



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2017

Head teachers update

Safeguarding

One of the Governors came in this week to look at how well we are creating a safeguarding culture. This involved talking to staff to gauge their understanding of all of the issues and check how they would respond to different situations. I was pleased with the outcome and the few improvements that were recommended are being immediately implemented.

Class 3 Parents

Thank you to all of the class 3 parents who gave up time to come in to see the dance the children had choreographed and performed and see for yourself the high expectations, the breadth of the curriculum and the enjoyment of learning.

School Development Plan Focus

We have been focusing on next steps in marking; working on how to ensure that marking is effective in helping all children to make progress and what is most effective in rewarding children's efforts and extending their skills, knowledge and understanding.

Lunchtimes

Well done to the class 3 children for leading activities outside each lunchtime. This is giving children more to do and providing opportunities to develop key skills, such as balance, ball skills and working together. We would greatly benefit from another adult working with us at lunchtime, so please do get in touch if you are interested or know of anyone who could be a Mid-day Supervisor.

School Uniform

As some of you may know, a previous Ofsted report criticised that leaders and managers of the school had not managed to establish compliance with school uniform. I know that many parents do support the wearing of school uniform very effectively, however there are some things we still need to improve. This is early notice that in the New Year I will be focusing on this and the main issues will be trousers or skirts for girls (not leggings), and shoes (rather than trainers or

boots) for boys and girls. I will be sending out more information about this before the end of term.

Christmas Fayre today, organised by the PTFA, which I hope will be well supported and a lot of fun.

Jeremy Fisher



Magpies Class

Thank you to the parents and carers of Magpie Class who came to watch the WW2 themed dance performance. It was a great turnout to watch our short performance, and the children's dancing and costumes were truly stunning! Well done Class 3.

Cool School Club



The children are still able to enjoy some time outside before it gets too dark and cold. O There have been some amazing towers built with the wooden bricks, as well as homes for all the play creatures.

In Spanish, the children are learning about Christmas and practising a beautiful song, ready for parents to hear. With thanks to all who support Club.
Helen and all the staff



Christmas Fayre (PTFA)



-- "ELFRIDGES" Christmas Shop --

The PTFA are setting up their Christmas shop on THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER, during the school day.

This is an exciting opportunity for your children to purchase gifts for their friends and family.

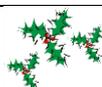
Please can you give your child some money to spend on the gifts (priced £1 - £3). Purchases will be wrapped ready to pop under the tree when they get home!

Children can also write their letters to Santa and I am informed that he writes back!!

Bags 2 School (PTFA)



Thank you so much for your support in donating your old clothing items. This year we raised £80.00 which is a great help!



Christmas Reminders



Class 2 & 3's Nativity Play will be performed on Tuesday 12th 1.30pm and Wednesday 13th at 6pm. The play will be preceded with some Christmas carols on the piano performed by our musicians.

Please join us for the Christmas Church Service with Class 1's **Nativity play** on Tuesday 19th December at 9.30am. As usual we are happy for you to walk with us to the church.

Recruiting

Guilden Morden are looking to fill these permanent positions:-

'**Mid-day Supervisor**' to work in our dining hall. Working every day 12 - 1.15pm to set up and supervise lunch-time activities amongst helpful, friendly children.

'**School Cook**' & '**School Cleaner**' Pre-School are seeking a part-time cleaner (3 x 1 hr per week, Tues/Wed/Fri, between 1pm-3pm).

Please contact office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk

Reminder



Don't forget to support our school playground project by shopping in Tesco in Royston and collecting as many tokens at the checkout to vote for Guilden Morden School. Voting is open through November & December.

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Sophia Bates	Eleanor Sellers
Class 1	Amy Doherty Noah Speed	Freddie Barnes Toby Leaman-Eggleton
Class 2	JJ Datu Abbie Pinnock	Matteo Pocock Andrew Speed
Class 3	Imogen Weaver Ines Pocock	Corrina Kendall Izzy Carlomagno

Thought for the week:

"Love thy enemies, it says in the scriptures. My foster mother always added, "At the very least, you will be polite to them."
— Patricia Briggs

Collective Worship Theme for the week

How people are different from each other.

The weekly newsletter will now be 'paperless'
Let us know you would still prefer to receive a paper version!

Diary Updates and Reminders

7 th December	'Elfridges' shop
12 December,	1.30pm-School Nativity Play, Class 2&3
13 December	6pm - School Nativity Play, Class 2&3
14 th December	Flu Immunisation: Reception-Year4
18 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
19 December	9.30am Christmas church Service & Class 1 Nativity Play 3.15pm End of Term
4 th January Thursday	Return to School: Spring Term

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