



Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

December 2016

Winter Wonderland

What a wonderful evening we all had at the Winter Wonderland. The children performed beautifully and helped to get us in the Christmas mood. Thank you to the PTA, Staff, Governors and everyone who helped us prepare for the event, set up Marquee, the BBQ and clear up afterwards. What a team! We raised over £1100 for the school and we will put this towards various resources to benefit all the children in the school.

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 their clothes and help them 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.

Governors Christmas Lunch

The children will go to the Village Hall on Friday 9th December for the annual Governor's Christmas Lunch; there is no charge. **The children can dress in Christmas Jumpers or Festive tops with normal school uniform trousers or skirts.**

Christmas Service

Please join us at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm for our Christmas Service. The children will walk to the Church via church path at 1:30pm, parents are very welcome to walk up with us. Please can the children bring in a pair of boots in a named bag so they can change before entering the church. The children will return to school after the service and can be collected from their classrooms as soon as they return. If you are driving to the church, please do so via Bulpits Hill, parking responsibly on the road outside the Church and depart back down the hill past the Manor.

Last Day of Term

Friday 16th December is the last day of term. School meals will be available as usual. The children can dress in their own clothes and there will be fun festive games taking place during the morning.

Please ensure all PE kits are taken home for washing over the Christmas period and all items of clothing and possessions are also cleared from the cloakrooms before the end of term.

The first day back after the Christmas break is Tuesday 3rd January.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thank you to Mrs Craig for organising the uniform sale, £48.50 was raised for school funds. If you have any unwanted uniform to donate, please drop it into the office.

Reminder: Closing Date for Year R 2017 applications is Sunday 15th January

Dates for your Diary

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
15/01 Closing date for Year R 2017 applications
18/01 Parents Evening 2:30-7:20
19/01 Maple Class additional parents evening
01/02 Rugby Saxon League St Mary Bourne
08/02 KS2 Trip
03/03 Quiz Night
07/03 School Nurse yr R & yr 6
08/03 Rugby Saxon League Vernham Dean
17/03 Bag2School
22/03 Countryside Day Linkenholt
05/04 Easter Service

INSET DAYS

27th Feb 2017
24th & 25th July 2017

Term Dates 2016/17

Autumn term
5th September – 16th December.
Spring Term
3rd January - 7th April
Half Term 20th – 24th Feb; Inset day 27th Feb
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

Farewell to Mrs Clarke, we wish her well with her new adventures

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; Mrs Price has chosen to run her session over two days. The Thursday session 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.

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

In addition to the above clubs there will be lunch time clubs for Choir with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Richardson and KS2 Netball with Mrs Chamberlain. The children will be able to sign up to these clubs in School.