



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday February 9th 2018

World Book Day Competition

To celebrate World Book Day we are running a competition for all the children. Please see the letter from Mrs Hall for full details.

Years 1—6 Please write a short story

Year R Please draw a picture of your favourite book.

Please name your entry and submit to Mrs Hall by Friday 23rd

February. There will be prizes for KS2, KS1 and Reception Class.

Don't forget to come to school dressed as a book character on Thursday 1st March !

Parking on the Burydene Car Park—Hampshire guidelines for school parking.

Please drive slowly into the car park and reverse park into the bays. This enables cars to drive out with a clear view of children and adults in front of you. Thank you for your cooperation

O2 Young Voices

A big thank you to Mrs Lloyd for training the choir and organising their trip to the O2 for the Young Voices concert. The children had a fantastic time and although there were a few tired faces the next day, this was a great experience which they will remember for a long time to come.

Events and Reminders

Monday 12/02—Friday 16/02 Half Term

19/02 Return to school after Half Term

23/02 Deadline for World Book Day Competition

01/03 World Book Day, please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. No cost for this event.

02/03 Second-hand Uniform Sale 3:30pm

Term Dates and Calendar are also available on our Website

Absence

Please note that we require an absence form to be completed for all absence requests. When possible, please try to arrange medical appointments out of school hours. Naturally, there will be times when this isn't possible and we ask that as much advance warning as possible is given to the school office together with proof of appointment. Forms are available to print from website or from the school office.

Dates for your Diary

20/02 Willow Class
Chinese New Year
01/03 World Book Day—Dress up as fav book character
02/03 Second-hand Uniform Sale 3:30pm
06/03 Rugby St Martins
09/03 Anti Bullying Day
13/03 Rugby Woolton Hill
15/03 Bag2School
19/03 Parents Eve 3:30-5:30
20/03 Parents Eve 3:30-5:30
21/03 Parents Eve 3:00-7:30
29/03—15/04 Easter Holidays
07/05 May Day Bank Holiday
14/05-17/05 SATs
12/06 Park House Taster day Yr 5
18/06-21/06 Bikeability Years 5 & 6
10/07 Sports day & Family picnic 10:00am
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's Vernham Dean Family Service 10:00am 2nd Sunday of each month
St Peter's Hurstbourne Tarrant Family Service 10:00am 1st Sunday

Second-hand Uniform Sale

There will be a sale of Second-hand Uniform after school on Friday 2nd March. Any donations of second-hand uniform gratefully received, please leave in the Office or with Mrs Craig, thank you

Achievers and Behaviour & Values Certificates w/c 5th

Willow: Matilda, Edzio
Maple: Lily, Harry St
Oak: Summer T, Amelie
Beech: Harry B, Elsie
HT award: Tom B
Pen Licence Fenton, Claudia

Attendance w/c 5th Feb 2018

Willow: 96.0%
Maple: 96.2%
Oak: 96.0%
Beech: 94.1%
School: 95.6%

School Communication Survey

Thank you to everyone who filled in and returned the recent School Communications Survey. We are pleased to hear that overall you were very happy with the various communications we currently send out to parents.

Things we do well:

'Information is received well in advance'

'Text reminders are very useful'

'The website is good and provides a variety of information'

'No complaints!'

Some of the areas you would like to see improved or were uncertain about:

- Paper copies. We send out Newsletters fortnightly by email, all Newsletters are available to view on the website and copies are displayed on the classroom doors and in the office. Letters which require a parental response are sent out via the children's zippies. In our effort to cut down on paper and photocopying costs, other letters are sent via email. If a paper copy is required, please contact the school office
- Staff emails are not displayed on the website for data protection and safeguarding reasons, any emails should be sent to: adminoffice@vernhamdeangillums.hants.sch.uk where correspondence will be forwarded to staff as required
- Clubs are arranged on a termly basis and changes reflect the season, popularity and staff availability. We are delighted to provide 3 Premier Sports Clubs at no cost to parents for the Spring and Summer terms. Football/Rugby for KS2 and Team Games for KS1 and Early Years and Fencing for Year 2 upwards
- PTA information is available on the school website. If you wish to view minutes or join the PTA, please contact the PTA directly via the Chair, Carol Ward
- Topic/curriculum details can be found on our website on each class page and are updated each term
- Term dates and school holidays have been updated and a link to Hantsweb Term dates also added to our website

Please remember to keep us updated on any changes to your phone numbers or email.

We also send out a weekly update via the teachers2parents app which is available for free download. If you have any problems receiving our communications, please contact the school office.

We will update you shortly with a full analysis of the responses received.

Thank you for your support

End of Term and Clubs

Please note all clubs continue after half term until Easter, starting Monday 19th February.

School run clubs will finish w/c 12th March, due to parents evenings the week after.

(No School Clubs w/c 19th March or w/c 26th March)

Premier Sports clubs will continue to run until the end of term. Fencing on Tuesday 27th and

KS1 Sports Wednesday 28th March. Thursday 29th March is an INSET day.

The School will close for Easter on Wednesday 28th March and pick up is as usual at 3:30pm (unless in KS1 Sports Club.)

We have spaces in KS1 and KS2 sports clubs, please contact the office for further details.

Extended parents' evening sessions

Full details and sign up sheets will be available w/c 12th March, please note that times may vary from class to class.

Monday 19th March: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 20th March: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 21st March: 3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Mrs Hitchen, our SENDCo, she will be available on Thursday afternoon from 1:00pm – 3:30pm.

If you would like to see her, please make an appointment with the office.