd September is an INSET Day first day back for Years 1-6 Tuesday 4th September)
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 Monday 3rd September, Friday 21st December, Friday 5th April 2019, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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



Christian Values

In worship this half term we have been reflecting on the theme of "Thankfulness". Especially linked to harvest time and being thankful for the plentiful food we have and considering those who may not have so much. Year 5/6 have looked at Fairtrade and how the decisions we make affect the wider world.

Next time you are in the supermarket can you find the Fairtrade symbol anywhere and can you substitute one of your usual items for a Fairtrade item to support the farmer who grew it?

World Start a Heart Day

16th October 2018
Defibrillator training 4-6pm Vernham
Dean Village Hall. All welcome.

Help Wanted!

We need your help! We will be opening the school on Saturday 3rd November from 10:00am—2:00pm and we would like as many as possible to come and make our school and grounds look beautiful. Even if you can come for just an hour, any help would be most appreciated. Refreshments will be available for the volunteers. Please wear old clothes, gardening gloves, boots etc. Any extra tools such as rakes, shovels and trowels secateurs etc would be useful. Children and family members most welcome. Please see Mrs Hawkings for further details.

Christmas Celebrations

You will probably have noticed that Christmas celebrations at Vernham Dean Gillum's will be slightly different this year.

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 7th December. The Christmas Fayre will commence at 3.30pm with Christmas Carols around the Christmas tree led by the school choir and Mrs Lloyd. (There will be more details to follow regarding the Christmas Fayre).

We are then going to have two Christmas Performances and we invite you to attend your Child's House performance. On Tuesday 11th December at 2.30pm it will be children in Red and Green house and on Wednesday 12th December at 2.30pm it will be children in Blue and Yellow house. Our Christmas Service will be on Wednesday 19th December at 2:30pm, and we welcome all families to join us at the Church.

There will be more details to follow nearer the time but we wanted to finalise the dates for those of you who may need to get the required time off.