



# Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Wednesday 02 November 2016

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term; as this is such a busy time of year for everyone, we would like to give you dates and arrangements for this half term and our Christmas activities and events.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – School Photo** 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.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November Bag2School**

Please bring your bags of recyclable clothes and textiles to the Burydene car park by 9am

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** Willow and Maple Class trip to Marwell Zoo

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need Spotacular** Please dress down (spotty) for a donation £1 (minimum please) to Children in Need

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** Scholastic Book Fair in School Hall 3.30pm daily

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Second-hand uniform Sale 3.30pm

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November Pantomime – Whole School**

This year, to keep the cost of trips and travel as low as possible, we have booked a Pantomime company to come to Vernham Dean. The children will go to the Village Hall for 1.30pm to watch a production of Aladdin, ice creams and refreshments will be served in the interval and the children will be back in school for normal pickup.

The Friends of the School have kindly offered to pay half the cost of the performance and so we are asking all parents for a £4 per child contribution towards putting on the Pantomime. Please complete the attached reply slip and return the form, with payment, to the school office.

**On this day the children may also 'Dress Down' in their own clothes for a bottle (wine, spirits) donation to our Winter Wonderland tombola.**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Winter Wonderland** At 4pm, the children will be singing Christmas songs and carols, this will be followed by our Christmas Market and Food Court. All families, friends and parishioners are warmly invited to join us for this event. No tickets are required.

The Friends of the School have kindly offered to provide the children with a snack at 3pm so they are ready for their Winter Wonderland performance and Market

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Disco 3:45pm – 4.45pm School Hall. £2.50 per child to include Hot dog and refreshments. Children can bring in clothes to change into or parents can help change at

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December Governors' Christmas Lunch** The Governors' will be once again cooking their famous Christmas lunch for the whole school. This will be held in the Village Hall and there will be no charge for the meal. The children may wear Christmas or festive style jumpers/tops to school on this day. There will be a 'special visitor' to see the children after lunch! Please complete the attached reply slip.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church** Please join us at St. Mary's Church, Vernham Dean at 2.00pm for our Christmas Service. If you are driving, please use the usual 'one way' system up Bulpitts Hill and depart back down past the Manor. The children will return to school after the service and can be collected from their classrooms.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December End of Term** Please arrive in school at the usual time, the children will be participating in end of term games and activities; lunch will be served as usual.

**First day back Spring Term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

Further details will be sent out prior to each event; please also check the school website and calendar for updates. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office. Thank you for your support.

**Please complete the form below and return to the School Office by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Child's/Children's name(s).....

Class.....

**Pantomime Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

I give permission for my child to attend Aladdin at the Village hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

I enclose of contribution of £4 **per child**

Total payment enclosed £.....cash/cheque

Cheques payable to Vernham Dean School

Signed

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**Governors' Annual Christmas Lunch Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

I give permission for my child to attend the Governors' lunch at the Village hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

My child/children..... would like the vegetarian option

My child has the following allergies/dietary requirements

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