



A Message from Mrs Hawkings

I hope you all had a fantastic half term holiday and managed to get out and about on the days that we had some sunshine. We are into the final half term before the summer holidays, however this is the time of year where there is a lot going on! Well done to all those children who completed 'Walk to School.' It was impressive to see those who braved the Burydene each morning.

We have already had various trips this week, with Year 6 having an amazing time at Aerobility and Year 5/6 enjoying learning about the Battle of Britain at the Museum of Army Flying. Next week Year 1/2 are off to Hillier's Arboretum and Year 3/4 are off to learn more about the Ancient Greeks in Reading. Thank you to all of you for your contributions so that these trips could go ahead.

News and Updates

Race Night: Sadly, due to lack of numbers the Friends Race Night has been cancelled.

Safety Day in school: 15th June. Children will be learning about why it is important to keep ourselves safe in lots of different contexts: sun safe/Internet safe/road safe.

Non School Uniform Day. Friday 22nd June. Please donate a bottle: wine, beer, cider, spirits, non alcoholic drinks and cordials for our Bottle Tombola at the Family Fun Evening.

Sports day— Tuesday 3rd July, more information to follow but Friends will be selling refreshments on the day and can each child come into school dressed in their PE kit with their house team colour t-shirt.

Summer Production: Starting 4:30pm for 5:00pm performance. Children stay at school. Please see email for details.

Events and Reminders

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A SCHOOL TASTER DAY PLEASE RETURN CONSENT FORMS TO THE OFFICE

- 11/06 Yr 5 Taster Day The Clere School
- 12/06 Park House Taster day Yr 5
- 13/06 Maple Class Trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
- 14/06 Oak Class Trip to Ure Museum
- 14/06 Ferns 2:30pm
- 18/06, 19/06 & 21/06 Bikeability Years 5 & 6
- 22/06 Non School Uniform Day—Bottle donation for tombola

Dates for your Diary

- 11/06 Yr 5 Taster Day
- The Clere School
- 12/06 Park House
- Taster day Yr 5
- 13/06 Maple Class Trip
- 14/06 Oak Class Trip
- 14/06 Ferns
- 15/06 Safety in School Day
- 18/06, 19/06 & 21/06 Bikeability Years 5 & 6
- 19/06 Willow Class Strawberry picking
- 20/06 Yr 6 Leavers Winchester Cathedral
- 21/06 Ferns
- 22/06 Non School Uniform Day—Bottle donation
- 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
- 12/07 PGL Final instalment due
- 16/07 Reports to Parents
- 18/07 Summer Whole School Production & Family Fun evening 4:30pm for 5:00 performance
- 20/07 Yr 6 Leavers Service St Mary's
- INSET Days**
- 23rd July, 3rd Sept, 21st December 2018
- 5th April & 22/23 July 2019

Second-hand Uniform Sale—Wanted!

Thank you to Mrs Craig—we raised £20. If anyone is interested in taking over from Mrs Craig, please contact the School Office.

Ice cream Friday

Starting Friday 15th June, ice creams and lollies will be sold after school outside Oak class.



Attendance w/c 4th June

Willow:	98.0%
Maple:	98.5%
Oak:	97.4%
Beech:	97.5%
School:	97.9%

School Meal Thursday 14th June

Week 2 Thursdays, 14th June onwards. Please note that roast beef will replace the chicken & potato bake option. The vegetarian option is still the Italian pasta.

Our Worship theme this half term is Truthfulness

Something to think about- Why is it important that we tell the truth? How does it feel when we don't tell the truth?

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

We would like to warmly invite children, family and friends to a

Family Fun Day
Saturday 30th June
from
11:30am
Burydene Playing Field

We have lots of exciting things planned, with something for all ages:

- Ice-cream and fresh fruit stall
- Homemade cakes and drinks (any contributions gratefully received on the day)
- Beer tent, also serving wine and Pimms (run by The George Pub)
- Gladiator jousting (knock your opponent off the podium!)
- Kids' inflatable slide
- Swing ride (for children)
- Teacup ride (for children and teenagers)
- Coconut shy
- Animal petting area
- Giant games: Jenga, Lego, Connect 4, Kerplunk, Snakes and Ladders, Acrobats, Hopscotch and a Frisbee game (all will be free of charge to play)
- Ball rolling game
- Treasure hunt
- Colouring activity stall
- Frisbees to play with
- Burger Van
- Sweet van (with candy floss)

And maybe more – come along and find out!

We really hope you will come and join us for lots of fun and frivolity (and, hopefully, sunshine!) in our beautiful village. We look forward to welcoming you there!

With very best wishes from St Mary's Church and The Playing Fields Association, Vernham Dean.

P.S. If you would like a pitch for your own stall, please email heather@backhouses.net

Zippies—School Book Bags

Please note that children should be bringing book bags (zippies) and drawstring bags for PE, **NOT rucksacks**, as we do not have enough room for them on the children's pegs. Thank you for your helping in keeping the school corridors tidy.