



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 9th March 2018

World Book Day and School Disco

We will now hold our World Book Day on Tuesday 27th March. Please come dressed as your favourite book character. There is no charge for event. There are more £1 book vouchers available in the office if you did not receive one last week.

The School Disco also will be held on Tuesday 27th March, during school hours (from 2:00pm). School will finish at the usual time of 3:30pm and collection as normal from classrooms.

Events and Reminders

- 13/03 Rugby Woolton Hill
- 15/03 Bag2School 9:00am Burydene car park
- 16/03 Secondhand Uniform Sale 3:30pm
- 19/20/21 March Parents Evenings
- 27/03 School Disco and World Book Day
- 28/03 Easter Service St Mary the Virgin Church 2:00pm. End of Term 3:30pm
- 29/03 INSET Day
- 16/04 Back to school after Easter Holidays

Term Dates and Calendar are also available on our Website

Second-Hand Uniform Sale Friday 16th March

The second-hand uniform sale will now take place at 3:30pm on Friday 16th March on the playground. Donations of outgrown second-hand uniform, gratefully received (please leave in the school office). Many thanks to Mrs Craig for organising the sale.

Mother's Day Service at St Mary the Virgin Church Vernham Dean
Sunday 11th March at 10:00am
All welcome

Clubs and Parents Evenings

A reminder that sign up sheets for Parents Evening will be available on the classroom doors from 12th March at 3:30pm. Parents sessions will be held on 19th, 20th & 21st March. These are 15 minute progress meetings.

School run clubs will end 15th March, Premier Sports clubs will end Tuesday 27th March.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held on Wednesday 28th March at 2:00pm. We welcome all parents, grandparents and carers to join us at St. Mary the Virgin Church Vernham Dean. We will walk up at 1:45pm, if you are driving please use the 'one way system' up Bulpits Hill, parking with care outside the church and driving away down past the manor. The children will need wellies in a named bag and their coats. After the service the children will return to school and pick up is 3:30pm from the classroom doors. Please note for safeguarding reasons, the children can not be collected from the church. Please note Thursday 29th March is an INSET day. Return to school after Easter holiday on Monday 16th April.

Dates for your Diary

- 11/03 Mothers Day Service St Mary the Virgin Church Vernham Dean 10:00am
 - 13/03 Rugby Woolton H
 - 15/03 Bag2School
 - 16/03 Second-hand Uniform Sale 3:30pm
 - 19/03 Parents Eve 3:30-5:30
 - 20/03 Parents Eve 3:30-5:30
 - 21/03 Parents Eve 3:00-7:30
 - 27/03 School Disco
 - 27/03 World Book Day
 - 28/03 Easter Service St Mary's 2:00pm
 - 29/03—15/04 Easter Holidays
 - 07/05 May Day Bank Holiday
 - 14/05-17/05 SATs
 - 11/06 Yr5 Taster Day The Clere School
 - 12/06 Park House Taster day Yr 5
 - 18/06, 19/06 & 21/06 Bikeability Years 5 & 6
 - 20/06 Yr6 Leavers Winchester Cathedral
 - 29/06 Whole School Photo
 - 03/07 Sports day & Family picnic 10:00am
 - 11/07 Year 5 Taster Day Harrow Way
 - 12/07 Summer Whole School Production & Family fun evening
 - 20/07 Yr 6 Leavers Service St Mary's
- INSET DAYS**
29th March, 23rd July

Church

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

Attendance

In line with Hampshire's attendance monitoring process, where 96.4% is classified as normal attendance, the school is closely monitoring attendance levels of all pupils. When a child's attendance approaches 92%, the high alert attendance threshold, a meeting between parents and the Head Teacher will be requested.

Attendance w/c 5th March

Willow:	90.7%
Maple:	98.5%
Oak:	99.0%
Beech:	100%
School:	97.4%

School Communications Survey 2018 Analysis

Full results of the recent Parent Communication Survey are on page 3 of this Newsletter. Thank you to all parents who participated.

Bag2school

Our next Bag2school collection will be Thursday 15th March. Please leave your donations at the bottom of the Burydene carpark by 9:00am, either in the bags provided or in any suitable bag.

What can be collected: Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together), handbags, hats, scarves & ties, jewellery, socks, lingerie, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases & duvet sets)

NOT accepted: Duvets & blankets, pillows & cushions, carpets, rugs & mats, school uniforms, corporate clothing/workwear, textile off cuts. All proceeds raised will go to the Friends of the School and the amount is dependant of the total weight of accepted items donated. Thank you for your support.

Old £10 Notes

Please note we can no longer accept the old paper £10 notes.

Please ensure all payments are in named sealed envelopes and all dinners are paid for in advance or on the day.

Thankyou

Summer Clubs 2018

Club letters have been sent out this week—places are allocated on a first come basis. Please return your forms to the School Office

Monday:	Gardening £3 charge for the term all years - Mrs Price
Monday:	Lunchtime, Netball KS2 —Mrs Chamberlain
Tuesday:	Homework, all years and families— Mrs Richardson
Tuesday:	Athletics, Year 1 upwards— Premier Sports
Wednesday:	KS1 team sports – Premier Sports
Thursday:	DVD club all years— Mrs Brzostek
Thursday:	Fun and Games inside and outside Years R, 1 & 2— Mrs Hall
Thursday:	KS2 sports - Premier Sports
Friday:	Lunchtimes Choir Year 1 upwards—Mrs Lloyd

STOP PRESS.....

Change of date: Sports Day and family picnic lunch will now take place on Tuesday 3rd July. This is due to a busy schedule the week after when we have our Whole School Summer Production and Family Fun Evening.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



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School Communications Survey 2018 Analysis

27 returns 45% of families

School Communication Questions						
Message Delivery and Engagement	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Our school communicates important information – term times, closings and school dates in a timely and effective manner.		7%	93%			100%
Our school markets itself well by publicly sharing interesting facts and information about school life such as clubs.		15%	85%		37%	63%
Our school communicates information about pupil safety.		7%	93%		4%	96%
I can receive messages from our school in a variety of different ways – through my phone or mobile device, in print and on from my computer.	4%		96%		15%	85%
Our school website provides a broad range of information about the school.		11%	89%		37%	63%
I am satisfied with the way I am currently receiving messages from our school.		7%	93%		4%	96%
The school is open and honest in its communication with parents and families.		11%	89%			100%

Comments from parents:

- No complaints
- It would be useful to include topic curriculum subjects at the start of term so parents can support these at home. *Please note that this information is available on each class website page each term.*
- Better communication regarding where and when PTA minutes are released. *We have passed this on to the PTA and work closely with the PTA to pass on news and events.*
- Please ensure that sports clubs are maintained for entire school year. Government funding should be shared equally between KS1 and KS2 *There are 3 clubs run by Premier Sports one each for KS2 and KS1. Fencing is available to Year 2 upwards and Athletics Year 1 upwards.*
- The Hampshire school terms and holidays' sheet is unclear. What is #? Last day of term? Could be better *We have updated the website with a key. The # is used by Hampshire to indicate the last day of the term/half term*
- Harder to get paper copies and difficult to remember unless on paper. Maybe an option to opt out and put into zippy. *We display a paper copy on every class door and in the office. It is also available on the website Parents unable to receive emails this way can request a paper copy from the office.*
- Staff emails not openly available on site. *Parents are able to contact staff on adminoffice@vernhamdeangillums@hants.sch.uk. Emails will be passed onto the relevant staff*
- Information is received well in advance. Texts nearer to key dates/events are very useful
- I really appreciate the text messages reminders about events etc.
- Website is so much better news and provides a wider variety of information