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## Friends of Vernham Dean Gillum's Church of England Primary School

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### *PTA Newsletter – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

#### **Last Year**

The last academic year was full of fundraising events where the previous members of the Friends of Vernham Dean raised an amazing £4,800!

We are very grateful to the previous members for the time and commitment given to all of these events.



#### **Big Donation**

A huge thank you to the parents who nominated the school for the Golden Bottle Trust Grant Program. This grant increased last year's amount by £2,000.

All of these funds plus the £600 we started with in the Charity Account at the start of the Autumn term has been transferred into the school budget.



We are now heading into the last few weeks of this academic year. We all know it has been a very difficult year - full of doubts and question marks.

I believe with the new solutions, we all see the light at the end of the tunnel and the future of our school much brighter.

I would like to thank you for all your support and donations so far, not only in this year, but for the previous one as well.

We still have the opportunity to raise much needed funds for the school before the end of the school term which will go towards enriching our children's learning experiences on their academic journey. Each Friday from now until the end of term (weather dependent) we will sell ice creams and snacks. On sports day, we plan for the children to cool down with a water fight.

The following day is a big day for the village and the biggest fundraiser of the year - the Vernham Dean Music Fete, this is where we need your help (please see next page for details).

On the last day of school (Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July), we plan to sell ice creams and snacks along with organising a mini disco with colourful Holi powders (if anyone has any objections - please contact us as soon as possible). This event will take place on the Burydeane.



### What kind of help do we need?

- We need helpful hands to:-
  - Set up on Saturday at 10am
  - Run stalls/games from 2 - 5pm
  - Tidy up on Sunday at 11am
- Raffle prizes and bottle donations. Any donations gratefully accepted. Big or small, serious/funny, vouchers for children/adults/men/ women. The bigger the variety the more excitement there will be at winning!
- Marquees / gazebos to borrow. As the weather is so unpredictable, there are stalls that need to be protected from the sun, rain or both.
- Golf clubs and golf balls to borrow for the children's mini golf game.
- Teddy donations – please ask your children if they would donate some teddies for the tombola. We are also looking for some big teddies for “Guess my name”
- Social media share and invitations. On Facebook please find Vernham Dean Music Fete, join the event, invite friends & family



The annual Summer Fete will take a place next Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July.

We work with the Parish Council and Little Fingers and hope to repeat last year's success. We look forward to you and your children joining us for this event.

Entertainment for the children will consist of games, teddy tombola, art & craft table, ice-creams, bouncy castle, face painting and food & drink. Great opportunity for children to have fun with all friends around.

Adults can enjoy the music, BBQ, refreshments (beer/wine/gin/PIMM's) and take a part in the famous bottle tombola and Big Raffle.

There is only one week left before this event and a lot of help to include your time and a variety of donations is needed. If you are able to help in any way please let me know.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Enjoy the sunshine!

Many thanks,

Joanna Leman-Kosielska