



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday January 12th 2018

Reporting to Parents – Spring Term

As this is a short term, the staff and I have met to decide the best way to report your child's progress. Therefore, the school has decided that we will offer you an extended parents' evening session in the week beginning 19th March as an alternative to a paper interim report. These longer sessions will be dedicated to discussing your child's progress and summer term development points.

You will have the opportunity to meet with your class teacher over one of three days and we have ensured that there are still suitable timings for working parents too. Teachers will be creating their own timetables and placing them on their class doors at the beginning of the week 12th March.

The times will be in the range of:

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.

For any parents wishing to meet with Mrs Hitchen, our SENDCo, she will be available on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Please contact the office for this appointment.

Please note there will no school clubs this week, however all Premier Education sports (Tues, Wed & Thurs) clubs **will** go ahead.

Dates for your Diary

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

15/01 Year 5 & 6 dance
session.

16/01 Year 6 Tuesday
breakfast club starts

24/01 Bake Off Yr 5/6

31/01 O2 Young Voices

02/03 Quiz Night

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

14/05-17/05 SATs

18/06-21/06 Bikeability

Years 5 & 6

INSET DAYS

29th March, 23rd July

Children's Safety Reminders

Please remember to sign children in at the office if you are late bringing your children to school.

If you are late, please use the Burydene car park and walk the children via the main gate into the school office. Please do not block staff car park gate as this is needed for emergency access at all times and creates delays and poor visibility on the main road through the village. Please do not climb over the side gate or lift children over if it is locked!

Events and Reminders

- **Monday 22nd**—Please note there will be no Mindfulness Colouring or Sploder Clubs on Monday 22nd January. We apologise for this inconvenience but staff training will be taking place after school on this day
- Just a reminder that KS2 swimming starts on Friday 12th January
- Please ensure that off site consent and medical forms are completed at the beginning of term. Please let the school know if someone else is picking your children up from the swimming pool
- Celebration Worship will change to Thursday afternoons whilst Swimming lessons are taking place. (Friday 12th, 19th, 26th Jan. and 2nd, 9th Feb.)

Wanted Comics

If you have any old comics (esp. the Beano) for the children to enjoy on Free Reading Fridays, please drop them at the school office. Thank you

Christingle Collection

Thank you for your donations to the Children's Society. £89.55 was collected at the Christmas Service.

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

Reminders:

Please ensure all children bring a coat to school.

Please remember to check your child's zippy every night for letters and homework

Message from Our New SENDCo

My name is Caron Hitchen and I am the new SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator) at the School. This is my first post in Hampshire but I have been a teacher in Wiltshire for the last 29 years. Having completed the National Award for SEND, I have worked as a SENDCo since April 2016. In my role I am responsible for coordinating any additional support for children with SEND and liaise with teachers, teaching assistants and parents. I also liaise with outside professionals such as speech therapists, occupational therapists, behaviour support and the educational psychologist who may be involved with our SEND children.

I currently work every other Friday and am available for you to meet with me during the afternoon between 2:30pm and 3:30pm by appointment through the office.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Richardson following her maternity leave. She will be leading Year 5/6 and sharing the week with Mrs Farries. There will be a cross over in the middle of the week to ensure a smooth transition for the children. Mrs Richardson will be in school Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Farries, Wednesday – Friday.

Also joining us for the Spring term will be Mrs Black who is on the final leg of her teaching qualification. She will be joining Mrs Price in Year 1/2.

Year 6 Breakfast Club

From Tuesday 16th January, we are delighted to offer Year 6 children the opportunity to attend Year 6 Breakfast Club with Mrs Richardson and Miss Thompson. This will run from 8:00-8:40am every Tuesday, and will support and challenge Reading, Writing and Maths for Year 6 tests and transition into secondary school. It is our intention for this club to run through until the end of June.

School Dinners

Special Menu - Please note that the school meal for THURSDAY 18th JANUARY will be Sausages (meat or vegetarian) and potato waffles, peas or beans with ice cream or apple lollies as dessert. This is for one day only to encourage more children to try our fabulous school meals.

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**Miss Thompson has organised a lucky plate Prize for this day
There is a KS1 & KS2 Prize to be won!!**

Please note the normal week 2 Thursday meal is now chicken fillet and mash and not the chicken and sweetcorn pie.

Polite Request

Please ensure all school meals are paid for either in advance or on a daily, weekly or half termly basis. The office staff spend a lot of precious time chasing dinner payments and request that parents keep their accounts up to date.

Please ensure all payments are in a clearly labelled envelope - either in cash or cheques payable to the school.

If you have any difficulties or queries regarding dinner money balances, please contact the school office.

Play Leaders

We now have 5 new play leaders from KS2. We look forward to Amy, Emma, Tommy A, Olivia T and Ella helping with playground fun and games. The play leaders will have special tabards to wear to make them easy to spot.

Message from the Friends of Vernham Dean School PTA

In July this year, both Carol (Chair) and Jane (Secretary) will be stepping down from the PTA.

We would very much welcome new parent volunteers who could help keep this vital part of the school's community going.

If we can tempt you to join us, please talk to Carol or Jane. You will find us most days in the playground.

Or contact the School Office if you would like any further details.