



# Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday, 11th November 2016

### Winter Wonderland

Preparations for our Christmas Markets are well under way and the children are making some beautiful gifts and crafts for the stalls. If you would like to order and pay for your child's work beforehand, there will be a list in the children's classrooms in the run up to the event, to reserve and pay for items.

The Friends of the School will be providing the children with a hot dog snack at 3pm before the start of the Winter Wonderland. The children will stay on in school until the performance to get ready and we look forward to seeing everybody at our Winter Wonderland at 4pm.

We will be having a bottle Tombola stall and have asked that the children bring in a bottle and 'Dress Down' for the Pantomime on Friday 25th November.

**Any further donations of bottles (wine, spirits soft drinks etc) gratefully received at anytime.**

### Filled Jam Jars for Winter Wonderland

We will be having our filled Jam Jar stall at the Winter Wonderland; please bring in any filled jars eg sweets, marbles, small toys, pencils etc. There is also a stall for home-made chutneys, jams and pickles—any donations would be 'wonderful'

### Scholastic Book Fair

This will run 22nd—25th November every day after school in the Hall. The children will have a chance to look at the books beforehand. All purchases are matched with a free book for the school Library.

### Children in Need

Friday 18th November. The children can dress down for a donation to Children in Need (£1 minimum please.) The theme is 'Spotacular' so we will leave it to your imagination to get ahead and go *Spotty!*

### Bag2School

Collection bags have now been sent out, if you would any more bags, please see the school office—any other suitable bags can also be used. Used textiles to include adults and children's clothing, paired shoes, ties, handbags, hats, belts & soft toys. No duvets, bedding towels or curtains.

Please leave your bags on the Burydene Car park by 9am on Thursday 17th November. Thank you for your support.

### Volunteer for School Sports Kits

If anyone is able to spare an hour sorting out the school sports teams kits into types and sizes we would be very grateful—no washing or ironing involved! Please see Miss Thompson or Office. Thank you

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

Monday 28th November 3.30pm.  
Thank you to Mrs Craig for running the secondhand uniform sales. Any donations of used nice condition uniform to the school office

### Nut Free School

Please do not include any nut based products in lunch boxes or on school trips. Including Nutella, Peanut Butter or snack bars etc. We do have children in school with nut allergies. Thank you for your support.

### School Photographer

Individual and sibling school photos will be taken during normal school hours, if you would like a pre-school sibling to be included in a family portrait, please be in school for 8.30am

### Governors' Christmas Lunch

A big thank you for the support of the Friends of the School, who are contributing half the cost of the Children's Christmas lunch. Please can you ensure panto and Christmas lunch form is returned to school by Tuesday 15th November. Thankyou

### Dates for your Diary

16/11 Individual school photos  
Open Afternoon 2017 Intake  
17/11 Bag2School  
17/11 Maple & Willow Class  
Trip to Marwell Zoo  
18/11 Children in Need  
Spotacular - 'Spotty' dress down day for £1  
22—28th Scholastic Book 3.30  
School Hall  
25/11 School Panto - Dress down for Winter Wonderland  
28/11 Secondhand uniform sale  
02/12 Winter Wonderland  
08/12 School Christmas Disco  
09/12 Governors Christmas Lunch for pupils  
13/12 Choir to sing at village coffee morning  
14/12 2pm Christmas Service St Mary's Church  
03/03 Quiz Night  
05/04 Easter Service

### INSET DAYS

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

### Term Dates 2016/17

#### Autumn term

5<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> December.  
Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October;  
Inset day 31<sup>st</sup> October

#### Spring Term

3<sup>rd</sup> January - 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Half Term 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb; Inset day 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### 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

### Achievers and Behaviour & Values Certificates Friday 11th November

**Willow: Isla, Freya**

**Maple: Megan R, Harry S**

**Oak: Elsie, Oliver W**

**Beech: Harrison**

### **Junior Senior Team Elections**

We are pleased to announce the Junior Senior Team: Billy, Olivia L, Georgia and Gabby. They will meet twice a term with Miss Thompson and Mrs Johnson to discuss their ideas for the school as part of the school planning and decision making process.

### **Safety on the Burydene**

Please ensure that children are supervised and act responsibly when playing on the Burydene after school. There have been concerns that some children are climbing over fences and causing damage to facilities. Please help keep this a safe place for all to play.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

### **Emergency School Closure**

In the event of bad weather and the school has to be closed for the safety of children, families and staff, we will send out a text as early as reasonably possible to ensure you do not set off on unnecessary journeys.

Please also check the school website for further details or see:

[www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures](http://www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures)

Please ensure your mobile numbers or alternative contact arrangements are up to date especially if we need close the school early during the school day due to weather conditions.

Thank you

### **School Library**

As you may have seen, our School Library is now a bright and cheerful place for the children to use.

The Friends of the School have provided us with lovely rugs and bean bags.

Thank you to Mrs Brayshaw who is helping to sort out the library books; she has issued the children with their own library cards and shown them how to issue and return their chosen books.

The children are allowed 2 books out at once, please ensure that their library cards are kept in school.

You are welcome to help your child choose their books from the Library after school on Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:30—3:45pm.

The Scholastic Book Fair will once again be visiting the school from Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th November and you are welcome to visit with your children at 3.30pm. For every book purchased, the school will receive a new book for our Library.

**St Mary's Church**

## **Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday November 26th**

**Vernham Dean Village Hall from 4pm**

**Fun for all the Family 'Balloon Twister'**

**Toys and Games, Granny's Attic**

**Home-made Cakes and refreshments**

**Bottle Stall and Raffle**

**Donations and items for the stalls to Liz Holmes, Julie Drury or Shelia Thomas**

**Or Toys to Julie Baskerville (School Office)**