



# Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 24th March 2017

### Latest News - Thank You

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who worked so hard on Wednesday to make our first Countryside Day a huge success. The children really did have a great time, despite the rain. There are some photos of the day in the Gallery on our website.

Thank you to parents who responded to the funding letter either by emailing Kit Malthouse or filling in the (very complicated) consultation form. Just to let you know that Baroness Symons spoke on our behalf this week in the House of Lords.

And finally, thank you to Vernham Dean School House Trust for their donation to fund tools and equipment for our outside science and gardening projects.

### O2 Young Voices

We are delighted to announce that we are participating in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena, London, on Wednesday 31st January 2018. This time we are also opening the opportunity to Year 2 pupils (currently in Yr1) as well as KS2.

Mrs Lloyd will be talking to the children early next term about this great event and we hope that a good number will be interested in taking part in the largest choir concert in the world! There will be a sign up form available after Easter if you are interested in attending.

Friends of the School have kindly paid for the booking fee and the children's T shirts. Coach tickets for the children will be approximately £15; if you would like to watch the concert, spectator tickets will be available from the school (£20 tbc) and coach places will also be available for £15. The coach will leave school around 9am; the concert ends at approx. 9.15pm and we will return to school at approx. 1:00am in the morning. More details will be available after Easter.

### Events

- **Wednesday 5th April.** Easter Service, all welcome, 2:00pm St Mary's Church Vernham Dean. Parents are invited to walk up to the Church with us at 1:30pm. If you are driving, please use our 'one way system,' via Bulpits Hill to arrive and depart down past the Manor. Parking is limited so please park responsibly. Pick up will be at the usual 3:30pm from School, no pick up from the Church.
- **Thursday 6th April** School Disco, 3:40pm to 4:45pm all years welcome, £2.50 to include food and drinks. Children can bring 'disco' clothes to change into at 3:30pm, parents are welcome to help children change at 3:30pm, otherwise pick up at 4:45pm by the main front of school doors
- **Friday 7th April** our National Fund Raising Day on Friday 7th April will be a cake sale for the RSPCA. This has been chosen by all the children.

### Volunteers Wanted

If you have an hour to spare to help listen to readers in Year R and KS1, please contact the School Office. Thank you

### Bag2School

Thank you to all who donated clothes and recyclables; £162.46 was raised. There will be another collection later in the year so please continue to save suitable items for the next time. Thank you for your support

### 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

### Sainsbury's Active Kids

There is a collection box in the School Office for your vouchers.

### Dates for your Diary

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 10:30am

### INSET DAYS

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Term Dates 2016/17

#### Spring Term

3<sup>rd</sup> January - 7<sup>th</sup> April

#### Summer Term

24th April – 25<sup>th</sup> July (Inset days

24th & 25<sup>th</sup> July)

Half Term 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### Church

**St Mary's** Vernham Dean

Family Service 10:00am 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday of each month

**St Peter's** Hurstbourne Tarrant

Family Service 10:00am 1st

Sunday of each month