



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

Christmas Jingle and Mingle

A huge thank you to all the volunteers for setting up, clearing away, serving food and drinks and generally being all round fantastic! Your support is really appreciated and we couldn't do this without you.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Mystery Box Raffle and making lots of wonderful goodies and treats for our stalls.

We are very pleased to announce the Jingle and Mingle total raised for school funds is (drum roll...) £1409. Thank you for your support.

And now onto the winners of our games and raffle...

Guess the name of the Teddy—Albert Dale, Reindeer Game—Matilda Wood, Spin Game—Sophie Cooper, Snowman Game—Megan M

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 Office.

Events and Reminders

- 14th—20th December—The Book People, Book Fair 3:30pm daily outside Classrooms. Please see this week's letter for full details
- Monday 11th - Panto at the Village Hall. The children will be back in school for normal pick up
- Thursday 14th December—Menu change to fish fingers & chips or sweet potato curry
- Friday 15th—Governors' Christmas Lunch, the children may wear Christmas or festive jumpers with their school uniform. No charge for this meal. Thank you to the Governors and helpers for cooking and serving us.
- Wednesday 20th—School Disco, children can bring in their own clothes to change into, normal time for pick up
- Thursday 21st—Christmas Service at St Mary's Church at 10:30am all welcome. We are walking to church at 10:00am, please ensure all children have wellies/boots and a bag to take their shoes in
- Thursday 21st school lunch as usual, pick up at 1:00pm. Reports home with children

Clubs for 2018 w/c 15/01/18

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| Monday | Mrs Brzostek—Sploder KS2 (Max. 15) |
| | 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 KS2, Wednesday—Team Sports Yr R, 1 & 2

Thursday - KS2 Football and Tag Rugby

Dates for your Diary

- 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
- 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
Thank you

Staying Safe Online at Christmas

As you will know, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children here at Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School; it is important to us that home and school work together to ensure that all our pupils are safe. Therefore, we felt it important to share the following information with you.

Following recent news stories about children's safety online through social media:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148>

please take the time to set up robust parental controls on devices that are bought for Christmas presents and ensure you set passwords and codes so that only you know them.

There is some helpful advice relating to this on Hampshire County Council's website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/onlinesafety>

If your child is likely to be using the Internet, you may find it helpful for them to be aware and to have viewed this site: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> Please note that all children from KS1 and KS2 have watched videos from this site this academic year.

Helpful advice is also available from the NSPCC site:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Remember, if your child should receive any messages or images that are not of an appropriate nature, please report them to the police on the non-emergency number **101**.