



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2018

Head teachers update

Staff Training: This week the staff have been attending training with other DEMAT teachers and leaders at Ely. We are commencing a two year training programme, introducing an approach to literacy and English called 'Talk for Writing'. This has been developed by Pie Corbett, an educational trainer, writer, author and poet (who has written well over two hundred books) and is now used widely across the UK. This will help us to integrate some of our reading and writing teaching and will assist the children in developing as writers. Evidence has shown this approach to be very effective and even more so for children who are confident and capable readers. We will keep you informed as this programme develops but please could you help your child by supporting their reading at home and continuing to encourage them to read a range of books.

Reading Records: We have recently decided to purchase new reading record books for the children from Y1 to Y6. They will be given out over the next few days. Inside each book are phonic lists and word lists appropriate to the level each child is reading at.

J Fisher



Edward VII

A massive thank you to Mr. Kirk Saban, proprietor of the Guilden Morden 'Edward VII' pub, who has donated £140 to Guilden Morden School. During Christmas he organised a raffle of donated prizes, such as hampers. The raffle was well supported by the local villagers and Kirk raised this money with the purpose of helping the school.

We would like to put this donation towards the play equipment for which we are currently raising funds. This is very much appreciated.

P.T.F.A.

DONATIONS

If you, friends or family have any new but unwanted presents please consider donating them to the PTFA to use in future raffles. Hand anything in to the office, all gifts are very gratefully received thank you.

THANK YOU!!

A huge thank you to all the school community including friends, family and neighbours who supported us last term. Final figures are rolling in but initial sums show we raised just over £1,000 profit which is a fabulous total and achievement for us all. We have big plans to 'make-over' the pond area, more on that below.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We have big plans to 'make-over' the pond area and have a safety grate being fitted over the pond after half term in the hope that the area will become an exciting and useable space by Springtime. I think you'll all agree that having access to pond dipping, growing/nurturing plants etc. will be a great asset to the school but most importantly will be super fun for the children (and educational). BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP... on Sunday 28th January from 10.30am we will be clearing the area. If you are available for a couple of hours or more then please do join us. Please bring gloves, shovels, pruning tools, strimmer, gardening bags etc. If you could kindly let the office know if you are able to help so we can gauge numbers. If you are able to help with the removal of garden waste please also let us know - Thank you!

PTFA

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

PTFA: 100 Club

November:	
1st:	(£15) S.EGGLETON (61)
2nd:	(£10) K.HORNE (34)
3rd:	(£8) S.EGGLETON (48)
December:	
1st:	(£15) NICOLE ROBINSON (09)
2nd:	(£10) C.MCREVY (19)
3rd:	(£8) D.THOMPSON (42)
DECEMBER BONUS DRAW	(£24) G.SCULLARD (11)

CONGRATULATIONS! Thanks so much for your continued support. PTFA



Dance: All Class are currently learning about dance through the ages and these next few weeks we are focusing on the 1920's. Please can children bring in any photos, songs or pictures, memorabilia etc. from the 1920's for dance next Tuesday. It can be downloaded from the internet.

Spanish: Classes have now started, and spaces are now full for this part of the term.

Thought for the week:

"Do not be fooled by its commonplace appearance. Like so many things, it is not what is outside, but what is inside that counts." - Aladdin

Collective Worship Theme for the week

It's what's on the inside that counts

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

Diary Updates and Reminders

16 January (Tues)	Class 2: Dance - 1920's
28 January -Sunday	10.30am Clearing the Pond area
12-16 February	Half-Term Holiday
1 March	Class 3 - Cross Country event
29 March (Thursday)	Easter Holidays

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Jackson Hazeldine	Sophia Bates
Class 1	Ophelia Hall Freddie Barnes	Daniel Taran Joshua Lans
Class 2	Bonnie Saban Jake Lans	Leo Kendall Amélie Seymour
Class 3	Hannah Thompson Emma Targett	Brooke Richards Chloe Green

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