



# Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday, 7th October 2016

### Harvest Festival

Wednesday 12th October at 2pm. All parents and families are very welcome to join us at St Mary's Church. We will be collecting food goods on behalf of Andover Food Bank. Donations of non perishable tins and packets gratefully received. Especially tinned fruit, rice pud & meat, sugar & biscuits, not pasta. The children will walk via Church path at 1.30pm. You are welcome to walk up with the children. Collection on return from the Church will be from the classrooms as usual.

### Be Bright Be Seen Day

Thursday 20th October

Children may wear any clothing that is bright, or reflective to school. All pupils will take part in a class activity promoting road safety.

### Open Afternoon

For prospective Year R 2017 parents and also any new families. Open Afternoon is taking place on Thursday 13th October at 1.30-3pm. If you are unable to attend please contact the office to make another appointment.

### Winter Wonderland

Friday 2nd December

If you would like to have your own stall at our Christmas Market, please contact the office to make arrangements.

### Halloween Curry Night & Murder Mystery Evening.

Friday 14th October 7.30pm  
Millennium Hall

Come along for a fabulous evening of Indian food with a Murder included!! Tickets available from the Friends of Vernham Dean School, £15 per person. Please see Carol Ward, Jane Pelham or the School Office for further details.

### Guinea Pig Cake Sale

Thank you for your contributions, Mrs Price was delighted to raise £117 for up-keep and care of the school guinea pigs.

### WANTED!

Does anybody have a telephone number for Father Christmas. Unfortunately the school has lost his number!

### Christmas Cards

Over the last couple of years the orders for personalised design Christmas cards have been in decline. This resulted last year in the school making a loss as the administration days costs outweighed the small amount of money we gained. Therefore we have decided not to go ahead this year. However, we will be making Christmas cards for our Winter Wonderland, and the PTA are ordering personalised tea towels where your child will be contributing a self-portrait.

### Achievers and Behaviour & Values Certificates for Friday 30th September

Willow Amelia, Albert  
Maple Isabella L, Max  
Oak Eve W, Amelie M  
Beech Mason, Minna

### Acts of Kindness

Ella, Fred T

### Coats

Please ensure children have suitable outdoor coats (named) in school at all times.

### Website

More Information now added. Please check our page for news, calendar dates and lots of photos.

### Dates for your Diary

12/10 2pm Harvest Festival  
St Mary's Church  
13/10 Open Afternoon for prospective parents Year R 2017 and new families  
13/10 3.30pm Secondary School meeting for parents hosted by The Clere School  
14/10 Murder Mystery Curry Evening  
17-21/10 Beech Class Residential  
18/10 Yr 1,2,3 Flu Jab  
20/10 Be Bright Be Seen Day  
01/11 Yr R 2017 intake applications open  
09/11 Saxon League HBT  
10/11 Heart Matters Afternoon  
16/11 Individual school photos  
17/11 Bag2School  
17/11 Maple & Willow Class Trip  
18/11 Children in Need Spotacular - 'Spotty' dress down day for £1  
25/11 School Panto visit  
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  
05/04 Easter Service  
**INSET DAYS**  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2016  
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

### Secondary School Meeting for Parents

Thursday 13th October 3:30 p.m.  
The Clere will be hosting a meeting in Beech class about attending secondary school. This is open to all parents who wish to attend.