



# Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

Thursday 24th November 2016

### Winter Wonderland Friday 2nd December

Only a week to go...

We are now collecting filled jam jars (sweets, toys, pencils, marbles etc). Bottles (wine, beer spirits and non alcoholic drinks,) for the Bottle Tombola stall.

The Friends of the School have put together a fabulous Christmas Hamper with chocolates, crackers, toys and other goodies. Tickets are on sale for £1 from the Friends or School Office. The raffle will be drawn at the Winter Wonderland.

The children are making some beautiful gifts and crafts for the stalls. If you would like to purchase and take home your child's work beforehand, all items will be available and on display on Monday 28th November at 3.30pm from the children's classrooms. Items not paid for and taken on Monday 28th will be on sale at the Winter Wonderland on Friday 2nd December.

The performance starts at 4pm and the children will stay in school at 3:30pm to get ready; please do not come and pick up children at 3:30pm. They will be given a hot snack and drink by the PTA to keep them going.

After the performance the children will be released to parents from their classrooms so will be free to enjoy the Christmas Market and Food Court with you.

Everyone is very welcome to join us so please include grandparents and other family members, no ticket required.

We hope you enjoy our Winter Wonderland and look forward to seeing you next Friday.

### Results

Full results for Yr R, Yr 2 SAT's and Yr 6 SAT's including Yr 6 progress, are now on the results page of the school website.

<http://vernhamdeanschool.co.uk/results/>

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

Monday 28th November 3.30pm.

Thank you to Mrs Craig for running the second-hand uniform sale. Any donations of used nice condition uniform to the school office

### Bag2School

Thank you for your support, the PTA raised £179.20 from our Bag2School textile collection.

### Children in Need

Thank you to all who donated, we raised £81.30 for Children in Need.

### Christmas Disco

The disco will take place at 3.45pm on Thursday 8th December. The children can bring in their own clothes to change into after school.

The children can stay in school until the disco starts, there is no need to pick up at 3:30pm if they are staying for the disco but parents are very welcome to bring clothes and help their children to get ready.

The cost per child is £2.50 to include a hot dog, snacks and drinks.

Pick up is 4.45pm prompt from the Library doors.

### Fencing Club

After Christmas, Premier Sports will be running an after school Fencing Club. This will replace the team sports club on Tuesdays. It will be open to children in year 2,3,4,5 and 6 due to the type of equipment used.

The cost per term will be £20. Please reserve your place by 9th December on a first come basis. In the summer term, Archery club will run for children in year 3 upwards. For a full list of next terms clubs, please see page 2 of this newsletter.

### Dates for your Diary

22—25 Scholastic Book 3.30pm  
School Hall

25/11 School Panto - Dress  
down for Winter Wonderland

28/11 Christmas Crafts on Sale  
3:30pm—one day only

28/11 Second-hand uniform  
sale

02/12 Winter Wonderland

02/12 Closing date for school  
photo orders

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

16/12 Reports to Parents

18/01 Parents Evening 2:30-  
7:20

19/01 Maple Class additional  
parents evening

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>

### Achievers and Behaviour & Values Certificates Friday 18th November

Willow: Albert, Alice,  
Scarlett

Maple: Freddie, James

Oak: Jemima, Harry Haw

Beech: Matilda Mae, Harry C

**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)**

**Parents Evening**

School reports will go out to parents on the last day of term, Friday 16th December.

Parents Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th January from 2:30pm (last appointment 7:20pm)

There is an additional session on Thursday 19th January for Maple Class parents, to accommodate numbers. This will run from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

If you are unable to attend parents evening, please contact the class teacher or school office to make an alternative appointment.

Booking times will be available w/c 9th January.

**School Photos**

Individual and sibling photo proofs have been sent home with the children. If you would like to make a purchase, please return the proof card with payment to school by Friday 2nd December. Orders in by this date will be delivered before Christmas.

Any orders after this date must be made online and require an extra £5 surcharge by Yellow and delivery is not guaranteed before Christmas.

Please make cheques payable to YELLOW. Thank you.

**Club List Spring 2017 - sign up sheets will be available during the first week of January and clubs start w/c 9th January.**

Premier Sports	Fencing £20 per Term	Yr 2 & KS2 (Max 20)	Tues 3.30-4.15
Mrs Price	Craft Club £5 per term	Yr 1&2 KS2 (Max 15)	Tues 3.30-4.15
Mrs Richardson	Disco Dancing	Yr 1&2 KS2 (Max 30)	Wednesday 3.30 – 4.15
Mrs Holly Taylor	Wildlife Club	KS2 (Priority to waiting list from last term Max 10)	Wednesday 3.30 – 4.15
Mrs Johnson	Homework	All Pupils Including Families	Thursday 3.30 – 4.15
Mrs Hall	KS1 Art £5 per term	KS1	Thursday 3.30 – 4.15