



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2017

Pupil Safety

Please ensure that the office is contacted if someone else is picking up your child from school. The teachers will not release children unless they have been informed of any change to normal pick up arrangements.

Parking on the Burydene; please reverse into the car parking spaces so that you are able to drive away forwards and with a clear view of anyone in the car park.

Latest News

Parents Evening will be after Easter on Wednesday 26th April from 2:30pm to 7:30pm. There will be an additional evening for Maple Class on Thursday 27th April from 3:40pm to 5:30pm. Appointment sign up sheets will be put up on Tuesday 4th April at 3:30pm. Reports will be sent home on the last day of term, Friday 7th April.

Red Nose Day. Friday 24th March. Please note we are not fund raising for this event as we have another planned fund raising event on the last day of term but we are happy to support Red Nose Day and the children may come to school wearing their own clothes and Noses!

Events

- **Thursday 16th March. Bag2School.** The next collection of recyclable clothing is Thursday 16th March. Bags have been sent out and more are available in the office, you can also use any suitable bag. Please include your unwanted items of clothing, shoes, bags, hats and soft toys for this fund raising collection. Please leave your donations at the bottom of the Burydene car park by 9:00am. Thank you
- **Wednesday 22nd March.** Linkenholt Countryside Day. Please see the second page of this Newsletter for full details
- **Wednesday 5th April.** Easter Service, 2:00pm St Mary's Church Vernham Dean
- **Thursday 6th April** School Disco, 3:40pm to 4:45pm all years welcome, details to follow
- **Friday 7th April** our National Fund Raising Day on Friday 7th April will be a cake sale for the RSPCA

WANTED!

Mrs Hall would love a Marble Run + marbles and any small play people, small plastic animals/bugs or Sylvanian Families etc for Willow Class.

Mrs Ryder is looking for Pop up Pirate Game for her small group activities. If you are having a clear-out and able to donate, please contact the school office. Thank you

Quiz Night and Fund Raising

Thank you to the Friends for a great Quiz Night and Fish & Chip Supper, £400 was raised for school funds.

This week we have installed our new oven and received baking equipment for our DT food lessons. This was all kindly donated by the Friends of the School and is a fantastic addition to our resources. A big thank to everyone for all the fund raising that takes place.

PGL Reminder

Just a reminder that the next PGL payment is due by Friday 24th March. Please send your payment of £65 to the school office in a named envelope with your PGL payment card. Thank you

School Meal Price Increase

Please note that the price of school meals will increase to £2.15 from April 1st 2017 This has been decided by HCC to meet the rising cost of providing school meals.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are collecting the Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's; there is a collection box in the School Office for your vouchers.

Thank you

Dates for your Diary

- 16/03 Bag2School
- 22/03 Countryside Day Linkenholt
- 24/03 Red Nose Day
PGL second instalment £65
- 05/04 Easter Service
- 06/04 School Disco
- 07/04 National Fund Raising Day for the RSPCA
Cake Sale
- 07/04 Reports out to Parents
- 26/04 Parents Eve 2:30—
7:30pm
- 27/04 Maple Class additional
Parents Eve 3:40—
5:30pm
- 03/05 Saxon League Smannell
- 08/05—12/05 SATS Yr 5/6
- 18/05 Sparkling Rugby Yr 3/4
- 22/05 PGL third payment £65
- 23/05 Sparkling Rugby Yr 5/6
- 14/06 Yr 6 Leavers Service
Winchester Cathedral
- 16/06 Safety Day
- 27/06 Whole School Photo +
Classes
- 04/07 Sports Day
- 10/07 PGL final payment
- 13/07 Whole School Summer
Production and BBQ
3:30pm onwards
- 21/07 Leavers Service
Vernham Dean

INSET DAYS

24th & 25th July 2017

Term Dates 2016/17

Spring Term

3rd January - 7th April

Summer Term

24th April – 25th July (Inset days

24th & 25th July)

Half Term 29th May – 2nd June

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

Achievers and Behaviour & Values Certificates Friday 3rd March

Willow: Freya, Amelia

Maple: Lily, Ollie, Florence

Oak: Matilda W, Wilf

Beech: Harry C, Alister George

Countryside Day Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Arrangements for the day

- Arrival at Linkenholt Countryside Adventure Centre for normal school day, bell at 8:55am for 9:00am start
- The 8:30am drop off arrangement for children already signed up will be 8:15am if needed
- Collection at the end of the day is 3:30pm prompt
- No clubs this day

We would encourage lift sharing where possible to cut down on the number of cars using the road and track to the site. Please allow extra time for your journey and drive slowly as there are pot holes on the road and to allow for passing other cars coming in the opposite direction.

What should my child wear and bring?

Old clothes are a must! - not school uniform.

- Tracksuit/jogging bottoms
- Warm clothing, waterproof jacket and sturdy old trainers
- Wellies in a bag
- Rucksack with spare socks and an extra sweatshirt/top
- Your child can take layers off so please label clothing
- Packed lunch, snack and water bottle. Reminder that we are a nut free school so no nut based products. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks

Purpose of the Day

Learning does not take place solely within the classroom. Often outdoor learning provides the most memorable learning experiences. We are extremely fortunate to be surrounded by the most beautiful countryside, so we wish to take advantage of this and invest a school day exploring and discovering learning outdoors. Our Countryside day is Wednesday 22nd March 2017. Please note that there will be no cost to parents for this day.

The aim of the day is:

- For our children to experience different learning opportunities
- For children to explore our Learning Values (Independence, Collaboration & Perseverance) beyond the normal school day
- To experience our Christian Values of Love, Hope and Courage in different ways

What will my Child be Doing?

- Becoming nature detectives
- Creating stories from nature
- Learning to campfire cook
- Using nature for art
- Participating in a spirituality workshop
- Learning about campfire survival

Directions

Linkenholt Countryside Adventure, Linkenholt. The grid map reference is **364 587**.

For a map, please use the following link:

http://www.linkenholt.org/where_we_are.html

Please note there is no postcode if you are using sat nav.

If you need to contact us on the day there will be a mobile number available at a later date.