



# Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018



## A Message from Mrs Hawkings

Welcome back everybody! A special welcome especially to the new parents and children in Willow class.

I hope you had all had a fantastic summer and are ready for the new academic year of 2018/19. I am very excited to be back in the Vernham Dean family with all of you, your children and the staff and I am looking forward for what's to come and continuing to make Vernham Dean Gillum's thrive!

The children have come back to school with a real "ready to learn" attitude, the Year 6s are being excellent role models for the rest of the school and the new Year R's haven taken the challenge of starting "big school" in their stride and with amazing smiles!

Can I also say a big thank you to all of you as the children have come back to school looking extremely smart. This supports them in feeling proud to be part of our school community as well as promoting pride in themselves, so thank you!

I will continue to be on the playground before and after school as much as I can so please feel free to come and have a chat if you have any questions or queries.

## Dates for your Diary

- 10/09 Guitar & Ukulele lessons start
- 10/09 Yr R in 8:55-1:30pm
- W/C 17/09 Clubs Start
- 19/9 Phonic meeting Y1
- 20/09 Yr R parents meeting
- 27/9 Harvest service at the church 2.30pm
- 2/10 PGL meeting for Yr5/6 parents Beech class
- 04/10 and 11/10
- Open day Sept 2019 Intake
- 8/10-12/10 Beech PGL
- 16/10 Parent Consultation evening
- 17/10 Parent Consultation evening
- 16/10 School Save a Heart Day
- 17/10 Flu immunisations Yr R—Yr5
- 1/11 Yr 6 Parents SATs meeting
- 6/11 Individual School Photos
- 15/11 Bag2School
- 15/11 Book Fair
- 7/12 Christmas Fayre and carols
- 10/12 Blue house Christmas performance 2.30pm
- 11/12 Red house Christmas performance 2.30pm
- 12/12 Green house Christmas performance 2.30pm
- 13/12 Christingle service at the church 2.30pm
- 14/12 Yellow house Christmas performance 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

- **Congratulations** to Mrs Brzotek who had a baby boy on the 1st August weighing 6lb 10 oz. He is called Franiszek and we are hoping for a visit very soon!
- **Welcome.** We welcome new staff to the Vernham Dean team:
- Miss Neale to Willow class, Miss Chilcott to Oak class and Mrs Bulpitt to Beech class.
- You maybe aware that Rev Trev is currently undergoing some treatment. I am sure you will join with me to send our prayers to him and wish him a speedy recovery.
- **Clubs:** All School Clubs and Premier Sports clubs start w/c 17<sup>th</sup> September to w/c 10<sup>th</sup> December- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.
- **Early morning drop off:** We now have a new system for early morning drop off. If you need us to supervise your child from 8.30am then please fill out a form from the office. We can take up to 20 children and they will now be in the school hall. The children can enter school via the library door. If you are dropping your child off please park in the Burydene car park not the staff car park, due to health and safety reasons.

## PE Kit

Please ensure children have their PE kit in school at all times and it is clearly labelled

## Attendance W/C 3rd Sept 2018

Willow:	100%
Maple:	98.8%
Oak:	98.6%
Beech:	100%
School:	99.1%

### 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 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.

We are currently thinking about hope, what we hope for ourselves to achieve this year, our class and our school.

#### Messy Church

Messy Church - Church, but not as you know it! For family fun with crafts and singing and a pizza meal at the end. 16th September from 4 - 6 pm in the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

A parent is to accompany all children. Please let Rev Trev know if you are coming and any dietary needs. [revtrev02@gmail.com](mailto:revtrev02@gmail.com)

#### School Dinners

School lunches are £2.30 a day for KS2. Children in year R, 1 and 2 are entitled to a Universal hot free school meal. Please ensure prompt payment (cash or cheque) to the school office in a named and sealed envelope.

Free School Meals; for further details regarding the criteria for eligibility, please visit <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals.htm> or contact the school office.

**School Menu Changes: Thursday Week 1** now chicken fillet with gravy, mash potato or pasta & vegetables.

**Thursdays Week 2** now roast beef with gravy, Yorkshire pudding, mash potato or pasta & vegetables The vegetarian options for both weeks remain unchanged. After half term children will have the option to choose jacket potatoes with various fillings-more details to follow.

**Nut Free School.** Just a reminder that we are a nut free school, so please no nut based items including Nutella, peanut butter or cereal bars containing nuts. Thank you for your support.

#### Attendance

It is important that children attend school regularly and are punctual, otherwise it can affect their progress. Please ensure your child is here on time and if they are absent you inform the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence. Please do not request holidays during school time as they will not be authorised.

The Headteacher has the right to authorise absence from school if it is considered an exceptional circumstance but will look at prior attendance before making this judgement.

Holidays taken in school time become unauthorised absence. 5 days = 10 sessions which will result in a penalty notice being issued of £60 per child per parent/carer. If this is not paid with 21 days it may result in court action.