



Guilden Morden CofE Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 11th May 2018

Head teachers update

School Improvement Focus

This week we have been reviewing what we have learned and achieved so far with the Talk for Writing project and prioritising what we are going to focus on next. We have already found that this approach is very effective in providing children with a structure and ideas that they can use in their writing. We are also seeing a great impact with the younger children who are benefitting from this at such an early stage in their development as writers. Our writing in class 1 has been recognised at moderation events and by visitors from DEMAT and members of our own Governing Board as being of a very good standard for the age of the children.

We have also been discussing and planning the format and timing for the Annual Reports to parents, which you will receive in July.

Swimming Pool:

Re-laying some of the paving slabs around the pool has been done this week and we are now waiting for someone to finish off the rest of the grounds work so that the pool area is safe and ready for use after half term.

The PTFA are working hard to respond to updated regulations about the use of school pools for after-school fun swims and hope to be in touch soon with further information. Thank you to those who attended the resus training so that you are ready to be of assistance.

Class 2:

Class 2 enjoyed a day with a design and technology focus.



Their literacy work was integrated with food technology, ICT and geography as they developed their understanding of life in the USA. As far as the children were concerned they were making popcorn, decorating bagels, being videoed, eating the popcorn and bagels and having lots of fun. It is great to see such integrated learning and enjoyment.

Jeremy Fisher

Cool School Club



This week the children have continued with their sewing and have enjoyed playing outside on the new equipment. In Spanish, the children learnt about the weather and the days of the week, practising conversations in pairs. We have also decorated biscuits with icing, sprinkles and jelly beans.

Please can I remind parents that if their child is not going to attend club, for any reason, or is going home with another parent to please let the office know. Thank you.

Helen and all the staff



Swimming: P.E. lessons will be 'swimming' on Thursday mornings, commencing after the half-term break. A letter will be sent home today with health & safety information and consent. Additional swims throughout the week may also be possible.

Please remember that children will be required to wear swimming caps in the pool, and silicon coloured hats can be purchased from the school office for £3 each.

The PTFA after-school Swimming Club details will be circulated shortly. Any parents who wish their child to swim must be RESUS trained, and able to supervise on a duty rota system. Please do let the office or PTFA if you are interested.

Walk to School Week: 21-25 May

It is great to see a number of children are already cycling or scootering to school. We would like as many children as possible to take part in this national 'walk to school week'.

If you live outside the village, you may like to park within the Village Hall car park, or by the Three Tons pub and walk from your car, to allow those children to participate.

All those who walk to school will receive a sticker and house point each day and certificates will be given to those who walk for the whole week. We shall hope for good weather this week!

For more information about this national event, please have a look at this website

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

Class 2 Trip - 14 June:

If parents would like to order a school packed lunch (with the usual payment arrangements), please let the office know.

Special Request:

If anyone has any of the following items that they are able to donate for learning through play in Class 1, we would be very grateful.

- Small wooden building blocks
- Clean, plastic guttering / pipework
- Dressing up Clothes
- Old cake, biscuit tins, baking sheets (for outside)
- Empty water bottles with the bottoms cut off



P.T.F.A.

Garden Market - Saturday 12th May, 11am - 1pm at the Guilden Village Hall

The annual Garden Market takes place this Saturday, there will be lots of stalls to enjoy and refreshments are hosted by the PTFA. This year in addition to the market there will be a fun cycling route set up on the rec for children. This is part of the Wheel's for Martin fundraiser (more info included in the attachments). Please join us for what looks to be a fun few hours.

Royal Wedding Day - Friday 18th May

We are inviting the children to dress up in their most regal outfits to celebrate the royal wedding. For a suggested donation of £1 your child can come to school in non-uniform for the day - crowns, tiaras, knights, kings, brides and wedding guests all welcome!

100 Club (P.T.F.A)

Winners for March:

- 1st: (£15) A. BISHOP (4)
 2nd: (£10) A. TARGETT (82)
 3rd: (£8) P. SEYMOUR (2)

Winners for April:

- 1st: (£15) O. WALPOLE (26)
 2nd: (£10) P. SEYMOUR (78)
 3rd: (£8) J. DAVIS-ROACH (7)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thanks so much for your continued support.

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-school	Eleanor Sellers Elsa Seymour	William Groom
Class 1	Freddie Barnes Ophelia Hall	Amy Doherty Ella-Louise Groom
Class 2	Kayden Brear Leighton Green	Amélie Seymour Abbie Pinnock
Class 3	Marth Formstone Layla Gray	Emma Targett Imogen Weaver

Thought for the week:

"Friendship isn't about whom you have known the longest... It's about who came, and never left your side."

Unknown

Collective Worship Theme for the week

"There's a difference between friends and servants"
 John chapter 15 verses 9-17

Diary Updates and Reminders

18 May (Friday)	Royal Wedding 'dress up' day
21 - 25 May	'Walk to School' Week
28 May - 5 June (Tues)	Half-Term Holiday, includes a teacher training INSET day.
6 June (Wednesday)	School Class Photos
11 June (Monday)	Mad Science Class starts
14 June (Thursday)	Class 2 - Trip to Ely
28 June (Thursday)	Sports Morning - Parents welcome
17 July (Tuesday)	Community 'Picnic' Day
23 July (Monday), 1.45pm	Last day of Summer Term
6 th September 2018 (Thursday)	Autumn Term 2018 commences. Term dates on the website

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